

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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28 & 29 January 2023
4th 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:

Vahine Taitusi, Lusia Lenisio, Bernadette Halagahu, Cardinal George Pell, Hui Luk Wan Chuasieng

Anniversaries:

Matthew Lane, Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Francesco Ramundi

Deceased:

Gttany, Faddoul & Saidi Families, Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Ellen Farrugia, Emilja Apap, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Lea'kina Fatu & Family, Rima & Bessima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Simon & Susan Yazbeck, Tannous & Audette Tannous, Haleem & Nadia Nehme, Sarkis & Hanni Karam, Liesong Cut, Lidwina Lie, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Cirilo Chuasieng, Tony & Odette Chabchoul & Family, Nehme Hanna, 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 IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10

Response: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families?

No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Rejoice,
and be
glad:
your reward
will be
great in
heaven.**

PARISH NOTICES

REV. FR. AUGUSTINE TREESSEN SILVA is the new Chaplain to the Sri Lankan community in the Diocese of Parramatta. He arrives in Australia in about one week's 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.

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.

MORNING TEA FOR DEACON ADAM CARLOW — SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY: A morning tea will be held for Deacon Adam Carlow on Sunday, 12 February after the 10:00am Mass. All welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

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

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

LAST CHANCE TO SECURE YOUR DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE SPOT! There are only 10 seats left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon! Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at: www.parrawyd.org.

PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY SHARING - 15 FEBRUARY: Peace, Justice and Ecology (PJE) Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. You are invited to join the conversation, this time with a focus on Caritas Project Compassion 2023 on Wednesday, 15 February from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP via email: met@parracatholic.org.

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@stpatricks cathedral.com.au or 8839.8400.

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.

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/>.

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.

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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

MET – WORSHIP CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK SEMINAR - 4 MARCH:

The MET - Worship team are organising a seminar for acolytes and ministers at the altar (senior servers) in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week. Presented by liturgist Chris Ohlsen, the session will be held on Saturday, 4 March from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 28 February, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or phone 8838.3456.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

