

# 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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6 & 7 May 2023  
5th Sunday of Easter — Year A

## WEEKLY TIMETABLE

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 9:15am  
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

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
**Alleluia!**

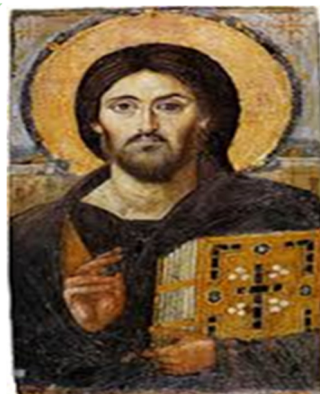
### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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



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the Truth and  
the Life,  
says the Lord;  
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## PARISH NOTICES

**DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The Preparation Committee for the Synod is providing several information nights on the Synod. Participating in one of these information nights is a great opportunity to learn more and ask any questions you may have. The information sessions will be held on:

- Monday, 8 May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm; or
- Thursday, 11 May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

If you are interested in attending one of the above, please register here: [https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_registration\\_informationsession/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_registration_informationsession/) and feel free to forward this message on to any of your work colleagues, friends and family who may also be interested.

**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 20-21 MAY 2023:** Raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need.

**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.**

**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.

**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.

## 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:*

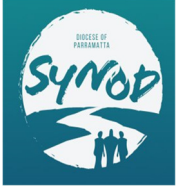
Rose Merlino, Brian Francis Riordan, Tania Young, Roslyn Isabel Tippetts, Leo Joseph Badcock, Natalie Remaili, Felix Gonsalves, Maree Psomas, Dante E. Aducayen Snr, Sekolastika Uhilamoafa Misimoa, Ana Malia Vaimate Mauligalo, Palasio Faua Tagatamagoni, Soana Tagatamanogi Thelotte

#### *Anniversaries:*

Annie Josephine Badcock, 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 & Fadalah Aflak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Souls in Purgatory



## PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD



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

**SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT - 20 MAY:** 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trivia Night – Join us for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance to aid the Timorese people with Medical and Education initiatives. On Saturday, 20 May 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start at St. Thomas Aquinas School Hall – 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. BYO nibbles and drinks – Tables of 8 to 10. Minimal Prizes this year – Donation box available, Tickets are \$20.00 each. Payment at the door – credit card accepted. Please call Dennis on 0425 209 840 for any queries.

**QUAKERS HILL PARISH BINGO FUNDRAISER - 3 JUNE:** Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill, is hosting a Bingo night fundraiser for our Youth Groups on Saturday, 3 June 2023 from 7:00pm. Bookings now open to secure a seat/table (6 people). We have limited seats so please get in early. Please email the parish office at [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au).

**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)



## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

