

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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17 & 18 December 2022
4th 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:

Alfred Aston, Gioan Baotixita Bien Nguyen,
Cristina Viegas, Malia Palaka Muliloto,
Taniela Malau

Anniversaries:

Joe Nasr, John & Dean Lane, Dominic &
Annie Gonsalves, Sebastian & Amelia
D'Silva, Mathew & Rita Gonsalves, Michael
D'Silva, John D'Silva, Alberto Ramundi,
Shane Paul Vaz, Carmen Desira, Ernie
Durbidge Jr.

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hayar Bou-Antoun,
Joseph & Josephine Harb, Tony & Odette
Chabchoul, Rima & Bassima Hanna &
Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed &
Family, Dominic & Mary Ng, Phillip,
Barbara Hanna, Edgar Montclar, Tony &
Fadalah Aflak, Ben Colecliffe, Ivy Rice,
Palombit, Palmano, Skordilis & Dimichiel
Families, Nguyen & Le Family Members,
Adell Jamily, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family,
Lusia 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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23:1-6

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

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

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

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

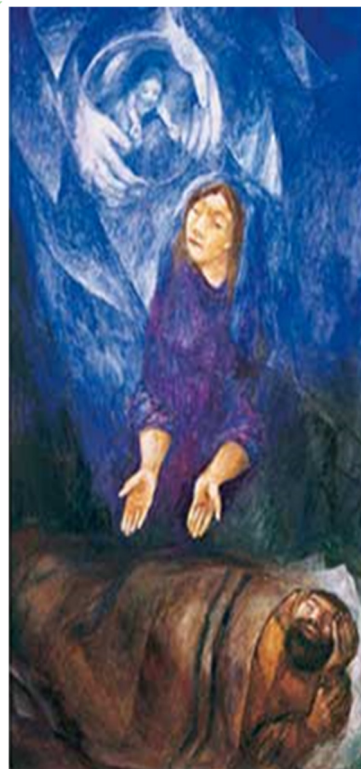
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Joseph,
do not
be afraid
to take
Mary as
your wife.**

**She will
give birth
to a son,
Emmanuel:
God-is-
with-us.**

PARISH NOTICES



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 \$1,804.10.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

THE ADVENT - CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY SEASON that we Christians celebrate is not simply the observance of events from the past nor is it a sentimental birthday of 'baby Jesus'. It is much more. It is a celebration of God's self-revelation in Jesus the Christ, *Emmanuel* – God who was with people in the past, with us in the present and for all time into the future. God's love is made visible to us in and through Jesus. Our celebration of Christmas cannot be separated from the Paschal Mystery – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, his ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit. For three hundred years the Church only celebrated this Paschal Mystery. The crib, the cross and the crown are interwoven and cannot be separated.

Let us pray for one another during this holy time and for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.



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 - 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

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.

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.

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.