

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish Priest**  
**Rev. Fr. Treesen Silva - Sri Lankan**  
**Chaplain and Assistant Priest**  
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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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**29 & 30 April 2023**  
**4th Sunday of Easter — 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.

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SYNOD 2023 – 2024**

In his recent letter of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to all the faithful of the Diocese, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, announced that he decided to hold a Diocesan Synod. He wrote, "This will be the first Synod in the history of our young Diocese. Like the national and universal synods, ours will be 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 [...] 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".

At the church entrance, you will have already noticed the large banner advertising the Synod. There are prayer cards available for you to take and pray daily for the success of the Synod. At the end of the Prayer of the Faithful, from now on we will be praying for the Diocesan Synod, not the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. This weekend, I shall preach at all Masses explaining the Synod in more detail and how we can participate.

The Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council along with as many parishioners from the Deanery as wish to attend, will meet Bishop Vincent at a Consultation on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, at the Cathedral Hall. This event begins at 6:30pm with a light supper. I encourage parishioners to attend this Consultation with Bishop Vincent. If you wish to attend, let myself, Sr. Helen, or Fr. Treesen know or call the Parish Office to register your interest.

Meanwhile, the members of the Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council will be working with our seven parishes to organise the event and encourage attendance. The seven parishes in the Eastern Deanery are: Harris Park, Parramatta, North Parramatta, Rydalmere, Dundas Valley, Westmead and Guildford.

As a parish, we will hold our own Parish Listening Session sometime in June or July. This does not have to be done before the Consultation with the Bishop on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

There are now available many resources on the Diocesan Synod website for your viewing, study and consultation. See [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023).

Watch this space!

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ACTS 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:1-6

**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.**

### 2ND READING: 1 PETER 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took.

He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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



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Anyone who  
enters through  
me will be safe.**

**I have come so that  
they may have life  
and have it to  
the full.'**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is the last day of the Easter Season. It is on Pentecost Sunday that we hear the Prayer of the Faithful prayed in many languages at the Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. Volunteers will be given their prayer in English to translate into their language and to pray the prayer at Pentecost Mass. After the 10:00am Mass there will be a gathering in the Hall. As we have done in the past, you are invited to bring food of your culture to share with others. Let us pray for one another and our world as we prepare for Pentecost.  
**Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

**RESUMPTION OF MASS ON TUESDAYS:** Mass will be celebrated on Tuesdays at 9:15am on a regular basis from Tuesday, 2 May 2023.

**LEGION OF MARY — RECRUITMENT DRIVE:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium, 32 Calliope Street, Guildford. **Mass:** 5:30pm Saturday, 6 May; 8:00am and 10:00am Sunday, 7 May.

**HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2023):** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,320.40.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal on 25-26 March. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,473.15.

**FREE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE:** Available at the back of the Church.

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

**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.

**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.

## 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:*

Brian Francis Mordan, Tania Young, Roslyn Isabel Tippetts, Leo Joseph Badcock, Natalie Remaili, Felix Gonsalves, Maree Psomas, Dante E. Aducayen Snr., Sekolastika Uhilamoafa Misimoa, Ana Malia Vaimate Mauligalo, Palasio Faua Tagatamagoni, Soana Tagatamanogi Thelotte

#### *Anniversaries:*

Frank & Connie Saffiotti, Melia & George Mansour, Julie Cutcliffe, Ferruccio Palombit, Angelina Gonano, Joan Turner, Max Lane, Natalie Jane Hood, Roque Correa, Dominic Gonsalves, Giuseppe Vicaretti, Ida Dialoisio

#### *Deceased:*

Mary Jane Axiak, Judy Geappen, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili, Remaili, Wager, Alves & Moniz Families, Maria Nguyen, Joseph Pham, Michael Pham, Kim Pham, Norman Cordeiro, Cordeiro Family Deceased Members, Edgar Montclar, Michael Grima, Haber Family, Emilia Apap, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Muscat Family, Alfred Xuereb, Fenech Family, Tony & Fadalaf Aflak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Souls in Purgatory

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SYNOD PRAYER**

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life,  
we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.

Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today,  
and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the  
Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church,  
to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St. Mary of the Cross McKillop, pray for us.

## **DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **POSITIONS VACANT:**

**Communications and Digital Manager** – Diocese of Parramatta

**Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta

**Lead Support** – Diocesan Synod

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 – THE TIME IS NOW!**

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023).

### **BLUE MOUNTAINS SUBSTANCE ABUSE INFORMATION NIGHT - 2 MAY:**

Jim McLoughlin, parishioner and member of the NSW Police Force based in Parramatta, will present a talk on substance abuse, its risks and dangers in the Blue Mountains area to local parishioners and community members in the Parish Hall of St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, on Tuesday, 2 May at 7:30pm. Contact the Parish Office for more information - [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au).

### **YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 7 MAY:**

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 7 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury, at 7:00pm. Tim O'Shea will be discussing 'What is a Human Being?'. 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.

### **MET WORSHIP LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP -**

**4 MAY:** Musicians, Clergy and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms and Chant on Thursday, 4 May from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

### **FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR - 19 MAY:**

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday, 19 May at 7:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Please register your attendance at: [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org).

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA MISSION - TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS:**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. On our website you can see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know by calling 9560.5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au).