

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish Priest
Rev. Fr. Treesen Silva - Sri Lankan
Chaplain and Assistant Priest
Sr. Helen Cunningham OP - Pastoral
Associate

Parish Office: 32 Calliope Street
Guildford NSW 2161
Parish Office Telephone: 9632.2672
Email:
admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au
Website:
www.guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au
Manning Foundation: 0497 973 311

Est. 1933



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

St. Patrick's Primary School
Principal: Mr. Steven Jones

Phone: 8728.7300

Email:

stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au

Website:

www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

22 & 23 July 2023

16th 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:

Julian Attard, Trevor Newton, Fr. Carl Ashton,
Fr. Anton Bulla svd, Soana Taleka
Kolokimoana, Paulino Pooi, Malia Lafaele
Musulamu, Malekalita Toluafae Taufana,
Sr. Lucie Akle, Eileen McGann, Maxwell Love

Anniversaries:

Concetta Saffiotti, Jerry Pinto, Sebastian
D'Silva, Lucy Frois, Michael Barakat, Joao &
Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili,
Lusia Tui Simete, Simone Heafala, Marie
Santa Maria, Patricia Dawson, James Barrett

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased Members of
Frois Family, Phillip, Barbara, Rima &
Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette &
Eid Majed & Family, Felix Gonsalves,
Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families,
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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: WISDOM 12:13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?"

"Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it.

Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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

PARISH NOTICES

HOLROYD COMMUNITY PRAYER DINNER: **Date:** Tuesday, 29 August 2023. **Time:** 7:00pm. **Location:** Merrylands RSL Swan Room. Please bring ID to sign into Merrylands RSL on arrival. Join us as we pray for our community. **Cost:** \$50.00 per person including a two-course meal (main and dessert) and basic drinks (juice and soft drinks). The bar will be open for purchases of other drinks. **Guest Speaker:** Sam Abalo, Senior Minister Living Word Worship Centre. Registrations or enquiries to Holroyd Combined Churches: 9896.2514 or hmf@hnlc.org.au. If you are interested in attending, Guildford Parish will be organising tables, so please ring the Parish Office on 9632.2672, during office hours to book your place. **RSVP by Wednesday, 9 August 2023.** Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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/>.

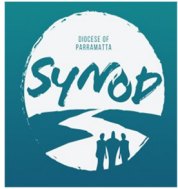
APPLY TO BE A MEMBER AT OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD: If you are someone with a commitment to discern prayerfully with others what God wants for the whole diocese, then you might be called to be a member at our first Diocesan Synod! Details of the selection criteria and requirements are available on our website now: parracatholic.org/synod2023. Applications are welcome now until 31 July. Further enquiries can be sent via email: synod2023@parracatholic.org.

FR. CARL ASHTON FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - 25 JULY: Fr. Carl Ashton, Pastor Emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Druitt South, died on Thursday, 13 July 2023, aged 86. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday, 24 July at Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Druitt South, from 7:00pm, followed by a prayer vigil. The Requiem Mass for Fr. Carl will be held on Tuesday, 25 July at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys, followed by a committal at Pinegrove Memorial Park, Minchinbury. In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Carl and remember his family in your prayers.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023: Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

SOUL FOOD PODCAST – MISSION ENHANCEMENT TEAM: Do you find life and faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>.

PENRITH PARISH ROOM FOR RENT: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith is renting out an upstairs office space next to Catholic Care, Penrith. Contact Rodney (Office Manager) at: enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or call 4721.2509 for photos and more information.



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.

FOLLOW OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE FROM HOME! 170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime. Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing. Sign up today by visiting: catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News.

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!

QUAKERS HILL PARISH BINGO NIGHT - 5 AUGUST: Due to popular demand, BINGO will be held again on **5 August at Mary Immaculate Parish** (in the MPA). Doors open at **6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**. Please BYO food and drinks. Hot and cool beverages will be available on the night for a small fee. There will be more cash and prizes to be won! Please RSVP by phone or email by 3 August to book your seat(s) on 9626.3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.