

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 March 2023
3rd 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:

Helen Colic, Monica Fernan, Ken Engelshus, Suliana Paea Tokava, Ikenasio Fakataulavelua, Felix Gonsalves, Joseph Francis Minto, Gwen Lister

Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Dominic Francis Gonsalves, Miguel Calpito Sison, Ceferina Guerzon Sison, Maria Loan Nguyen, 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 Saffiot

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Connie, Antonio & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & 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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 4:42, 15

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: More volunteers are needed for our Sunday Masses – 5:30pm Saturday, 8:00am and 10:00am Sunday. More computer operators are needed at all our Masses. It is good to be able to share the load with others. It would be good to have more Proclaimers of the Word, more Communion Ministers and Adult Servers. If you are able to be of service in any of these ministries please see Fr. Peter or me after Mass or by email to the Parish Office or by phone. ~ Sr. Helen OP

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS will be celebrated at the 9:15am. Mass on Friday, 17 March Our primary school students will join us for the Mass. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION — BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 25-26 MARCH: Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal on 25-26 March via the envelopes provided or yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 7 APRIL: We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "The Way of the Cross" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

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 - 'How to Enrol'. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2024 Kindergarten enrolment forms are available. **Open Day: 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

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.

EASTER 2023

Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta - Wednesday, 5 April at 7:30pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday, 6 April
(No 9:15am Morning Mass)**
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

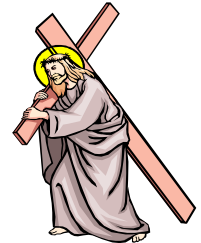
Good Friday, 7 April
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

Holy Saturday, 8 April
6:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 9 April
8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 1 April
10:00am-11:00am
4:30pm-5:15pm



**If you only knew what
God is offering...**

**And you will be
given living water.**

LECTORS AND HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS:

The next roster will begin on 16 April, the Second Sunday of Easter and end on 25 June, the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please let me know if you will not be available at any time during this roster period. Thank you for your ministry at our Sunday Liturgies.

~ Sr. Helen OP

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**

March 5th, 2023

The Second Sunday of Lent and the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dear friends in Christ,

Not long after my Installation as your pastor, I desired to hold a Diocesan Synod in order to develop a pastoral plan which would follow my predecessor's "Faith in Our Future" and chart a new pathway for the Diocese. However, we had to wait for the long-delayed national Plenary Council to conclude.

Today, after much prayer and consultation, I formally announce the convocation of the Synod in the Diocese of Parramatta. This will be the first Synod in the history of our young Diocese. Like the national and universal synods, ours will be also held in two phases. The first assembly will be held from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October 2023 and the final assembly will be held near the middle of next year 2024.

Recognising the fruits of the Plenary Council and in the spirit of synodality, to which you have already contributed so deeply, I invite you to walk with me as we discern further a framework by which we can revitalise our Church in the Diocese and discover together a path of renewal for all of us.

I have appointed a Preparatory Commission to lead this process, chaired by Sr. Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, Chancellor of Ministries and Qwayne Guevara as the Lead Facilitator.

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God into a journey of listening and discernment, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us towards personal conversion and renewal in the Church. Pope Francis explains that "The journey of synodality is the journey that God wants from His church in the third millennium".

In preparation towards the Synod, I encourage you to participate in prayer, listening, discernment and local action, guided by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to witness to the Gospel and foster a more welcoming, compassionate, and humble Church. The Diocesan Synod will have a significant impact on the way in which we live out community and mission.

he time is now, here in the Diocese of Parramatta, for us to 'go out into the deep' (Luke 5:4) and step into the future that awaits us - one that is inspired by the deep understanding that God's love is not reserved for a few, but for all. Let us accompany one another along this path with firm hope and abiding trust in our God who desires our good, and who dwells among us.

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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