

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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7 & 8 May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter — 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:

Christopher Hogan, Ramon Arrow,
Ramon Burke, Gerard Marcello

Anniversaries:

Anna & Joe Arena, Ric Di Carlo, Ghasoub
& Layla Mardini & Deceased Family
Members

Deceased:

Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael
Remaili, Ray Wager, Nety Miranda Ajoujo,
Moshien Saifi & Family, Rima Hanna &
Family, Bessema Hanna & Family, Eid
Majed & Family, Sarkis Ibrahim, Mary Jane
Axiak, Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia,
Violet & Lynch Families, Alfred Xuereb,
Albert Vella, Tony & Fadalaf Aflak, Paul
Muscat, Fenech Family, Muscat Family,
Micae, Simon, John Baptist, Anna & Nhung
Hoang, Ludovica, Tadeus & Anna Nguyen,
Anne Ham Tieu, Le Thi Du, Dang Ta, Rima
& Bessima Hanna, Hanna Family, Peter &
Eid Majed, Albert & Mary Fares, 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 EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 99:1-3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.

One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**I am the
Good
Shepherd,
says the Lord.**

**I know my
sheep
and mine
know me.**

**No one will
ever steal
them
from me.**

PARISH NOTICES

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS ON 5TH JUNE: It is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on those gathered in the upper room, including Mary, the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:12-14). In Acts 2 we read that there were many people in Jerusalem, at this time, from every nation under heaven. Here in our parish we, too, have many people from many nations. So, to celebrate this wonderful feast, we will continue our tradition of praying the intercessions in different languages. During the next couple of weeks people will be asked to translate a prayer from English into their own language and pray this prayer at Mass on Pentecost Sunday. After the 10:00am Mass we are planning to have brunch/lunch at the Hall where we hope many of you will be willing to bring a plate of food to share from your culture. It will be a good way to meet other members of our parish and build a stronger parish community. Come Holy Spirit!

FUNERAL SERVICE: A funeral service for Ramon Arrow will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 10 May at 10:30am.**

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or sharepack envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

TAP & GO" DONATION POINT: The opportunity is now available for parishioners and visitors to donate to St. Patrick's Parish using a credit or debit card. The majority of parishes in the Diocese now have this facility. Following advice from both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to install this new donation point, it will be available for use at the weekend Masses, at least initially. The donation is pre-programmed for \$5.00 per tap of the card over the tap symbol. If you wish to donate more than \$5.00, tap again. It takes a few seconds to record your donation. The Diocese's encouragement to use this facility is a response to the trend where most people carry little, if any, cash these days. The donation point does not take the place of the First and Second collections or the weekly envelope offerings. St. Patrick's is very grateful for your donations, however you wish to make them.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

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

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Senior Administrative Support Co-Ordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. You will have extensive experience in providing high-level administration support, and a customer-focused and 'can-do' attitude. If you would like to know more about the role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, nevine@reachhr.com.au or 0418 698 327.

Fundraising Campaigns Manager – Put Your Faith Into Action For The Common Good

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

PEACE JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY SHARING ON ZOOM – WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY:

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May, 6:30pm-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to MET@parracatholic.org.

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS 2022 – THURSDAY, 26 MAY:

The Commissioning Mass for Liturgical Ministers will be held on Thursday, 26 May 2022 at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. During this Mass, Bishop Vincent will commission those who have completed their specific courses at the Liturgical Ministry Formation Course both previously and this year's and want to be commissioned. Please RSVP by Thursday, 19 May to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org with total numbers of those attending for catering purposes.

DIOCESAN "LAUDATO SI' ACTION CAMPAIGN":

On Friday, 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi to download the launch video and for further information.

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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

VIEW THE DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS: All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER - 21 MAY: The Springwood East Timor Support Group invite you to the 23rd anniversary Trivia Night to aid the Timorese people with medical and educational initiatives. Join them for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance on Saturday, 21 May from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at St. Thomas Aquinas School Hall, Springwood. Tickets are \$20.00 each, payable on entry, for tables of eight to ten. BYO nibbles and drinks. Pre-reservation of your attendance is essential to Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP": The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Sr. Annie Bond rsj can be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 8912.4818 if you have any questions or to provide an itinerary and application form.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 15 MAY: Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday, 15 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Street, Minchinbury, starting from 7:00pm. George and Anne Stanton will lead discussion on scripture and the theme of Covenant. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - 1 SEPTEMBER: Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on **1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral** with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on **Saturday, 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre** (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838.3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PATHWAY: A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org.