

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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29 & 30 October 2022
31st 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:

John Ernest Badcock, Marie Copas,
Rosalind Moras, Babu Michael, John
Garratt, Vincenza Olivieri, Martine Minso

Anniversaries:

Vincenzo D'Elia, Sebastian & Amelia
D'Silva, Dominic & Annie Gonsalves, John
Mathew & Rita Gonsalves, Michael D'Silva,
John D'Silva, Tomazia & Joao Alves,
Veselko Luburic, Eileen Crowley, Ron
Cartwright

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Alfred Xuereb, Xuereb
Family, Muscat Family, Fenech Family,
Albert Vella, Nayef El-Khoury, Jriege &
Laila Jlalaty, Michael Grima, Ernest
Bernhardt Dorn, Noeleen & Michael
Remaili, Ray, Rhonda & Pamela Wager,
Alves, Moniz & Remaili Families, Bassima
& Rima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette &
Eid Majed & Family, Chabchoul Family,
Antoun Yasbeck & Family, Lea'kina
Kathleen Fatu & Family, Emile & Evette
Tayoun, Jamila, George & Janette &
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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: WISDOM 11:22 - 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

2ND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11 - 2:2

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

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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



**Zacchaeus,
come down.
Hurry, because
I must stay at
your house
today.**

**How do I
welcome Jesus in
those I meet?**



PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FR. BERNARD BITEKEREZO: Please welcome Fr. Bernard who is on a working holiday from Uganda.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL LEAVE: During my absence, the weekend Masses will be celebrated by Monsignor John Boyle. Fr. Bernard Bitekerezo will cover the weekday Masses. I shall return on Friday, 18 November.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD: During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the Altar.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish at the **5:30pm Mass on Saturday, 19 November, the Feast of Christ the King.** Children aged 10 years and over may receive this sacrament which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Community. **Parents are invited to come to the Parish Office and collect an Enrolment Form, complete it at home and return it to the Parish Office with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate attached.** You will receive reflection sheets to share with your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE LETTER: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4 October) saw the world premiere at the Vatican of the documentary film ***The Letter: A Message For Our Earth***. Based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "Laudato Si", on Care for Our Common Home" the film was made in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Communication. It explores the consequences of climate change through the voices of the poor, young people, indigenous peoples and others who met with Pope Francis last year. The film is streaming for free at theletterfilm.org and **YouTube Originals**.

PARISH FAMILY RETREAT: Deacon Adam is running an overnight retreat for families from November 12 to 13 at the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre in Oakdale, about an hour's drive from the parish. It will be an opportunity for some time of prayer, fun and recollection. Wooglemai is a campsite with modern facilities including bathrooms, showers and a covered BBQ area. Families who are interested in coming can pitch a tent, caravan, or use one of two dormitories for accommodation. We'll meet at midday on the Saturday to set up camp and have lunch. There is also an option for people to come for a day trip if they do not want to stay overnight. The cost is \$60.00 per family. If you would like to come, please see Jo in the Parish Office, during office hours, with your name and details. Payment is cash only. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Adam. **Registration is due by Monday, 5 November to the Parish Office.** We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL: We would like to thank you again for your generosity to the recent Catholic Mission Appeal, whether it be through a one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner. Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are working together to help support those in most need, by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to lend your support once again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia today.

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

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS HEADING TO WYD23 IN LISBON: Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from 21 July– 11 August 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org.

CALLING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY ASPIRING SMALL GROUP LEADERS! Bishop Vincent is seeking applications from aspiring small group leaders to accompany young people of the Diocese of Parramatta on our pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. The small group leaders will provide accompaniment and support to each pilgrim and ensure their safety and wellbeing and is integral to facilitating the full participation of pilgrims. Please email met@parracatholic.org to express your interest and request a position description with further details of the selection criteria by **Wednesday, 2 November**.

POSITION VACANT:
Project Co-Ordinator (Part-Time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 7 November.**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

PARISH OF RICHMOND POSITION VACANCY:

The Parish of Richmond is looking for a Parish Co-Ordinator of Ministries (PCM) on a casual, 14 hour a week status. The successful candidate will be accountable to the Parish Priest and be responsible for providing support for the parish clergy in their ministry. The co-ordinator will develop four key focus areas of ministry: co-ordination, promotion and recruitment, formation and communication. To obtain an application pack, please contact the Parish Office on admin@parishofrichmond.org.au or phone 4578.1410. **Applications close Friday, 25 November 2022.**

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FAMILY DAY OUT PICNIC - 26 NOVEMBER:

The Nigerian Catholic Community invites you to a special family day out picnic on Saturday, 26 November at the Spinebill area of the Plough and Harrow East part of the Western Sydney Parklands, Abbotsbury, from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Join them for a range of kid and family-friendly activities, food and drinks and music. For more information, call 0431 479 272 or 0450 974 550 or email nigeriancc@parracatholic.org.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS - 27 NOVEMBER:

The Nigerian Catholic Community invites you to their annual Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 27 November at the Holy Family Church, 200 The Trongate, South Granville from 11:00am. Mass will be followed by a performance by the Nigerian Catholic Community Choir at 2:00pm. For more information, please contact nigeriancc@parracatholic.org or call 0478 044 886.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' BLACKTOWN 70 YEARS CELEBRATIONS - 11 NOVEMBER:

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday, 11 November from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs>. For more information, contact the school on 8811.0300.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 13 NOVEMBER:

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 13 November 2022 at The Hustle, Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury at 7:00pm. The speakers are **Cardinal Joseph Coutts**, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and **Miss Regina Lynch**, International Head of Projects, ACN International (Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the Witnesses of Faith; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

FERTILITY AWARENESS ONLINE EVENING - 3 NOVEMBER:

Are you looking for answers to infertility? On Thursday, 3 November at 7:30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Vinetta Lobo, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can assess and evaluate your current fertility status and treat infertility. Listen to real couples share their experience. To register, or for more information, please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org.