

# 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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24 & 25 June 2023

12th 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:

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

### Anniversaries:

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:

Doris Salerno, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Phillip & Barbara Hanna & Family, Tateo Telesia Vaoheilala & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Ffamily, Kathleen Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, David Quach, 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

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: JEREMIAH 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**Response:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needs  
and does not spurn servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 5:12-15

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:26, 27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**The Lord is the strength of  
his people, a saving refuge for  
the one he has anointed.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.**

**1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION COUNTER'S ROSTER:** The new roster for the 2023/2024 financial year is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

**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.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**WATCH BISHOP VINCENT ON ABC'S COMPASS:** Bishop Vincent features on ABC Compass this Sunday, 25 June. Accompanied by Geraldine Doogue, he will show you important places in his life, and you'll hear about his remarkable story and ministry. Watch it on ABC TV at 6:30pm or later on ABC iView.

**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/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/).

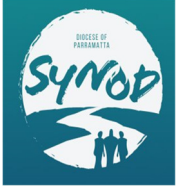
**DIOCESAN SYNOD INTERFAITH CONSULTATIONS - 27 JUNE AND 12 JULY:** In response to Bishop Vincent's invitation that all in the diocese engage with the upcoming Diocesan Synod, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will be co-hosting a series of consultations on how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. All are welcome to join in the consultations sessions:

- Tuesday, 27 June from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta – tickets at: [https://events.humanitix.com/synod\\_interfaith\\_consults\\_parramatta](https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consults_parramatta)
- 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](https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consultation_guildford)

**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](mailto: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.





## 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

**REFUGEE WEEK DIOCESAN FOOD DRIVE:** Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome, which operate thanks to donations from community food drives. This Refugee Week, the Diocese of Parramatta is encouraging schools and parishes to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at [parracatholic.org/fooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/fooddrive) or emailing [james.atanasious@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.atanasious@parracatholic.org).

**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>.

**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.

**NATSICC INDIGENOUS VOICE WEBSITE – ONE JOURNEY TOGETHER:** NATSICC and Caritas Australia have launched [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://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.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA WEBINAR SERIES ON THE VOICE - 29 JUNE AND 27 JULY:** Catholic Social Services Victoria, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Australia, is pleased to invite you to join them for a series of webinars to learn more about the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Learn from legal, historical and theological experts and hear from Indigenous people about their experiences, hopes and concerns for The Voice referendum. **To book tickets, please visit:** [www.trybooking.com/CHXKH](http://www.trybooking.com/CHXKH).

**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/>.