

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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5 & 6 August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord — 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

Anniversaries:

Margaret & Rex Lane, Peter Court, Clare
McMahon, Concetta Saffioti, Jerry Pinto,
Sebastian D'Silva, Lucy Frois

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, John Violet, Nicola
Dalzotto, Benedict Le Hien, Micae Le Hoang
Nguyen, Father Jon & Rima Hanna & Family,
George Majed & Family, Yammine Family,
Melhem Family, Dominic Tran Dinh Chuong,
Deceased Members of Frois Family, Phillip,
Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Felix
Gonsalves, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, 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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



1ST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

Response: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see he glory. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

2ND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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



Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.

This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.

Listen to Him.

PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — 6 AUGUST: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on every first Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. 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.

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.

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

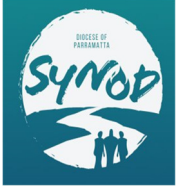
DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

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 the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

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 secretary@lurchurch@inet.net.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.



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.**

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.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:00am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE SOUTH SUDANESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2:00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on 9622.1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org.

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.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK: This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr. John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr. John Billings' work, entitled "*Understanding Couple Fertility: The Male Perspective*" will be held on Monday, 21 August 2023 at 7:30pm AEST. As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life. Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets->