

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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14 & 15 January 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Cardinal George Pell, Hui Luk Wan Chuasieng, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger), Hazel Abrahams, Joanna Bateman

Anniversaries:

Francesco Ramundi, Salwa Abi Nagem, Maria Palombit, Maria Luca, Edgar Montclar, Cresencia Elicot-Onez

Deceased:

Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlailaty, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Cirilo Chuasieng, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck & Family, Tony & Odette Chabchoul & Family, Rima & Bessima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Neme Hanna, Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Michael Grima, John Sigabi & 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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
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e who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 39:2, 4, 7-10

Response: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

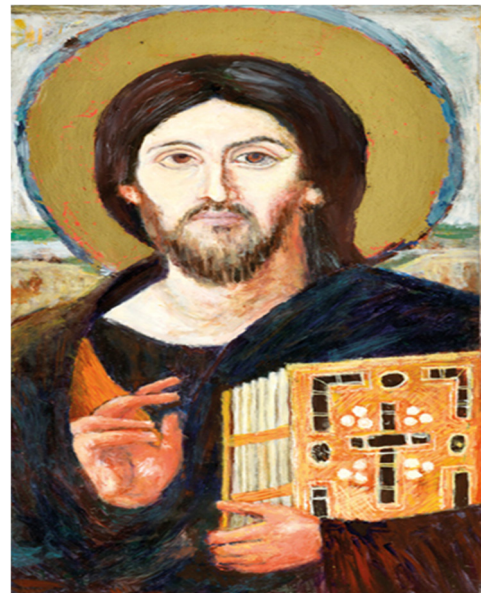
THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus, the lamb of God,
takes away the sin of the
world.**

**He reveals the compassion of
God, who hears the cry
of the poor.**

PARISH NOTICES

NATIONAL EVANGELISATION TEAM — TARA WALL:

How to donate



- 1 Scan the QR code or head to <https://netministries.com.au/support-us/>
- 2 Click the 'Donate Now' button
- 3 Fill out the form and in the donation reference box, write 'Tara Wall'



Thank you for your support!
- Tara

YOUTH GROUP: St. Patrick's Youth are having a gathering in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm–6:30pm on Sunday, 22 February. All teenagers are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Taylor on 0422 624 534 if interested. We would love to see you there!

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@stpatscathedral.com.au by 25 January.

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.

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

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

TOONGABBIE PARISH POSITION VACANT: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Co-Ordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per week worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary by 1 February 2023 to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au.

PARISH OF RICHMOND ST. PAUL'S FEAST - 21 JANUARY: Come join the celebrations at the Parish of Richmond's 2023 Annual St. Paul's Feast on Saturday, 21 January. Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's at 5:30pm, followed by a procession. Other activities include the Our Lady Queen of Peace Band, food and drink, chocolate wheel and kid's amusement rides. 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.

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/>.

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/>.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

PALMS AUSTRALIA – ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES, MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS: Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities in countries such as American Samoa, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tanzania and Timor-Leste are asking for qualified and experienced Australians to mentor their people in education, health, administration, agriculture and more. Embrace one of the Palms Australia mission opportunities abroad by visiting www.palms.org.au, or by calling 9560.5333 or 0422 472 567.