

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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15 & 16 July 2023

15th 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:

Soana Taleka Kolokimoana, Paulino Pooi,
Malia Lafaele Musulamu, Malekalita Toluafe
Taufana, Sr. Lucie Akle, Eileen McGann,
Maxwell Love, Manolito Laguardia

Anniversaries:

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

Deceased:

Felix Gonsalves, Mary Jane Axiak,
Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families,
Phillip, Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna &
Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Sebastian Lobo, John Violet, Natalie Remaili,
Alves, Moniz, Remaili & Wager Families,
Kathleen Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Joseph
Kusitino Tukana & Family, Maison Vicente
Nguyen, Edgar Montclar, Michael Grima,
Haber Family, Grima Family, Emilia Apap,
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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 64:10-14

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



PARISH NOTICES

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

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.



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DIOCESAN NOTICES

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**

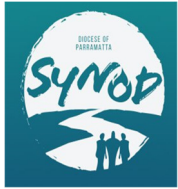
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

YOUR STORIES MATTER! SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD BEFORE 31 JULY:

Our Diocesan Synod is calling you to share stories and have conversations at your parish, with a friend, or with family, about how we can walk together to become the Church that Christ calls us to be. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will inform the development of the agenda for the Synod, from 12-15 October 2023, which will gather clergy, consecrated and laity to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Applications to be a member at the Synod are now open. Apply to be a member or make a submission before 31 July: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>.

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://pfparra.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.

ROUSE HILL PARISH FAMILY FIESTA - 6 AUGUST:

The Annual Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta will be on Sunday, 6 August at 1 Wellgate Avenue, North Kellyville. Celebrations commence with Mass at 11:00am followed by a procession. Rides, Entertainment, Petting Zoo and wonderful International Food will be available from 1:00pm and continue throughout the afternoon with a fireworks display to finish at 6:00pm. This is a wonderful event for all the family and we hope to see you there!

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/CJJS>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634.2622 or email admin@stbernadette.org.au.