

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 December 2022
2nd 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:

Gioan Baotixita Bien Nguyen, Cristina Viegas, Malia Palaka Muliloto, Taniela Malau, Likolio Kaviki

Anniversaries:

Shane Paul Vaz, Carmen Desira, Ernie Durbidge Jr.

Deceased:

Edgar Montclar, Mary Jane Axiak, Tony & Fadalah Aflak, Ben Colecliffe, Ivy Rice, Palombit, Palmano, Skordilis & Dimichiel Families, Nguyen & Le Family Members, Rima Hanna & Family, Adell Jamily, Janette, Peter & Eid Majed & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Lusla Likaleto Simete & Family, Meliana Lino Lavasele & Family, Deceased Members of the Cordeiro 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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code. **Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.**

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on Tuesday, 6 December at 5:30pm in the school grounds. All parishioners are welcome.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make a Christmas offering.

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

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

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

THE 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.



**A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord.**

***How do I prepare a way
for the Lord?***

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.

MARSDEN PARK FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS - 10 DECEMBER: You are invited to join the St. Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park, for their annual Christmas Carols event on 10 December, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at St. Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each (1st prize \$1,000.00 cash)! There will also be food and drinks for sale, games for the kids, and a visit from the man in red!

ADVENT REFLECTION

One way of really enriching our Advent journey is to keep in mind the three comings of Jesus, and how they relate to one another.

Jesus was born into our history - at a fixed point in time in the past. Jesus come to us now, in a whole variety of ways. Jesus promised that he will come again in glory, at the end of time.

Blessed be he who in his love stooped to redeem mankind!

Blessed be the King who made himself poor to enrich the needy!

Blessed be he who came to fulfil

.....the types and emblems of the prophets!

Blessed be he who made creation rejoice

.....with the wealth and treasure of his father!

Blessed be he whose glory the dumb sang with hosannas!

Blessed be he to whom little children sang new glory

.....in hymns of praise!

Blessed be the new King who came

...that new-born babes might glorify him!

Blessed be he unto whom children brought faltering songs

.....to praise him among his disciples!

St. Ephraem the Syrian, 306-373