

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish Priest**  
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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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**25 & 26 February 2023**  
**1st Sunday of Lent — 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:**

Gwen Lister, Felix Gonsalves

### **Anniversaries:**

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

### **Deceased:**

Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Leakina Fatu & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Malia Sefa Lauake & Family, Atolomako Makakele & Family, Sosefo Munanoa & Family, Munikihaafata Pouono & Family, Walfarida Tan, Alfred Xuereb, Xuereb Family, Muscat Family, Feneck Family, Albert Vella, 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

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

**Response:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to

reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Jesus was led by  
the Spirit into  
the wilderness.**

*How and when do  
I recognise the  
presence of the  
Spirit in my life?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Gwen Lister will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Wednesday, 1 March at 10:30am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

**ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY KINDERGARTEN 2024 ENROLMENTS OPEN:** Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2024. If your child was born between **1st August 2018 and 31st July 2019** please collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Alternatively, you can visit our website [www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au) - 'How to Enrol'. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2024 Kindergarten enrolment forms are available. **The first open morning will be Thursday, 9 March from 9:00am-10:00am**. Register your interest via the school website or ring 8728.7300.

**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](mailto:sre@hnlc.org.au); [www.holroyd-churches.org.au](http://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. You can also donate by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by phoning 1800 024 413. Caritas Australia thanks you for your generosity.

**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

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

**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**

**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.

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

### In the words of Pope Francis ...

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen!





## 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



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL  
Bishop of Parramatta**

19 February 2023

Dear Friends,

### **Re: Caritas Project Compassion 2023 in our Parishes**

As we enter the Season of Lent, it is also the time of Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign. This campaign will lead us all the way towards Easter. Each year, it gives us the opportunity to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world and our suffering Earth. The campaign theme "For All Future Generations" reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

Parishes and Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have a strong tradition of supporting Project Compassion. I thank you all for your commitment and generosity, and I invite you to be a part of this year's Project Compassion again.

By now, your Parish will have received donation boxes and print resources from Caritas Australia. Many more digital resources and opportunities for engagement with Project Compassion 2023 await you at Caritas' online Parish Hub:

[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/parish)

Your donations will be much appreciated by communities worldwide and here in Australia that benefit from Caritas' work. Project Compassion is about giving, but also about being inspired, learning and growing in our faith. I therefore encourage you all to include people in need and our suffering Earth in your prayers, and to engage with the stories from different parts of the world that Caritas will share each week during Lent.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our **Diocesan Director of Caritas** via email: [Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaska-Lentern@parracatholic.org) or phone: 0409 399 505.

Thank you for your prayer, solidarity and generosity.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta**