

# 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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26 & 27 August 2023  
21st 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:

Carina Aguiman, Julian Attard, Tamiano Talalua, Mikaele Tui, Arturo Enriquez, Maketalena Taufana Sione

### Anniversaries:

Deceased Members of the Golds Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Francesco Ramundi, Sebastian Lobo, 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

### Deceased:

Mavis Muslado, Nicola Dalzotto, Rima, Bassima & Maroun Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Deceased Members of Rodrigues, Gomes and Santa Maria Families, Felix Gonsalves, Selafina Ipolito Talalua & Family, Paul Zakka & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, Malia Soakimi Robert Taufana & Family, Phillip, Barbara, John Violet, 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

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 137:1-3. 6. 8

**Response:** Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you,  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his  
wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to  
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!  
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who  
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give  
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists  
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be  
glory for ever! Amen.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi  
he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people  
say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he  
is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah  
or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do  
you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are  
the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus  
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!  
Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this  
to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:  
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out  
against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of  
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be  
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on  
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he  
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that  
he was the Christ.

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



**You are Peter and on this rock  
I will build my Church.  
I will give you the keys of  
the kingdom of heaven.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**CATHOLIC CARE'S REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP** program screens and trains local groups such as parishes, to provide practical support to refugees who have no sponsor to be able to come to Australia by other avenues. Groups need to have about 5 members who register with us, complete paperwork, and training, then are allocated an individual or family. The Government allocates a refugee identified by the United Nations. The community group needs to be willing to support a refugee to settle into Australia and begin a new life after the hardships and mistreatment they have endured. These refugees will be granted permanent residency through a humanitarian visa, receive Centrelink payments, and have access to Medicare services. Parishes can be involved in the Refugee Sponsorship Program by reaching out to Rita Hakkoum who will gladly provide you with more information about the program. She is very knowledgeable and will be able to explain all the details to you. Form a group of at least 5 community members from your Church (non-parishioners can also be welcome). Members will need a National Criminal History Check (AFP Check) and Working with Children Check. If you need more participants in your area to form a group with, you can post your interest on the [CRSA Facebook group](#). Rita can also help matching you with other parishes. Register your group by submitting a formal application. For further details talk to any one of the parish staff or direct to Rita Hakkoum, Community Outreach Worker, Migrants and Refugees, Catholic Care - Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

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### UPCOMING MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM

**MASS:** Due to Father's Day, the next morning tea will be held on **10 September**. **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.

### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS — 2-3 SEPTEMBER 2023:

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us. Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal). Envelopes will be provided on the weekend of 2-3 September. Thank you.

**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.

**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

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

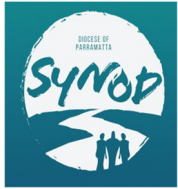
**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PAPAL, CIVIL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS:** Until Thursday, 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit [parracatholic.org/awards](http://parracatholic.org/awards).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

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES

**CELEBRATION - 16 SEPTEMBER:** You're warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Saturday, 16 September, 2:00pm–5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

### 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).



## 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

**MET WORSHIP SELECTING MUSIC FOR MASS WORKSHOP - 7 SEPTEMBER:** Looking for further training on selecting music for mass? Wanting some tips on encouraging a congregation to sing? Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Diocese of Parramatta will be running a Music Workshop on Thursday, 7 September at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm-9:00pm! Musicians, Liturgy Planners and Clergy are invited to attend. RSVP by 5 September on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

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

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 27 AUGUST:** Today, the Australian Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday. Since the 1940s, the Australian Catholic Bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic, and ecological issues. This year's statement, "*Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples,*" was launched last week in Emerton. "One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," Bishop Vincent said during the launch. Read and download a copy of the 2023/24 statement by visiting [bit.ly/SJS2023-24](https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24).

**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!

**ARISE WOMEN'S RETREAT - 16 SEPTEMBER:** St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Christ at this year's Arise Women's Retreat: 'Arise – Talitha Koum – Little Girl, I say ARISE' on Saturday, 16 September from 8:30am to 8:30pm. The retreat will include Mass, meditation, talks, praise and worship, creative expression, spiritual direction and healing Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All meals are included. For bookings and more information, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1078404>.

**SEASON OF CREATION - 1 SEPTEMBER- 4 OCTOBER:** The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, '*Let Justice and Peace Flow*'. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).