

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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10 & 11 December 2022
3rd 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:

Alberto Ramundi, Shane Paul Vaz, Carmen Desira, Ernie Durbidge Jr.

Deceased:

Dominic & Mary Ng, Mary Jane Axiak, Phillip, Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna, Janette, Peter & Eid Majed & Family, Edgar Montclar, Tony & Fadalalah Aflak, Ben Colecliff, Ivy Rice, Palombit, Palmano, Skordilis & Dimichiel Families, Nguyen & Le Family Members, Adell Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Luska 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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:6-10

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

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ISAIAH 61:1

(LUKE 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Courage!
Do not be
afraid.**

**'Look your
God is
coming,
he is
coming to
save you'.**

PARISH NOTICES

MANY THANKS TO OUR VISITOR, FATHER BERNARD, for celebrating this weekend's Masses and Penance, due to my further work in the Brisbane Tribunal from December 7th to 13th.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH NIGHT: The parish invites teenagers of the parish to a Christmas movie and pizza night, held in the Parish Hall, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, on Friday, 16 December. Deacon Adam and two adult representatives of the parish will be in attendance. All teenagers are welcome. If interested, please RSVP to adam.carlow@parracatholic.org with the names of those coming, and an emergency contact number, by 14 December. If there are any dietary requirements, please let us know in the email.

~ Deacon Adam Carlow



THANK YOU FOR HELPING CATHOLIC CARE TO END HOMELESSNESS:

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for generously supporting our Assistance with Care and Housing service. Our Parish's Bishop's Christmas

Appeal raised \$1,754.10. Because of your compassion and prayers, Catholic Care can give more homeless people practical support and a safe place to call home. Thank you! If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

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).

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE: The Advent/Summer edition of the Catholic Outlook magazine is now available at the back of the Church.

2022 CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES: Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on our Diocesan website (www.parracatholic.org), on Catholic Outlook (www.catholicoutlook.org) and on our Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta.

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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

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.

SHARE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS WITH A GIFT THAT CAN CHANGE A LIFE: If you would like to give the gift of hope this Christmas, why not buy a Global Gift? Global Gifts are Caritas Australia's charitable Christmas cards that reflect real items that support vulnerable communities around the globe. **Visit:** www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free to browse our range of Global Gifts cards today.



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **That Catholic Shop** - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store –

That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100.00. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com.

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.parrawyd.org.

PALMS AUSTRALIA – REACH BEYOND: You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad. Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home: Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (7-11 January) will **"focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church"** as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas: Completing a further four days (12-15 January) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training. Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 9560.5333 or 0422 472 567.