

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm
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Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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26 & 27 March 2022
4th Sunday of Lent — Year C

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 9:15am

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: After the 9:15am Mass, for one hour,
concluding with Benediction



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone (9632.2672) to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism Preparation will be clarified when you contact the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Maria Nguyen, Alfred Tui, Marion Kafotamaki, Eliseo Tokotuu, Selafina Polutele, Lita Keletaona

Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Ceferina Sison, Miguel Calpito Sison, Jacob Milad Baysari, Dolores Borg, Leogia Alikiagalelei, Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Fr. Soane Patita Hautaufaao

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Haber Family, Grima Family, Alfred Xuereb, Fenech Family, Muscat Family, Xuereb Family, D'Souza Family, Louis Family, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Hanna & Majed Families, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Bassima & Nagah Assad, Jennifer Romero-Marquez, Holy Souls in Purgatory

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



1ST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-7

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

2ND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 26-27 MARCH 2022: Love your neighbours as God loves you and support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn. Your compassionate gift will enable CatholicCare to provide welcoming places for everyone in our community to come for support, information, acceptance, or to connect with others and feel loved. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via appeal envelopes or yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 15 APRIL: We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "**The Way of the Cross**" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 3 April 2022** when clocks go back one hour at 3:00am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TARA WALL: A young parishioner, who has successfully completed her course in youth ministry with NET Ministries, Brisbane, recently. She has been sent to Darwin for a year to join a team evangelizing young people in the Top End. The NET Ministries website says: "These teams are inspired by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who never saw a need without doing something about it. Based in a local area, they do whatever they can to help the young people they encounter to grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church. This usually involves being present in schools, parishes, or dioceses, facilitating retreats and reflections, encountering young people in the community, helping out with youth masses, facilitating youth groups and so much more". For more information on NET Ministries, see <https://netaus.org.au/>. Tara was a member of the Youth Ministry in the parish and did her best to revive the ministry over the past two years; COVID being one of her obstacles. However, on behalf of the parish, I congratulate her on this significant commitment to the Church. She has respectfully asked for some financial assistance to which the parish will respond from general revenue. If individuals wish to sponsor her, this can be done by clicking <http://www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship>.

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY KINDERGARTEN 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN: Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2023. If your child was born between **1 August 2017 and 31 July 2018** please collect an enrolment pack from the School Office. Alternatively, you can visit our website www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au - 'How to Enrol'. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2023 Kindergarten enrolment forms are available.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT 2022 will be prayed together on Fridays at 6:30pm. All welcome.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

LENTEN DISCIPLINE AND PENANCE: The parish offers numerous ways of fulfilling our Lenten discipline and penance. During Lent, we should give priority to ensuring we fulfil our Sunday obligation by being at Mass. We can attend weekday Masses Wednesday to Friday. Fridays this Season of Lent will have a Lenten discipline in that Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the mornings (9:45am–10:45am) and in the evening Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. We can keep in mind the classic response to Lent with extra prayer, almsgiving and fasting (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). Project Compassion is a perfect way to forgo some pleasures and donate over the weeks of Lent. Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. This year's theme is "For All Future Generations" (Gen 9:12). Money donated is being directed to projects in Australia, India, Solomon Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo and Mozambique. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

LEGION OF MARY: Invites you to the Rosary Cenacle every Thursday morning at 8:15am to pray for the sick, Holy Souls, the dying and Priests. Please join us as the world needs more prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased**. Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you.



**Our God of
tenderness and
compassion,
and of infinite
patience,
continually
welcomes back
the prodigal
son and
daughter.**

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023

EASTER 2022

**Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta - Wednesday, 13 April at
7:30pm**

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday, 14 April
(No 9:15am Morning Mass)
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until Midnight**

**Good Friday, 15 April
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb**



**Holy Saturday, 16 April
6:00pm Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday, 17 April
8:00am and 10:00am**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday, 9 April
10:00am-11:00am
4:30pm-5:15pm**



**GOD'S WORD 2022 DAILY REFLECTIONS
BOOKLET AVAILABLE AT ST. PAT'S GIFT
SHOP!** *God's Word 2022*, a book of daily reflections, offers a great service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word of God. Copies are now available from St. Patrick's Gift Shop, located in the grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the website www.stpatricksgiftshop.com or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10:00am-3:00pm and Sundays 9:00am-1:00pm.

**DR. LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES —
STARTING 29 APRIL:** All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr. Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10:00am to :00 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help!

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine