

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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4 & 5 February 2023

5th 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:

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

Anniversaries:

Safata Tokavahua, Matthew Lane, Piet Lie,
Walfarida Tan, Francesco Ramundi

Deceased:

Ric Di Carlo, Joe & Anna Arena, Mary Jane
Axiak, Rima Hanna & Family, Eid Majed &
Family, Gittany, Faddoul & Saidi Families,
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, 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 111:4-9

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

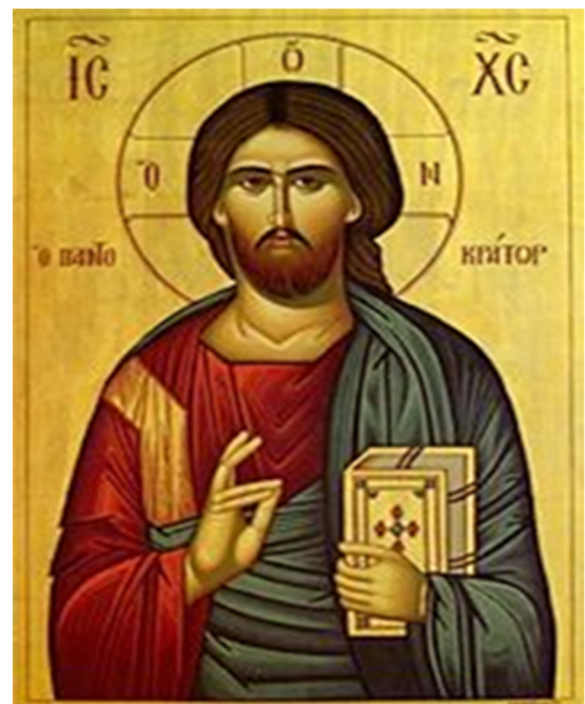
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**I am the light of the world,
says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.**

PARISH NOTICES



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: 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.

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

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@stpatscathedral.com.au or 8839.8400.

BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER IN 2023: *An Update from the Office for Safeguarding (People and Culture):*

Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the Child Safe Standards: From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards. From: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme/implementing-child-safe-standards/our-approach-compliance-and-enforcement>.

What can each one of us do to actively demonstrate how the 10 Child Safe Standards play a very important role in ensuring children in our Parish are cared for and safe in our community?

Our 6 points of Safeguarding Training demonstrates that each person in parish ministry is compliant in Standard 7. Our training also informs all those in parish life of their role and responsibility in ensuring each of the other Standards can be demonstrated as well. Each Parish Ministry is very important to our faith and local community. Let us all show this by our collective commitment to this training. If you are still to finalise your Safeguarding Training, please take advantage of the upcoming face to face opportunities around the Diocese. Next week the 'New Year's Dash Training' begins at: Glenbrook, Rooty Hill, Springwood and Quakers Hill. You are welcome to register for any of these training sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>.

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!



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

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.

MET LENTEN MUSIC FORMATION SESSION -

13 FEBRUARY: Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for Lent on Monday, 13 February from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, MET, and Assistant Music Director at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To RSVP, please contact: hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

Policy Co-Ordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 20 February**

People and Culture Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 20 February**

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.

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.