

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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18 & 19 February 2023
7th 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

Anniversaries:

Ernest Fredrick Badcock, Laura Santa
Maria, Josephine Frois, Edward Frois,
Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta (nee
Merlino), Grace Diggins (nee Merlino),
Frank Saffioti, Safata Tokavahua

Deceased:

Munikihaafata Pouono & Family, Mary
Jane Axiak, Walfarida Tan, Alfred Xuereb,
Xuereb Family, Muscat Family, Feneck
Family, Albert Vella, Ric Di Carlo, Joe &
Anna Arena, Rima Hanna & Family, Eid
Majed & 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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."
"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 JOHN 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus said,
you must
be perfect
just as your
heavenly
Father
is perfect.**

**O Lord,
I trust
in your
merciful love.**

PARISH NOTICES

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.

HOLROYD COMBINED CHURCHES SRE ANNUAL COMMISSIONING SERVICE — SUNDAY, 26 FEBRUARY: Parishioners are invited to attend the Holroyd Combined Churches Special Religious Education Annual Commissioning Service. Hosted by Pendle Hill Baptist Church. **Date:** Sunday, 26 February 2023. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Location:** Pendle Hill Baptist Church, 52 Pendle Way, Pendle Hill. The service will go for around 75 minutes and will include prayer, singing, testimonies, an opportunity to donate to the ministry, an encouraging message and be followed by supper. COVID safety protocols will be in place and we ask everyone to follow the latest guidelines from NSW Health including staying at home if you have any symptoms or have been instructed to isolate. **Office:** 9896.2514; sre@hnlc.org.au; www.holroyd-churches.org.au. Follow us (FB + Insta): hccsre.

PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT: Available at the back of the church are money boxes, which are to be returned at the end of Lent, and Lenten Sharepack's which contain envelopes for your weekly donation. Envelopes can be placed on any collection plate throughout the six weeks of Lent. Caritas Australia thanks you for your generosity.

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.

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

THE MANNING FOUNDATION: The Manning Foundation meet in the Parish Office at 6:00pm on the 2nd Monday every two months. **Mobile Number:** 0497 973 311

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).
- ♦ Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.
- ♦ Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CLEAN UP DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA DAY - 5 MARCH: Catholic Youth Parramatta and MET – Peace, Justice and Ecology invite you to take action! On Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday, 5 March, witness to the call to take care of God's creation. Join or organise a group to clean up a site in your local area. Express your interest today by visiting: <https://parracatholic.org/cleanup/>.

MET LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT - 21 FEBRUARY: Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday, 21 February – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparrarra.org.au/lent2023>.

MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE - STARTING 23 FEBRUARY: Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr. Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on three Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparrarra.org.au/faithlife/>.



PALMS AUSTRALIA — MISSION —

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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

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.

MET WORSHIP MUSIC FOR PASCAL TRIDUUM

WORKSHOP - 7 MARCH: Musicians and liturgy planners are invited to attend an evening exploring music for the Pascal Triduum on Tuesday, 7 March from 7:00pm to 9:00pm 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 by 2 March, please contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY SESSION - 8 MARCH:

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. To register or for more information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.



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 still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground

and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. The main cities where we are sending immediate help are Kyiv, Zaporizhya, Odessa and the region of Donetsk. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit: <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine> or scan the QR code.



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **HELP SYRIA** - *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern

Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake or scan the QR code.