

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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1 & 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — 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:

Rosalie Barbara Merlino, Helen Colic,
Monica Fernan, Ken Engelshus, Suliana
Paea Tokava, Ikenasio Fakataulavelua

Anniversaries:

Eric Dunn, Brett Weldon, Dominic Francis
Gonsalves, Miguel Calpito Sison, Ceferina
Guerzon Sison

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Nabil
Chehade, Connie, Antonio & Family,
Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Blessings
on him who
comes in
the name of
the Lord!**

**Hosanna in
the highest
heavens!'**

PARISH NOTICES

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or sharepack envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

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

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.

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – 7 APRIL: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the ‘Prince of Peace’.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make an Easter offering.

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.

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**

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



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

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.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.



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

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 2 APRIL:

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 2 April 2023 at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury, at 7:00pm. Sarah Alimangohan will speak and lead discussion on the question 'What is Beauty? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

GLENBROOK PARISH GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC AND MEDITATION - 7 APRIL:

St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a performance of the music of J.S. Bach and special meditations and reflections on Good Friday, 7 April, from 7:30pm in the parish church. Offering choral and organ music of J.S. Bach together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions according to St. John and St. Matthew. Suggested donations for entry are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for concessions. Any enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:00am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023:

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the new year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS:

St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au.