

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish 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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13 & 14 May 2023
6th 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 5th 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, 3rd 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 3rd June.

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

Watch this space!

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



LITURGY OF THE WORD

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 65:1-7, 16, 20

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**



**Jesus says,
'If you love me,
keep my
commandments,
and I will ask
the Father to
send you another
Advocate to be
with you forever,
the Spirit
of truth'.**

2ND READING: 1 PETER 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: OHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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



PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S RETREAT: I shall be on Retreat this coming week, 14-21 May. Let us pray for each other.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to Project Compassion during Lent. The total amount collected by our parish was \$2,838.55.

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

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.

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.

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:

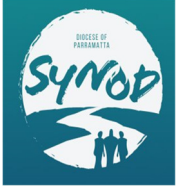
Sr. Elizabeth Wall, Melissa Soane Misimoa, Rose Merlino, Brian Francis Mordan, Tania Young, Roslyn Isabel Tippetts, Leo Joseph Badcock

Anniversaries:

Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Kelekolio Tuugahala, Annie Josephine Badcock, Frank & Connie Saffioti, Melia & George Mansour, Julie Cutcliffe, Ferruccio Palombit, Angelina Gonano, Joan Turner, Max Lane

Deceased:

Therese & George Safadi & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Faupala & Falaeo Families, Kathleen Lea'Kina Fatu, Malia Tololesi Taginoa & Family, Atonio Eukalio Palemila Tokavahua & Family, Sosefo Faupala & Family, Ateliano Malekalita Falaeo & Family, Lusua Vili Manuhaapai & Family, Malieta Apolosio Tuipolotaane & Family, Atonia Petelo Gaetau & Family, Lealea Falaeo & Family, Puaueva Sosefo Tuilalo & Family, Sononefa Falakiko Keletaona & Family, Losa Pasilio Kilama & Family, Kalemeli Polikalepo Filimohahau & Family, Malino Makatuki & Family, Lotana Sosimo Vakauliafa & Family, Heneliko Safata Tokavahua & Family, Judy Geappen, Holy 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

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 – THE TIME IS NOW!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of four locations to have your say. Events start at 6:30pm with light refreshments:

- Saturday, 20 May at St. Columba's Catholic College, Springwood.
- Saturday, 3 June at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.
- Saturday, 17 June at St. Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong.
- Saturday, 24 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St. Clair.

There will also be a youth-focused consultation on Thursday, 18 May from 7:00pm at West HQ, Rooty Hill. To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit:

parracatholic.org/synod2023.

CATHOLIC CARE COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION SESSION -

21 MAY: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are hosting an information session to learn more about the Community Refugee Sponsorship program on Sunday, 21 May at 2:00pm at Mamre House and Farm, Orchard Hills. RSVP to Rita on 0477 952 024 or email Rita.Hakkoum@catholiccarewsbm.org.au to join via Zoom. You can make a difference and help a refugee family start a new life in Australia.

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.

