

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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25 & 26 March 2023
5th 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

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:

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 129

Response: With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 11:25, 26

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

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life,

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

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

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

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 2 April 2023**, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00am.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

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.

EASTER 2023

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

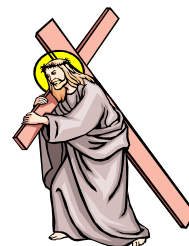
THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**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



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

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.



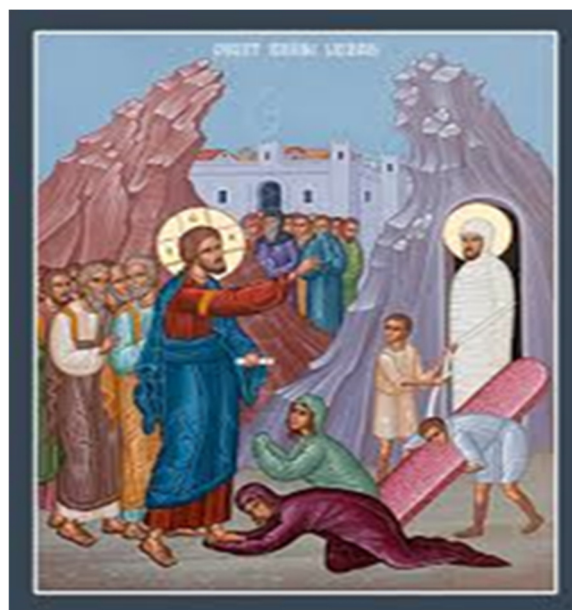
This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023

DIOCESAN 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.



**'I am the resurrection
and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever lives and
believes in me
will never die'**

Do you believe this?

