

# 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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**23 & 24 September 2023**  
**25th 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:

Eric Crowley, Carmelo & Vincenza Iannelli,  
Wadih Younan, Aronne Borg, Alma &  
Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members,  
Jeanette & George Younan, Graeme  
Mansour, Patrick Keane

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Father John, Barbara, Rima  
& Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette &  
Eid Majed & 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, 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

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

**Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24. 27

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life  
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but  
then death would bring me something more; but then  
again, if living in this body means doing work which is  
having good results - I do not know what I should  
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be  
gone and be with Christ, which would be very much  
the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a  
more urgent need for your sake.  
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be  
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF ACTS 16:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is  
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire  
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with  
the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to  
his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the market place and said to  
them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a  
fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and  
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out  
and found more men standing round, and he said to  
them, "Why have you been standing here idle all  
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered.  
He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the  
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,  
"Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting  
with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So  
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour  
came forward and received one denarius each. When  
the first came, they expected to get more, but they  
too received one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last"  
they said "have done only one hour, and you have  
treated them the same as us, though we have done a  
heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of  
them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to  
you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your  
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as  
much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like  
with my own? Why be envious because I am  
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first,  
last.'

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



**The kingdom of heaven  
is like a landowner ...**

**The Lord is kind  
and full of compassion.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** for Norma Betty Hughes will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Friday, 29 September at 10:30am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Daylight saving begins in NSW on **Sunday, 1 October 2023** when clocks are moved forward one hour at 2:00am.

**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

**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.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE:** The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr. Tom Green following his ordination to the priesthood on Thursday, 21 September. Visit [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) in the coming week for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing him to the Diocese. We pray that he might be a faithful servant of God and wish him well in his new priestly ministry.

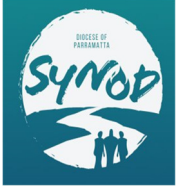
**SEASON OF CREATION WEEKLY ZOOM:** Join Peace, Justice and Ecology for an hour on Thursdays during Season of Creation as we ponder, discuss, and pray through Pope Francis' call to World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Message from Pope Francis. For more information, please email [met@parracatholic.org.au](mailto:met@parracatholic.org.au).

**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).







## 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

### PENITENTIAL RITE

Let's enter into the quiet of our spirits....

Praying that justice and peace may flow through us....

Loving, Creator God, the injustice in our world weighs heavy on our hearts, bringing ecological destruction and great suffering all around Earth.

**Loving Creator God, Have Mercy**

Christ Jesus, you came among us as the Living Word of God, offering yourself to guide us into God's ways of thinking.

**Christ Jesus, Have Mercy**

Holy Spirit of God, you are at work among us inviting us, energizing us to discern what is the will of God, giving ourselves to build the New Creation in love.

**Holy Spirit of God, Have Mercy**

May the grace and peace of our Creator God, who has mercy on us, forgives us our sins, and sends us on a challenging prophetic mission, bring us together to the fullness of Life!

**Amen.**

### PRAYER --- POPE FRANCIS

“O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, who are so precious in your eyes....God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth.”

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Spirit where we live now and forever.

Amen.