

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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11 & 12 February 2023
6th 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:

Felix Gonsalves, Petelo Fuimatu
Mavaetau, Vahine Taitusi, Lusie Lenisio,
Bernadette Halagahu

Anniversaries:

Safata Tokavahua, Matthew Lane, Piet Lie,
Walfarida Tan

Deceased:

Walfarida Tan, Alfred Xuereb, Xuereb
Family, Muscat Family, Feneck Family,
Albert Vella, Mary Jane Axiak, Ric Di Carlo,
Joe & Anna Arena, 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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PS 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court.

But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.

Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell.

And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.

But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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



**Be my protector,
O God,
a mighty stronghold
to save me.
For you are my rock,
my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of
your name.**

PARISH NOTICES

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Felix Gonsalves will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Friday, 17 February at 11:00am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 22 FEBRUARY: Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am in the morning and 7:00pm at night. St. Patrick's School (Years 3 to 6) will join us for the 9:15am Mass. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 60. The law of abstinence binds those who are over 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent commencing Friday, 24 February and concluding on Friday, 31 March.

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

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.

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.

READ UP ON SR. NATHALIE BECQUART'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: The Diocese of Parramatta has created a number of resources, including video, on the Australian visit of Sr. Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the most senior woman in the Vatican. Read about her public events across the country, including an interview with veteran journalist Geraldine Doogue, on the 'Sr. Nathalie Becquart' hub on the *Catholic Outlook* website - catholicoutlook.org.

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE: The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr. Adam Carlow, Fr. Matthew Dimian and Fr. Jack Elkazzi following their ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, 2 February. Visit catholicoutlook.org in the coming week for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing the new priests to the Diocese.

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**
Sacramental Co-Ordinator – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville – **Applications close 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.