

# 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

## St. Patrick's Primary School

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**4 & 5 March 2023**  
**2nd 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:

Felix Gonsalves, Joseph Francis Minto,  
Gwen Lister

### Anniversaries:

Jacob Milad Baysari, John D'Silva, Rita Gonsalves, Dolores Borg, Ernest Fredrick Badcock, Laura Santa Maria, Josephine Frois, Edward Frois, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino), Grace Diggins (nee Merlino), Frank Saffioti,

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Leakina Fatu & Family, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Malia Sefa Lauake & Family, Atolomako Makakele & Family, Sosefo Munanoa & Family, Munikihaafata Pouono & 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

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5. 18-20. 22

**Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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

#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him.**

***Do I take time  
to listen to Jesus?***

## PARISH NOTICES

**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. **Open Days: Thursday, 9 March from 9:00am-10:00am and Tuesday, 28 March from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.** Register your interest via the school website or ring 8728.7300. [www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au)

**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.

## 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!



## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**GREYSTANES PARISH IS HIRING! MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING:** Two employment positions at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, are available for 8-10 hours a week, or the possibility of combining both roles.

**Role 1:** Maintenance and improvement works in the buildings and grounds – requires proven handy-person skills with trade experience or equivalent.

**Role 2:** Cleaning and hygiene care for offices, bathrooms and meeting areas – requires practical experience and pride in work.

Role descriptions are available. Please contact Christine via 9631.8135 or [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au).



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BUSINESS BREAKFAST: 17 MARCH:

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, are hosting the St. Patrick's Day Business Breakfast, an annual event acknowledging faith and nation building and connecting Not-For-Profit organisations with business communities. The Breakfast will be held on Friday, 17 March from 7:00am to 9:00am at the Cathedral Hall, with guest speaker Dr. Andrew Charlton MP, Federal Member for Parramatta. Tickets are \$100.00 per person and can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1012636> or by scanning the QR code.



## 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.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaske-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**