

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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8 & 9 July 2023

14th 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:

Eileen McGann, Maxwell Love, Manolito Laguardia

Anniversaries:

Michael Barakat, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili, Lusua Tui Simete, Simone Heafala, Lucy Frois, Marie Santa Maria, Patricia Dawson, James Barrett, Alice Baptista, Filippo Fimognari, Phyllis Fimognari, Michael D'Souza, Calvin Cordeiro, Josephine Frois

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, John Violet, Natalie Remaili, Alves, Moniz, Remaili & Wager Families, Kathleen Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Maison Vicente Nguyen, Edgar Montclar, Phillip & Barbara Hanna & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Michael Grima, Haber Family, Grima Family, Emilia Apap, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Doris Salerno, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & 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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:9, 11-13

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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



**Come to me,
all you who labour
and are heavy-burdened,
and I will give you rest.
My yoke is easy
and my burden 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.

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.

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

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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Assets and Leasing Manager, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm on Wednesday, 19 July**

Communications and Digital Manager, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm on Thursday, 20 July**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

FAMILIES CALLED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD:

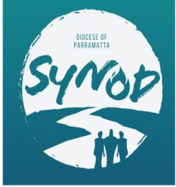
Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important 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/.

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.

FAITHLIFE – 3 NIGHT SHORT COURSE ON SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY - BEGINNING

22 AUGUST: Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr. Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on three Tuesdays: 22 August + 29 August + 5 September. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. **RSVP via:** <https://pffarra.org.au/faithlife/>.



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



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.**



TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT EVENING - 26 JULY:

Join Sydney, Broken Bay and Parramatta Peace, Justice and Ecology offices as we continue to break open the Social Justice Statement of 2022–2023, 'Respect Confronting Violence and Abuse'. Join us

on Wednesday, 26 July from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Road, Strathfield. To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/2023-tri-diocesan-social-justice-evening.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME:

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at: m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.

MET MARRIAGE RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION - 25 AUGUST:

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on 8838.3460 or register at: marriage@parracatholic.org.

CASTLE HILL PARISH - AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC - 25 AUGUST:

St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday, 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will be a night of performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJSM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634.2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au.

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.