

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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9 & 10 September 2023
23rd 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:

Atelea Vili, Carina Aguilman, Julian Attard,
Tamiano Talalua, Mikaele Tui, Arturo
Enriquez

Anniversaries:

Wadih Younan, Aronne Borg, Alma &
Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members,
Jeanette & George Younan, Graeme
Mansour, Patrick Keane, 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

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Edgar Montclar, Tony &
Odette Chabchoul & Family, Majed, Peter,
Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Jon, Phillip,
Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Robert Jerry D'Souza, Tokavahua, Falaeo &
Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana &
Family, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu &
Family, John Violet, Youseff & Esther
Younan, Dib & Salam Barakat, Michel
Barakat, Wadih Younan, Abiwahab &
Bechara Families, Mavis Muslado, 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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2. 6-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 hail the rock who saves us.
 Let us come before him, giving thanks,
 with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
 let us kneel before the God who made us
 for he is our God and we
 the people who belong to his pasture,
 the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
 as on that day at Massah in the desert
 when your fathers put me to the test;
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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



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PARISH NOTICES

THE PASTOR'S SICK LEAVE following a total knee replacement will begin on 13 September and end about 4–6 weeks later, depending on mobility progress.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — 10 SEPTEMBER: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kid's corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.



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. 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, or scan this QR code. Thank you.

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](https://www.facebook.com/catholiccarenewsbm). 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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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.

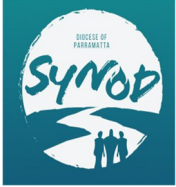
TAP & GO" DONATION POINT: The opportunity is now available for parishioners and visitors to donate to St. Patrick's Parish using a credit or debit card. The majority of parishes in the Diocese now have this facility. Following advice from both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to 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

BLACKTOWN PARISH GOLF DAY 2023 - 29 SEPTEMBER: The parish community of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is inviting golfers to join their Parish Golf Day, which will take place on Friday, 29 September from 7:00am at Stonecutter Ridge Golf Course - 86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee. All funds raised at this event will go towards the repair of our church roof at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For further information and/or to register to participate, please click onto the following website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023> or contact the Parish Office: 9622.1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au.

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>.



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

Dear brothers and sisters!

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (*Mt 6:33*), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth” (cf. *Ps 104:30*).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2023

FRANCIS

