

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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18 & 19 March 2023
4th 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:

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

Anniversaries:

Eric Dunn, Brett Weldon, Dominic Francis Gonsalves, Miguel Calpito Sison, Ceferina Guerzon Sison, Jacob Milad Baysari, John D'Silva, Rita Gonsalves, Dolores Borg

Deceased:

Michael Grima, Mary Jane Axiak, Nabil Chehade, 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, 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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: SAMUEL 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY – 2 APRIL: We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

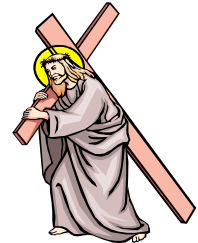
Good Friday, 7 April
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

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



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.

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.

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



**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**