

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm
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Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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20 & 21 May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord — 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.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023. Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains. From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue. Submissions from these consultations and conversations will be collected and can be provided online, in person, or via mail. The submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod. All of us parishioners can participate at various levels.

Firstly, it would be very helpful to the Bishop and the success of the Synod if you can attend the Bishop's Consultation for the Eastern Deanery on Saturday, 3rd June at 6:30pm, at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Marist Place, Parramatta. You can register your attendance on the Synod website or inform myself, Fr. Treesen or Sr. Helen if you wish to attend.

Secondly, we will have a parish consultation on Sunday, 18th June in the Parish Hall, 11:30am–12:30pm. (Our Primary School teachers are holding their consultation on Tuesday, 30th May).

Thirdly, anyone is invited to make an individual submission by following the links on the Synod website.

Finally, you can organise a group of people (family, friends etc.) to come together for a consultation; again, guidelines for this are on the Synod website:

<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus said,
go, make
disciples
of all
nations,
and I am
with you
always
until the
end of time.**

PARISH NOTICES



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE AT EMERTON:

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.**

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.

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:

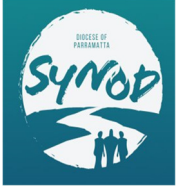
Sr. Elizabeth Wall, Melissa Soane Misimoo, Rose Merlino, Brian Francis Mordan, Tania Young

Anniversaries:

Rita & Annie Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Barbara Hanna Joseph Kunitino Tukana, Kelekolio Tuugahala, Annie Josephine Badcock, Frank & Connie Saffioti

Deceased:

Felix Goncalves, Alefosio Kivalu Falakika Matele Falaeo, Janette Majid, Adele, Rima & Bassima Hanna, Mary Jane Axiak, Therese & George Safadi & Family, 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, Puauvea 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 MacKillop, pray for us.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 – JOIN BISHOP VINCENT AT A LISTENING EVENT! Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese, listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of three locations to have your say. Events start at 6:30pm with light refreshments:

- 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.

To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit:
parracatholic.org/synod2023.

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE - 15 JULY: The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday, 15 July at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr. Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote Speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops. More information to come soon.

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 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.

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.

