

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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12 & 13 August 2023
19th 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:

Maketalena Taufana Sione, Keith John McCormick, Julian Attard, Trevor Newton, Fr. Carl Ashton, Fr. Anton Bulla svd

Anniversaries:

Elias Greige, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Dante Dela Cruz, Nicola Mastrippolito, Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu, Heneliko Tokavahua, Margaret & Rex Lane, Peter Court, Clare McMahon, Concetta Saffioti, Jerry Pinto

Deceased:

Paul Zakka & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Nicola Dalzotto, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, Malia Soakimi Robert Taufana & Family, Phillip, Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, John Violet, 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, 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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 84:9-14

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I hope in the Lord,
 I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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



**Jesus said
 to the
 disciples
 and says
 to us
 today:**

**'Courage!
 It is I!
 Do not
 be afraid.'**

PARISH NOTICES

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Tuesday, 15 August Masses will be celebrated at 9:15am and 7:00pm. Our primary school and some students and staff from Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield will join us at the 9:15am Mass.

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NINE-WEEK NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESAN SYNOD: All are invited to pray a Nine-Week Novena for the Diocesan Synod. The Novena will begin the week of Sunday, 13 August and conclude the week of Sunday, 8 October in the lead-up to the Synod Assembly: Friday, 13 October to Sunday, 15 October. You are invited to pray once a week as a parish community, with your family, ministry groups or during personal prayer. More information: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>.

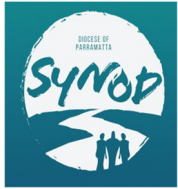
NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PAPAL, CIVIL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS: From today until Thursday, 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit parracatholic.org/awards. The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

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@lrchurch@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.

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.



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

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY FOR WOMEN: This support group is for women who have family members serving a prison sentence. Live-in weekends are held twice a year at Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. This is a safe space where women can meet and share with others their challenges. The next weekend will be held 10-12 November 2023.

QUAKERS HILL PARISH PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields celebrates a Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9626.3326 or parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.

NEW ADORATION CHAPEL (24/7) AT HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH, RYDALMERE: Holy Name of Mary Parish has a new Adoration Chapel that is open to the public 24/7 located at 4 Myrtle Street, Rydalmere. Fr. Chadi welcomes everyone to the Chapel. For after-hours access please contact the Parish Office or Blake on 9684.1541 or admin@holymary.org.au.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND MASS (WEDNESDAY NIGHTS): Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere invites you to join us for our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm every Wednesday. During Adoration, Fr. Chadi is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00pm-6:45pm. Holy Mass is then celebrated at 7:00pm.

JOIN OUR 11TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK FROM KELLYVILLE TO PARRAMATTA CATHEDRAL: On Tuesday, 15 August there will be Mass at 11:30am at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents followed at 1:00pm sharp with a 14km walk to Parramatta Cathedral. There will be two stops along the way for refreshments: 2:30pm at St. Michael's, Baulkham Hills and 4:30pm at St. Monica's, North Parramatta. Arrival at the Cathedral for prayer and readings will be at approximately 6:00pm. Banners and statues are welcome. You may join the Walk at any point or time of the day. Please register your interest with the Parish Office for catering purposes (9629-2595).

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: You're warmly invited to Save The Date for the family-friendly event. World Day of Migrants and Refugees. **When:** 16 September 2023. **Time:** 2:00pm to 5:30pm. **Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. For more information, please contact met@parracatholic.org.

CELEBRATE ST. MONICA'S SPRING FAIR ON 16 SEPTEMBER AT 32 FRANCIS STREET, RICHMOND: Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more! Mark your calendars for this joyous community event that promises laughter and memories for all. See you there!

