

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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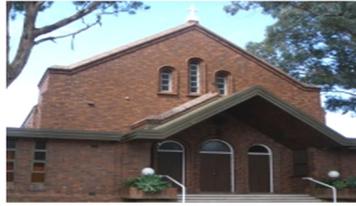
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To Live, Love and Act  
Like Jesus

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm  
Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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28 & 29 May 2022  
The Ascension of the Lord — 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:

Apolosio Hakula, Seilala Tufele, Margaret (Peggy) Williams, Natalina Slaviero, Sr. Teresa Stuczynska SMSM, Lay Wan Yin, Suliana Vahai Talaha, Elisapeta Taofifenua, Roger Sirolli

### Anniversaries:

Tony Muslado, Leaha Falakiko Kelotaona, Kevin McCormick, Joseph Tukana, Kelekolio Tuugahala

### Deceased:

Rima Hanna & Family, Eid, Janette & Peter Majed & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph, Cordeiro Family Deceased Members, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Yammine Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Adalle, Jamila & Janette 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, 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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

**Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
 cry to God with shouts of joy!  
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
 great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
 sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
 Sing praise with all your skill.  
 God is king over the nations;  
 God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### 2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

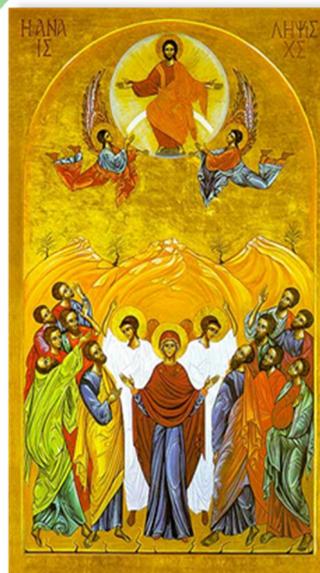
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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



**You will receive  
 power when the  
 Holy Spirit  
 comes on you,  
 and you will be  
 my witnesses...  
 not only in  
 Jerusalem but  
 indeed to the  
 ends of the  
 earth.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PASTOR'S RETREAT:** Please welcome Fr. Julian Wellspring who will celebrate the Masses this weekend while I am on retreat.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS ON 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS —**

**28-29 MAY 2022:** The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be held this weekend. Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of

Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal), the appeal envelopes or scan the QR code. **Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to becoming priests.**

**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](mailto:hmf@hnlc.org.au). Songs + Prayers + Message + Supper — [www.holroyd-churches.org.au](http://www.holroyd-churches.org.au).

**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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

## 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](http://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.

### **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](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org).

### **PENTECOST SCRIPTURE EVENING — 1 JUNE:**

You are invited for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday, 1 June at 6:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, and led by Dr. Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@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](mailto:mark.oconnor@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.

**LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN WORKSHOP - 17 JUNE:** All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for an informative and practical workshop on how we can respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Catholic Earthcare Co-Ordinator and member of the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Action Plan Team, Sue Martin, will lead the session on Friday, 17 June from 10:00am–11:00am at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. **All are welcome, but please register with Maree by phone 8838.3486 or email [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org).**

**INTERFAITH DIALOGUE WORKSHOP - 24 JUNE:** Join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as Fr. Patrick McInerney from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations presents a workshop on Interfaith Dialogue on Friday, 24 June from 10:00am to 12 midday. **All are welcome, but please register by contacting Maree on 8838.3486 or email [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org).**

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE:** A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION - 5 JUNE:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW and CCR Parramatta will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5 June at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. The theme is "We are One in the Spirit", with Prayer and Praise at 1:30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4:30pm. **Enquiries:** email [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au) or 0411 404 090 or 0431 778 476.

