

# 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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**24 & 25 December 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

## 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.

## *From a Sermon on Christmas Day by St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

*"THERE ARE two principal lessons which we are taught on the great Festival which we this day celebrate, lowliness and joy.*

This surely is a day, of all others, in which is set before us the heavenly excellence and the acceptableness in God's sight of that state which most men have, or may have, allotted to them, humble or private life, and cheerfulness in it. If we consult the writings of historians, philosophers and poets of this world, we shall be led to think great men happy; we shall be led to fix our minds and hearts upon high or conspicuous stations, strange adventures, powerful talents to cope with them, memorable struggles, and great destinies. We shall consider that the highest course of life is the mere pursuit, not the enjoyment, of good.

But when we think of this day's Festival, and what we commemorate upon it, a new and very different scene opens upon us. First, we are reminded that though this life must ever be a life of toil and effort, yet that, properly speaking, we have not to seek our highest good. It is found; it is brought near us, in the descent of the Son of God from His Father's bosom to this world. It is stored up among us on earth. No longer need men of ardent minds weary themselves in the pursuit of what they fancy may be chief goods; no longer have they to wander about and encounter peril in quest of that unknown blessedness to which their hearts naturally aspire, as they did in heathen times. The text speaks to them and to all, "Unto you," it says, "is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

***Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all Parishioners from Fr. Peter,  
Sr. Helen & Deacon Adam***



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1-3. 11-13

**Response:** Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

### 2ND READING: TITUS 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 2:10-11

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Good News  
and great joy  
to all the  
world;  
today is born  
our Saviour,  
Christ the  
Lord.**

## 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.

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

**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](http://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.

## 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



### Mass Intentions



#### Recently Deceased:

Joanna Bateman, Alfred Aston, Gioan Baotixita Bien Nguyen

#### 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

#### Deceased:

Rima Hanna & Family, Majed Majed & Family, John Sigabi & Family, 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, Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)



**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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022) or scan the QR code.

**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/>.