

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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19 & 20 August 2023
20th 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, Tamiano Talalua, Mikaele Tui,
Arturo Enriquez, Maketalena Taufana Sione,
Keith John McCormick

Anniversaries:

Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Pio Borg,
Dominic Francis Gonsalves, Brian Edward
Burns, Elias Greige, Salvatore Lazzoppina,
Dante Dela Cruz, Nicola Mastrippolito,
Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu, Heneliko Tokavahua,
Margaret & Rex Lane, Peter Court, Clare
McMahon

Deceased:

Nicola Dalzotto, Deceased Members of
Rodrigues, Gomes and Santa Maria Families,
Felix Gonsalves, Selafina Ipolito Talalua &
Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima, Bassima &
Maround Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette &
Eid Majed & Family, Paul Zakka & Family,
Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family,
Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families,
Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, Malia
Soakimi Robert Taufana & Family, Phillip,
Barbara, John Violet, Benedict Le Hien,
Micae Le Hoang Nguyen, Father Jon & Rima
Hanna & Family, George Majed & Family,
Yamine Family, Melhem 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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response: Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,
let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Son of David
take pity on me.**

*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS — 2-3 SEPTEMBER 2023: Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. For their lifetime of selfless service to God and His people, let us give thanks and care for our priests. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal on the weekend of 2-3 September.

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.

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

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.

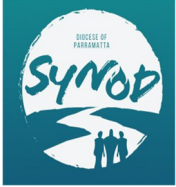
QUAKERS HILL PARISH PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields celebrates a Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the Parish Office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

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 secretaryolrchurch@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

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.

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!

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 Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pffarra.org.au/faithlife/>.

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.

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