

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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16 & 17 September 2023
24th 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:

Federico Mercado, Patrick, Atelea Vili, Carina Aguman

Anniversaries:

Eric Crowley, Carmelo & Vincenza Iannelli, 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

Deceased:

Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Barbara, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Edgar Montclar, Tony & Odette Chabchoul & Family, Majed, Jon, Phillip, 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4. 9-12

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
 he will not be angry for ever.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
 so strong is his love for those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
 love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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



**The Lord is
 kind and
 merciful;
 slow to anger
 and rich in
 compassion.**

***How do I
 show mercy
 to others?***

PARISH NOTICES

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



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CARED FOR US:

Thank you for caring for our retired priests who have always cared for us. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised \$2,235.45 to care for our retired priests and clergy in

ill-health. Your generosity enables our Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing, and provide for daily living essentials and medical expenses for our ageing priests. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit: 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](#). 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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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.

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.

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.

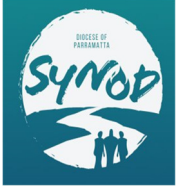
TAP & GO" DONATION POINT: The opportunity is now available for parishioners and visitors to donate to St. Patrick's Parish using a credit or debit card. The majority of parishes in the Diocese now have this facility. Following advice from both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to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

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.



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

What is the Season of Creation?

The Season of Creation is a monthlong prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — not just "distant" nature, but, crucially, the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures.

The ecumenical steering committee that plans and promotes the season each year put it this way:

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

It's a time of prayer, contemplation and, increasingly, calls to action.

The Season of Creation is supported by a number of leading Christian organizations, including the World Council of Churches, Christian Aid, the Lutheran World Federation, the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, the Global Catholic Climate Movement and the Vatican's Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. Each sits on the Season of Creation steering committee.

The Season of Creation spans 34 days.

It began 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It concludes 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.