

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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21 & 22 May 2022
6th 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:

Natalina Slaviero, Sr. Teresa Stuczynska
SMSM, Lay Wan Yin, Suliana Vahai
Talha, Elisapeta Taoffenua, Roger Sirolli,
Christopher Hogan, Ramon Arrow, Ramon
Burke, Gerard Marcello

Anniversaries:

Kevin McCormick, Joseph Tukana,
Kelekolio Tuugahala

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Rima Hanna & Family,
Eid Majed & Family, Yammine Family,
Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupaoa Families,
Adalle, Jamila & Janatte Basima & Family,
Barbara Wadia Nouhaol, Halim & Nahida
Nehme, Karam & Hanna Karam, Simon &
Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Tony & Odette
Chabchoul & Family, Giuseppe Saffioti &
Family, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen &
Michael Remaili, Ray Wager, Nety Miranda
Ajoujo, Mohsien Saifi & Family, Bessima
Hanna & Family, Sarkis Ibrahim, 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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response Will Be Sung: Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond.

The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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



**The Holy Spirit,
whom the Father
will send in my
name, will teach you
everything and
remind you of all
that I have said
to you.**

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S RETREAT: I will be on retreat for the next eight days. Please welcome Fr. Julian Wellspring who will celebrate the Masses for the weekend of 28-29 May.

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!

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 28-29 MAY 2022: The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be held on 28-29 May 2022. **Focus:** Holy Spirit Seminary. Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via the appeal envelopes or yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

COMBINED CHURCHES PENTECOST SERVICE - 6:00PM — SUNDAY, 5 JUNE: Hosted by Holroyd New Life Church. Parishioners are invited to attend the above service at 732 Merrylands Road, Greystanes. If any singers or musicians would be willing to be a part of the Combined Churches Worship Band for this service please call Michelle Burns, HCMF Assistant Secretary on either 0417 692 905 or 9896.2514 (School Hours Tuesday to Thursday) or email: hmf@hnlc.org.au. Songs + Prayers + Message + Supper — www.holroyd-churches.org.au.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:
Senior Administrative Support Co-Ordinator – Diocese of Parramatta

2 x Project Co-Ordinator (Part-Time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm Sunday, 29 May.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS SR. PATRICIA FOX NDS: Friday, 27 May, 7:00pm-9:00pm - Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr. Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks. **LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at: met@parracatholic.org.**

***SAVE THE DATE* TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING - 20 JULY:** The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday, 20 July from 6:00pm to 9:00pm – more details will follow in June.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY – 28 MAY: Holy Cross Parish, Granville will be hosting a Theology of the Body – Awaken Your Desire session by Fire Up Ministries on Saturday, 28 May at 7:00pm at MacKillop Hall, 38 Grimwood Street, Granville. Free – Must be +18 to attend.

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - 9 JUNE: The Office for Worship is conducting a workshop for parish teams who are running or are interested in running Children's Liturgy of the Word on 9 June 2022 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre. This workshop will include planning and leading, a look at diocesan guidelines and practicing safe ministry. If you are interested, please contact 8838.3456, or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

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

FREE LECTURE - THE OUTSIDER POPE: WHERE IS FRANCIS LEADING OUR CHURCH?: Tuesday, 5 July at 7:30pm - Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church Street, Parramatta. Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. **RSVP essential by 2 July to: mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org.**

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.

PREPARATION COURSES IN 2022: Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW! Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school

"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.

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 **MARRIAGE** 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.