

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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21 & 22 January 2023
3rd 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

Anniversaries:

Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Francesco Ramundi, Salwa Abi Nagem, Maria Palombit, Maria Luca, Edgar Montclar, Cresencia Elicot-Onez

Deceased:

Liesong Cut, Lidwina Lie, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bessima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Cirilo Chuasieng, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck & Family, Tony & Odette Chabchoul & Family, Neme Hanna, Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Michael Grima, 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 IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 26:1, 4, 13-14

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus,
said to the
disciples
and says to
us today
'Follow me
and I will
make you
fishers of
people'**

PARISH NOTICES

REV. FR. AUGUSTINE TREESEN SILVA is the new Chaplain to the Sri Lankan community in the Diocese of Parramatta. He arrives in Australia in about two weeks' time. He will reside in the parish and act as part-time assistant priest at St. Patrick's and part-time chaplain to the Sri Lankan community. Please extend your usual warm welcome to Father Augustine.

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 EIKazzi. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to come along, please RSVP to secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au by 25 January.

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

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 donation point, it will be available for use at the weekend Masses. 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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Office Administration Assistant – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS - 6 FEBRUARY:

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday, 6 February 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7:00pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by 3 February via enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or 8839.8400.

ROUSE HILL PARISH LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS - 29 JANUARY:

The Chinese community of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, invite you to their Lunar New Year celebrations on Sunday, 29 January from 11:30am at the Parish Hall. Join them for lion dances, cultural performances, karaoke and yummy food. Mass will be celebrated at the Parish Church at 3:00pm. To RSVP, please contact Jaclyn at jacjiang77@hotmail.com.

GLENBROOK PARISH SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION AND TALK - 21 FEBRUARY:

St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on Tuesday, 21 February at 7:30pm. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book *Riddles of the Shroud – Questions Science Can't Answer*. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2023 - AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING (PEOPLE AND CULTURE):

Upcoming Training Opportunities! Would you like to complete an Elective Module Face to Face? Are you a leader and would like to finalise your 10 points of training? Priests, Parish Office Staff and Parish Co-Ordinators are invited to register for one or both of the following elective modules to be held at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill on Monday, 13 February 2023:

1. The Unintentional Counsellor – 9:30am-11:30am [Elective Module 2 points]

This Module offers some ideas to those without formal training on how to support someone in distress in a trauma-informed way.

2. Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence – 12:30pm-2:30pm [Elective Module 2 points]

This Module was created last year in response to the 2022 Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement: *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*.

Please register for one or both of these elective modules at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au.

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

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.

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 2023 to met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS -

11 FEBRUARY: 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.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS -

5 FEBRUARY: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – 5 February in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



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 sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit: <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the QR code.