

# 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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30 September & 1 October 2023  
26th 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:

Norma Betty Hughes, Federico Mercado,  
Patrick, Atelea Vili

### Anniversaries:

John Ernest Badcock, Sebastian D'Silva,  
John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva,  
Rose Watts, Christino Grima, Annie  
Gonsalves, Eric Crowley, Carmelo &  
Vincenza Iannelli, Wadih Younan, Aronne  
Borg, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased  
Family Members, Jeanette & George Younan,  
Graeme Mansour

### Deceased:

John Violet, Mary Jane Axiak, Felix  
Gonsalves, Lucy & Ben Colecliffe, Alfred  
Xuereb, Muscat Family, Albert Vella, Ivy Rice,  
Father John, Barbara, Rima & Bassima  
Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed  
& Family, Sebastian Lobo, Edgar Montclar,  
Tony & Odette Chabchoul & Family, Robert  
Jerry D'Souza, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala  
Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family,  
Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & 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

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9

**Response:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

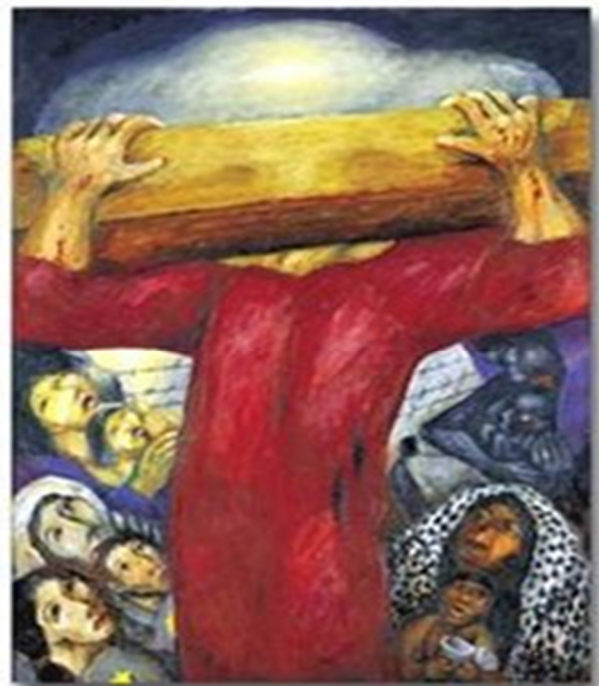
#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**By this we came to know the  
love of God:  
that Christ laid down his  
life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our  
lives for one another.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**MORNING TEA AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS – SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER:** We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea on Sunday, 1 October and on every first Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kid's corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall

**SPRING | SEASON OF CREATION 2023 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!** The Spring | Season of Creation 2023 edition of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* – the news and views of the Diocese of Parramatta – is out now! In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church today or read it online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine).

**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

**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.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### POSITION VACANT:

Prevention, Healing and Support Specialist – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 13 October 2023.** **More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment).

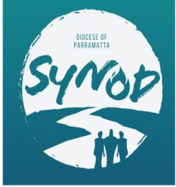
**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 29 OCTOBER:** The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, 29 October at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone 8838.3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

**CATHOLIC CARE CIRCLE OF SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM - STARTS 11 OCTOBER:** Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105.00, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call 8843.2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au).

**CATHOLIC CARE KEEPING KIDS IN MIND EDUCATION PROGRAM - STARTS 16 OCTOBER:** Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, with a session each Monday from 6:00pm to 8:45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10.00 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact 8843.2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au).

**ROUSE HILL PARISH NATURAL FERTILITY TALK - 12 NOVEMBER:** Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, are inviting all married (or soon to be married) couples to a talk on natural fertility by guest speaker Dr. Catherine Lennon on Sunday, 12 November at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. The talk is an update on Fertility treatments for infertility and also helping couples who need to space or avoid a pregnancy. To RSVP, and for more information, please email [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.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.



## SEASON OF CREATION: "THE CARESS OF GOD"

The more we come to love nature in all its detail, the more we will want to care for it, because we care for the things we love.

St. Paul says, 'Creation wits with eager longing' (Romans 8:19). When you next look at a flower, try to imagine the excitement of creation as it achieves its purpose in the perfection of particular flower. St. Thomas Aquinas, great Dominican, states serenely that all things desire God. They are on the move, striving though in a different way to us, to realise their potential.

Nature has its intentions and achievements. For nature, every day is a birth day, a day of revelation. Watch nature coming alive on a spring morning!

For the believer, everything in nature is a love-note from God! The real God is not impersonal but rather the great lover who chooses to create in order to convey 'boundless affection' for us. Sky, light, clouds, living things, the delicacy of the flower, the play of the wind on your cheek: these are the 'caresses of God.' [Laudato Si #84]

God is very close indeed: the big secret is that we walk the world of the divine all the time. Never to be awe-struck is to miss out on the richness of life.

*"Notice some of the caresses of God today!"*

[From: Brian Grogan SJ, "Finding God in the Leaf: The Mysticism of *Laudato Si*" p. 18-19.

*"An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence must not be contrived but found, uncovered. [225] (Pope Francis quoting the Earth Charter, The Hague, June 2000)*