

# 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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7 & 8 January 2023  
The Epiphany of the Lord — 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:**

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger), Hazel Abrahams, Joanna Bateman, Alfred Aston

Salwa Abi Nagem, Maria Palombit, Maria Luca, Edgar Montclar, Cresencia Elicot-Onez, Joe Nasr, John & Dean Lane, Dominic & Annie Gonsalves, Sebastian & Amelia D'Silva, Mathew & Rita Gonsalves, Michael D'Silva, John D'Silva

### **Deceased:**

Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, 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, 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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

**Response:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
 shall pay him tribute.  
 The kings of Sheba and Seba  
 shall bring him gifts.  
 Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
 all nations shall serve him. **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.**

### 2ND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
 and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



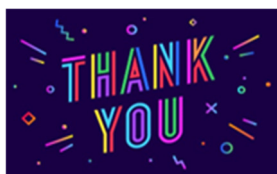
**They offered  
 him gifts  
 of gold,  
 frankincense  
 and myrrh.**

**What gifts  
 do I  
 offer Jesus?**

## PARISH NOTICES

**ORDINATION OF ADAM CARLOW TO THE PRIESTHOOD — 2 FEBRUARY 2023:** Adam is being ordained to the priesthood on 2 February at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm. Adam has been with us for a year now and we look forward to celebrating with him. He will be ordained alongside two of his classmates, Matthew Dimian and Jack ElKazzi. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to come along, please RSVP to [secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au) by 25 January.

**FUNERAL SERVICE:** A funeral service for Hazel Abrahams will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Friday, 13 January at 10:30am**. All welcome to attend.



### 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.

**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.

## 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](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).

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL IS OPEN:

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email: [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

### ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS:

St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au).

### MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:00am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or [chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org](mailto:chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org) or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

