

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
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7 & 8 October 2023
27th 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:

Petelo Fenuafanote, David Kolokimoana, Suli Sefokulii, So Tin Thio, Malia Sao, Norma Betty Hughes, Federico Mercado, Patrick

Anniversaries:

Ron Cartwright, Doris Salerno, Carmen Peiry, Florita Balmes, John Ernest Badcock, Sebastian D'Silva, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Rose Watts, Christino Grima, Annie Gonsalves, Eric Crowley, Carmelo & Vincenza Iannelli

Deceased:

Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima, Bassima, Phillip & Maroun Hanna & Family, Cesar Balmes, Nehme, Janette & Family, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, John Violet, Felix Gonsalves, Lucy & Ben Colecliff, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Albert Vella, Ivy Rice, 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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 79:9. 12-16. 19-20

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**



**The vineyard of the Lord stretches
out its branches to all God's people.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.

Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



27 September 2023
The Feast of St Vincent de Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Referendum on October 14th, 2023 on the Voice to Parliament will be a critical moment in the life of our nation. It will have implications for what kind of society we want ourselves to be.

I believe that just as a YES vote to the Referendum in 1967 (which recognised First Nations People as part of the Australian population) was, a heart-felt YES to the Voice is a YES to a better future for Australia. Indeed, a more civilised and gracious response to a history littered with violence is hard to imagine.

For despite much progress since European settlement, we must redress the near destruction of our First People's ancient spirituality and culture. The Church was regrettably complicit in this.

Enabling our First Nations People to have a say on the issues that affect them is a matter of the heart, sense and justice. Six years ago, the Uluru Statement from the Heart was issued from the physical heart of our country. The First Nations leaders invite us to join them on a journey of hope. They speak about the painful reality that so many of their children face. They describe this reality as "the torment of our powerlessness". The Voice to Parliament is one significant step which will empower them to participate in the process of ending this torment.

It will also acknowledge the unique place that First Nations People have. They are not another cultural group or interest group like migrants who have come to this country, for a better life or as farmers or miners or small business people. They have a relationship with this country that no other group of Australians has. They have lived sustainably and cared for the land, waterways, plants and animals for over 60,000 years. Non-Indigenous Australians are beneficiaries of their rich heritage, wisdom, culture and spirituality.

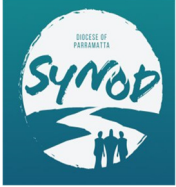
It is unacceptable that there should exist a growing divide between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians. The Closing the Gap Report makes this painfully clear. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Peoples are the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in Australia.

We cannot be comfortable with the status quo when it is linked to the oppression of the past. I believe we must be guided by the principles of social justice and address the legacy of dispossession that places our Indigenous People in an entrenched institutional and intergenerational disadvantage. It is the work of the Gospel community to create policies and practices, institutions and culture in which "the lowly are raised and the hungry are filled with good things" (Mary's Magnificat in Luke 1:52-53).

Pope St. John Paul II reminded us in his address: "The Church in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you, the Aboriginal people, have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." (Alice Springs, 29 September 1986, para. 13). Similarly, we will not be a fully mature nation until the unique place of our Indigenous brothers and sisters is enshrined, celebrated and strengthened. Whatever the outcome of the referendum, we must continue the work of justice, healing, reconciliation and recognition of our First Nations People. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better - for their people and for all of us. Strengthening our relationship with our Indigenous brothers and sisters is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation.

Yours sincerely

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD
Bishop of Parramatta**



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.



In his **Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation this year**, Pope Francis wrote ...

Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

The effects of this war can be seen in the many rivers that are drying up. Benedict XVI once observed that: “the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast”.

Consumerist greed, fuelled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet’s water cycle. The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts.

Alarming water shortages increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises. Moreover, predatory industries are depleting and polluting our freshwater sources through extreme practices such as fracking for oil and gas extraction, unchecked mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming.

“Sister Water”, in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, is pillaged and turned into “a commodity subject to the laws of the market” (Laudato Si’, 30).

Pope Francis goes on to urge us to “contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation and beyond ... by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.” And he warns, “Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice.”

**GOD saw everything he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
Genesis 1:31**

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill us with the knowledge of God’s presence on Earth and the vibrant life of Christ within us. **Amen.**