

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
Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

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

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3 & 4 September 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Dante Dela Cruz, Peter Eisenhuth, Virginia Albaracin, Sabri Morgan, David Conway

Anniversaries:

Wadih Younan, Frane & Marija Marcic, Olive Golds, Sebastian Lobo, Des Golds, Terry Golds, Margaret & Rex Lane, Pio Borg, Nicola Mastrippolito, Len Sherring

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, May Madden, Philip & Rima Hanna & Family, Peter Majed & Family, Dib Barakat, Michel Barakat, Youssef Younan, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Tomazia & Joao Alves, Moniz, alves, Wager and Remaili Families, Joseph & Saide Elkhoury, Suzanne Abousleiman, Loris & Nicholas Remaili, Bassima & Rima Hanna & Family, Janette, Peter & Eid Majed & Family, Les Romero & McQuillan 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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
 like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILEMON 1: 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
 and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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



**Jesus says:
 Anyone who
 does not carry
 their cross and
 come after me
 cannot be my
 disciple.**

PARISH NOTICES



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS

— 3-4 SEPTEMBER 2022:

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being this weekend. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons. This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons. John Boyle, Fr. Chris Dixon and Fr. Bob Sheridan. We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire! Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal would raise around \$200,000. Last year's Parish Appeal was cancelled due to lockdowns. Thankfully, we were blessed to raise almost \$138,000 through a multi-channel direct mail appeal with the help of our communications and fundraising teams. It is critical that we undertake a proactive fundraising campaign this year and we are once again asking for your kind help. With your enthusiastic support for our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, our Clergy Support Foundation can better care for our 21 retired priests and those clergy who are unwell, giving them comfort, professional health care and guidance. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via the envelopes provided, at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR Code. **Thank you.**

BECOME A CATECHIST — AN SRE VOLUNTEER! WHO? ME? YES ... WHY NOT YOU? IF NOT YOU ... THEN WHO? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *Guildford Public and Guildford West* state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 - admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on 0412 893 847 or tassm@optusnet.com.au.

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.** It would also be helpful if names were printed clearly on the envelope. Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK - 4-10 SEPTEMBER 2022 - EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO:

This week begins Child Protection Week across the country. During this week we are reminded that: * Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities. * Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. * They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future. [From: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>]. Our Parish life is known by its connectedness and by its shared beliefs and values to be Christ-like in all we do. At our very heart we want our Catholic Parish community to be inclusive and safe for all to come and worship and to share their baptismal gifts for the good of all – especially for our children and for adults who may be at risk. **There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community!** This month, as a Catholic community, let's ensure we have taken the first step to care and protect the children in our parish family. **As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have each of us completed our Mandatory Safeguarding Training?** If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. **Sign up onto the platform at:** <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>. If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE - 11 SEPTEMBER:

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday, 11 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt. Druitt from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Activities include a white elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9832.3896.

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

GLENBROOK PARISH "THE MIND OF POPE FRANCIS" FORMATION NIGHT - 13 SEPTEMBER:

According to the Papal biographer Austin Ivereigh, Pope Francis is a "Great Reformer" who radically addresses not just Church's issues, but also is very vocal on social and environmental topics. Parish Priest Fr. Joseph Lam will uncover the background of Pope Francis' cultural and intellectual context. The talk will be held on Tuesday, 13 September from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall of St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. **Please register via:** secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

GLENBROOK PARISH SEASON OF CREATION FORMATION NIGHT — 6 SEPTEMBER:

To coincide with the Season of Creation, the annual ecumenical celebration that unites the world's 2.4 billion Christians in prayer and action for our common home, St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a talk on 'Faith and Authentic Living – Care for Neighbour and the Care for Creation' by the Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology team on Tuesday, 6 September from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. **Please register via:** secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

GLENBROOK PARISH MEMORABLE MELODIES CONCERT - 23 OCTOBER:

St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday, 23 October at 2:00pm in the Parish Church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15.00 adults or \$10.00 concession. For more information, contact the Parish Office on (02) 4742.6958 or email glenbrook@parracatholic.org.

POSITION VACANT:

Business Operations Manager – The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 19 September.**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

GLENMORE PARK PARISH ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS:

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St. Padre Pio from 22–24 September. 22 September — 7:00pm Novena followed by Mass; 23 September — 7:00pm Novena followed by Mass and 24 September — 5:30pm Novena followed by Vigil Mass. On 25 September at 10:00am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St. Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St. Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call the Parish Office on (02) 4789.2232 or email glenmorepark@parracatholic.org.

PALMS AUSTRALIA - VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER:

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. **Phone 0412 550 902 or email kevin@palms.org.au.**