

# 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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**29 & 30 July 2023**

**17th 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:**

Keith John McCormick, Julian Attard, Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu, Trevor Newton, Fr. Carl Ashton, Fr. Anton Bulla svd, Soana Taleka Kolokimoana, Paulino Pooi, Malia Lafaele Musulamu, Malekalita Toluafe Taufana, Sr. Lucie Akle, Eileen McGann

### **Anniversaries:**

Clare McMahon, Concetta Saffioti, Jerry Pinto, Sebastian D'Silva, Lucy Frois, Michael Barakat, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili, Lusua Tui Simete, Simone Heafala, Marie Santa Maria, Patricia Dawson

### **Deceased:**

Nicola Dalzotto, Mary Jane Axiak, Dominic Tran Dinh Chuong, 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, 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

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5. 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130

**Response:** Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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



### Jesus said:

**The kingdom  
of heaven is  
like treasure  
hidden in  
a field ...**

**Loving God,  
may we have  
the wisdom  
to know  
that we find  
our treasure  
in you.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Keith John McCormick will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 1 August at 11:00am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

**MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY:** We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea on the first Sunday of every month, starting 6 August! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share. Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

**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.

**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.

**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

**CHURCH CLEANLINESS:** A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.

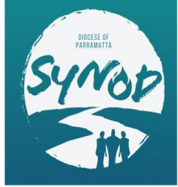
## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**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](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023). Applications are welcome now until 31 July. Further enquiries can be sent via email: [synod2023@parracatholic.org](mailto:synod2023@parracatholic.org).

**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!





## 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

**ST. MARYS PARISH DON BOSCO RELIC VISIT: 23–27 AUGUST:** The relic statue of St. John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be visiting Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys, as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. There will be opportunities to venerate the relic and celebrate Mass, Adoration and Confessions throughout the week. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9623.1962 or email [secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au](mailto:secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.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](http://catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News).

**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](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au).



**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](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**

**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](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au).

**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](mailto:m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au).

