

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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26 & 27 November 2022
1st Sunday of Advent — Year A

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 explained when you contact the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Cristina Viegas, Malia Palaka Muliloto,
Taniela Malau, Likolio Kaviki, Cajetan
Rodrigues, Laimoto Polutele, Aukusitino
Sea, Hetevise Alikigalelei Niuola

Anniversaries:

Carmen Desira, Ernie Durbidge Jr.

Deceased:

During the month of November, only
Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will
be listed.



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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

Response: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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



**Jesus said to
his disciples
and says to
us today:**

'Stay awake!'

**Salvation
is near
at hand.**

PARISH NOTICES



BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S ASSISTANCE WITH CARE AND HOUSING SERVICE:

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, scan the QR code or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is your opportunity to help others in our parish who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass during Advent and placing them in the baskets under the Christmas Tree. Some examples of food items are: breakfast cereal, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, pasta, rice, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.**

"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you" (Luke 1:28).

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

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.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, GUILDFORD

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2022

Christmas Eve - Saturday, 24 December

5:30pm Vigil Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day - Sunday, 25 December

8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Saturday 17 December
9:30am-11:00am and
4:30pm-5:15pm

CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 26 DECEMBER 2022 TO SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022.

NO WEEKDAY MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE OR CONFESSIONS BETWEEN MONDAY, 26 DECEMBER 2022 AND SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022.

NORMAL MASS TIMETABLE RESUMES AT 5:30PM ON SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022.

ADVENT

The journey we make in Advent --- which means, of course, approach or coming --- is a patient descent into the depths to discover the "hidden seed" that has already yielded so much fruit in the "soil" of women and men.

The "hidden seed" -- how do I find that within myself? In Advent we celebrate the hope of a whole people. Liturgy is, after all, never an individual activity. In that celebration, however, we may, like our ancestors exiled on the banks of the rivers of Babylon, "sit down and weep" [see Psalm 137:1].

"Hope" --- how is this gift of God part of the fabric of my daily life? The way in the Bible becomes narrower and narrower the more closely it approaches its end, Jesus. This is because Jesus comes closest to the poor in the heart of the desert.

Do I recognise that there are times when I am in the desert?

How do I make this desert fertile within me?

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



"QUO VADIS?" PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME - 5-23 SEPTEMBER 2023: At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr. Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year. Our pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St. Peter.

Details can be found at www.olivetreetravel.com.au under Upcoming Tours, via the QR code or please contact Fr. Wim on 0409 908 361 or email wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org.

GLENWOOD-STANHOPE GARDENS PARISH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 17 DECEMBER: St. John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, invites you to their annual Carols by Candlelight evening on Saturday, 17 December at 7:30pm in the grounds of St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 8883.5981.

MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a celebration of Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. There will be light refreshments after the Mass. **Date:** Monday, 28 November 2022. **Time:** 7:15pm for 7:30pm Mass. **Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For more information and to **RSVP for catering purposes** please contact Rita at Catholic Care on 8843.2500 or email rita.chater@ccss.org.au.

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

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How then, may we pray and reflect throughout Advent? One way is to take time each day to pray and reflect on the Advent Mass readings. Let us pray for one another and for our world during this time of Advent as we remember the first coming of Jesus the Christ and look forward, in hope, to his second coming.

POSITION VACANT:

Parish Office Co-Ordinator – St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong – **Applications close 10:00pm Sunday, 4 December 2022**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

GLENMORE PARK ADVENT PARISH MISSION — 16 AND 17 NOVEMBER: St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, is organising a Parish Mission during Advent on the theme of 'Bethlehem - House of Bread' on Friday, 16 December at 7:00pm and Saturday, 17 December at 5:30pm. Come and receive the Grace of God from Adoration, Mass and Preaching. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr. Suresh on 0488 448 844 or visit the event Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/2itSOhcKf>.