

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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8 & 9 April 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

EASTER

The **Last Supper**, followed by Jesus' death and resurrection, coincided with the Passover and its associated week-long feast of Unleavened Bread (Mk 14:1-2, 12-16). Early Christians came to understand Jesus' dying and rising to have fulfilled the first Exodus and its commemoration in the Passover festival. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus (Ex 12:1-28; Dt 16:1-8). In Hebrew it is known as Pesach (which means "to pass over"), because God passed over the Jewish homes when killing the Egyptian firstborn on the very first Passover eve [<https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach.../jewish/Passover-Pesach-2018.htm>].

From **Pope Francis' homily**, Easter Vigil, 2017: "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb" (Mt 28:1). We can picture them as they went on their way... They walked like people going to a cemetery, with uncertain and weary steps, like those who find it hard to believe that this is how it all ended. We can picture their faces, pale and tearful. And their question: can Love have truly died?

Unlike the disciples, the women are present – just as they had been present as the Master breathed his last on the cross, and then, with Joseph of Arimathea, as he was laid in the tomb. Two women who did not run away, who remained steadfast, who faced life as it is and who knew the bitter taste of injustice. We see them there, before the tomb, filled with grief but equally incapable of accepting that things must always end this way.

If we try to imagine this scene, we can see in the faces of those women any number of other faces: the faces of mothers and grandmothers, of children and young people who bear the grievous burden of injustice and brutality. In their faces we can see reflected all those who, walking the streets of our cities, feel the pain of dire poverty, the sorrow born of exploitation and human trafficking. We can also see the faces of those who are greeted with contempt because they are immigrants, deprived of country, house and family. We see faces whose eyes bespeak loneliness and abandonment, because their hands are creased with wrinkles. Their faces mirror the faces of women, mothers, who weep as they see the lives of their children crushed by massive corruption that strips them of their rights and shatters their dreams. By daily acts of selfishness that crucify and then bury people's hopes. By paralyzing and barren bureaucracies that stand in the way of change. In their grief, those two women reflect the faces of all those who, walking the streets of our cities, behold human dignity crucified".

Happy Easter to all from Father Peter Blayney PP, Father Treesen Silva & Sister Helen Cunningham OP



LITURGY OF THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

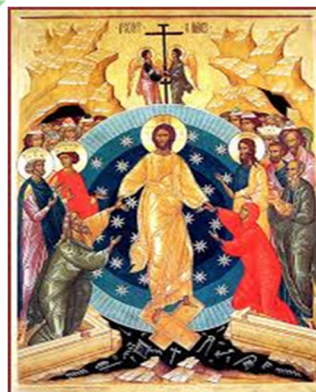
THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus is risen
Alleluia!**

**This is the
day the Lord
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.**

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

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.

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**

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



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, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

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

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.

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.

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.

MISSION: ONE HEART, MANY VOICES CONFERENCE - 3-5 MAY: Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. **Date:** Wednesday, 3 May to Friday, 5 May 2023. **Venue:** SMC Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney. For more information, please visit www.mohmv.com.au.

DIOCESAN FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR REFUGEES: Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on 9356.3888 or HoW on 9727.9290.