

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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31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God — 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:

Joanna Bateman, Alfred Aston

Anniversaries:

Cresencia Elicot-Onez, Joe Nasr, John & Dean Lane, Dominic & Annie Gonsalves, Sebastian & Amelia D'Silva, Mathew & Rita Gonsalves, Michael D'Silva, John D'Silva, Alberto Ramundi

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Rima Hanna & Family, Majed Majed & Family, John Sigabi & Family, Hayar Bou-Antoun, Joseph & Josephine Harb, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Rimma Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Dominic & Mary Ng, Phillip, Barbara Hanna, Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – YEAR A



1ST READING: NUMBERS 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Response: May God bless us in his mercy.

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: GALATIANS 4:4-7

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

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HEBREWS 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

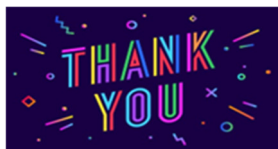
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Hail, Holy Mother,
who gave birth
to the King,
who rules heaven
and earth
for ever.**

PARISH NOTICES

FOR THE NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND, we welcome Monsignor John Boyle and thank him very much for celebrating the Masses with us. Happy New Year to all! For the weekdays January 4, 5 and 6 there will be a Communion Service. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney



THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

The Committee of the Manning Foundation wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all who responded to the recent Advent Food Appeal. To the parishioners, parents and students of St. Patrick's school who responded so generously our sincere 'thank you' for your openhearted response to the needy in our community.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

ADVENT/SUMMER 2022 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW! The Advent/Summer 2022 version of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition, discover how our multicultural families across the Diocese are celebrating Christmas, learn about using Christmas to deepen your marriage and read Bishop Vincent's Christmas message. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH OF RICHMOND ST. PAUL'S FEAST - 21 JANUARY: Plans are underway for the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St. Paul's Feast. Please save the date and spread the word. More information to come soon. The Parish relies on the hands of many to continue the St. Paul's Feast tradition. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Vicki on 0410 545 783.

FAITH AND FORMATION SESSION FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS - 11 FEBRUARY: You are invited to a faith and formation session for those who work and volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on Saturday, 11 February, from 9:00am to 10:30am at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February to met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS - 11 FEBRUARY 2023: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, 11 February 2023 at St. Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2023 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

SR. NATHALIE BECQUART — SYDNEY PUBLIC FORUM AND LECTURE - 3 FEBRUARY: Sr. Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February 2023. Sr. Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday, 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4:00pm and a public lecture at 7:00pm, both held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Places are limited, so please register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATIONS OPEN! Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800.00 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. **Visit:** www.parrayd.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023: Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE – MEMORIAL MASS OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: 19 FEBRUARY: You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Sunday, 19 February at 2:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St. Josephine Bakhita with you.

SOUL FOOD PODCAST – PASTORAL FORMATION: Do you find life and faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>.

PARRAMATTA PONGAL TAMIL HARVEST FESTIVAL - 21 JANUARY: The Community Migrant Resource Centre invites you to celebrate the annual Tamil Farmers' Festival (Thai Pongal), signifying the end of the traditional farming season on Saturday, 21 January from 11:00am to 2:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass, followed by entertainment and lunch. Entry is free and all are welcome. For enquiries, please contact James Atanasious from the Mission Enhancement Team on 047 873 519.



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking for support to aid our brothers and sisters who are suffering so deeply in Syria and Lebanon

through our Christmas appeal *Sharing Hope with Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas*. The support we are pledging to them is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope. The projects we are supporting are projects such as medical aid, community help and gifts for children in Lebanon, as well as support for lay faithful and accommodation for families in Syria. It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas! To watch videos and read stories of the projects we are supporting visit: www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022 or scan the QR code.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE: The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.