

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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1 & 2 July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Maxwell Love, Manolito Laguardia, Bienheureux Petelo Sanele Tui, George Montgomery, Crestita Moran, Ida Dell'Osa, Sulu Tuipolotaane Tulitau, John Violet, Josephine Bechara, Nicola Dalzotto

Anniversaries:

James Barrett, Alice Baptista, Fillipo Fimognari, Phyllis Fimognari, Michael D'Souza, Calvin Cordeiro, Josephine Frois, Anthony (Tony) Fletcher, Ernest Mitchell, Robert Frois, Les Romero, Michael D'Silva, Augustine Mark Baptista

Deceased:

Michael Grima, Haber Family, Grima Family, Emilia Apap, Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Phillip & Barbara Hanna & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Doris Salerno, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Tateo Telesia Vaoheilala & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Kathleen Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: 2 KINGS 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 88:2-3. 16-19

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 6:3-4. 8-11

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 PETER 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy people.
Praise God who called you
out of darkness into his
marvellous light.**

PARISH NOTICES

DIOCESAN SYNOD INTERFAITH CONSULTATION will take place in our parish (either hall or office, depending on numbers) on Wednesday, 12 July 6:30pm to 9:00pm. This consultation is organised and run by the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission. Here is yet another opportunity to engage with others on our journey towards the Diocesan Synod. The event is free of course, but participants are asked to book through: https://events.humantix.com/synod_interfaith_consultation_guildford.

THANK YOU FROM THE MANNING FOUNDATION: The Manning Foundation wishes to thank the students, teachers and parents of St. Patrick's School for the wonderful food donation made on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This will allow us to greatly assist the needy in our Parish area.

FIRST COMMUNION: The Church teaches that children should be prepared to receive Holy Communion as soon as possible after their coming to the age of reason or discretion, i.e. about the age of seven. *It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as it is the duty of the Parish Priest, to ensure that children who have reached the age of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible.* [Code of Canon [Church] Law, Can.914]. Parents may collect an Enrolment Form from Sr. Helen for First Holy Communion, **after Sunday Masses – Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am.** The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. Let us pray for each other and especially for the families who will be preparing our young parishioners to receive Jesus, for the first of many times, in Holy Communion.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES: The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2023/2024 financial year are available in the foyer of the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office during office hours (9632.2672) and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you. **PLEASE NOTE ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.**

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

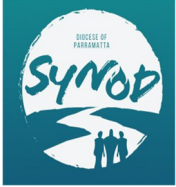
FAMILIES CALLED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD: Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS: If you've donated, thank you for your compassionate, life-changing help! If you haven't had a chance, **you can still help the homeless and people experiencing hardship.** Our community drop-in centres provide practical assistance for anyone in need. With Government funding for Catholic Care's Housing, Care and Support program ceasing 30 June, **your support and tax-deductible gift is critical.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. **Thanks for being a Good Samaritan!**

DIOCESAN ADULT CONFIRMATION — 5 SEPTEMBER: Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday, 5 September at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday, 2 September at 9:30am–2:00pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS - 4 JULY: You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday, 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles and much more.

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK SUNDAY — 2-8 JULY: National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and celebrates the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.



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

SEA SUNDAY – APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA — 9 JULY: Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org.

NATSICC INDIGENOUS VOICE WEBSITE – ONE JOURNEY TOGETHER: NATSICC and Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoice.church - a website that empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the 2023 Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum. The site contains a collation of statements of Catholic Organisations, resources to assist in *discernment* and the voices of First Australians and our Catholic Leaders.



GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS IN THE CITY2SURF - 13 AUGUST: Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**

DIOCESAN SYNOD INTERFAITH CONSULTATION - 12 JULY: In response to Bishop Vincent's invitation that all in the diocese engage with the upcoming Diocesan Synod, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will be co-hosting a consultation on how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. All are welcome to join in the consultation session:

- **Wednesday, 12 July from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish, Guildford – tickets at: https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consultation_guildford**

2023 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY — 2 JULY: Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. In Australia we are blessed to be home to the world's oldest continuing Culture. For more information and resources, please visit: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>.

CYP LIFTED RETREAT 'BEHOLD' - 7-9 JULY: Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: Behold. Get away from the busyness of life for a weekend of prayer, sacraments, and community. The retreat will be held from Friday, 7 July to Sunday, 9 July at the Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. **Cost:** \$125.00 per person including accommodation for two nights and all meals. **Register at:** <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>.