

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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14 & 15 October 2023
28th 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:

Thomas Shedden, Petelo Fenuafanote, David Kolokimoana, Suli Sefokulii, So Tin Thio, Malia Sao, Norma Betty Hughes

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

Deceased:

Larry Alan, Luciano Meneguzzo, Mary Jane Axiak, Nayef El Houry, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima, Bassima, Phillip & Maroun Hanna & Family, Cesar Balmes, Nehme, Janette & Family, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, John Violet, Felix Gonsalves, Lucy & Ben Colecliffe, 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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**



**May the Father of
our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart,
that we might see
how great is the
hope to which we
are called.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14. 19-20
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF EPHESIANS 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

PARISH NOTICES

THE PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD is being held this weekend at St. Patrick's Cathedral and CommBank Stadium. Both Fr. Treesen and I will be attending the sessions, beginning on Friday evening and finishing on Sunday night. Please welcome our two supply priests for the weekend, Fathers Renato Zecchin SJ (Vigil Mass, Saturday) and Ramesh Richards SJ (8:00am and 10:00am, Sunday). Many thanks to these priests for celebrating Masses for us. Please pray for the success of the Diocesan Synod.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

UPDATE ON KNEE SURGERY: Many thanks for your prayers and support since my knee replacement surgery. The operation was a success. I have been in rehabilitation for the past four weeks; this will continue now for several weeks yet. Special thanks to Fr. Treesen and Sr. Helen for their support for me and making sure the parish is well cared for in my absence.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL — 21-22 OCTOBER:

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Salesian Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue. This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in need. Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission.

Hearts on Fire — Feet on the Move

Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/timor

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 CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish at the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, 25 November, the Feast of Christ the King. Children aged 10 years and over may receive this sacrament which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Community. Parents are invited to come to the Parish Office and collect an Enrolment Form, complete it at home and return it to the Parish Office with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate attached. You will receive reflection sheets when the Enrolment Form is returned to the Parish Office to share with your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

SUNDAY LITURGY ROSTER: The new roster begins on 29 October 2023 and goes through to the beginning of Lent, 11 February 2024. This new roster was emailed during this week. If you did not receive an emailed roster you may collect a printed copy from the Sacristy this weekend.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITION VACANT:

Communications Manager – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm on Wednesday, 1 November 2023.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment.

DIOCESAN SYNOD - PLENARY INDULGENCE:

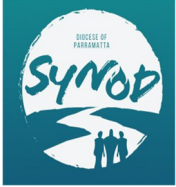
A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles'). In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. For more information about plenary indulgences, please visit <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>.

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 or phone 8838.3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CATHEDRAL ORGAN CONCERT - 12 NOVEMBER:

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organists, Choir and Guest Performers will present an array of performances at a Gala Concert to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ. The Concert will be held on Sunday, 12 November from 3:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUFN> or at the door. For more information, contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.



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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHOLICARE KEEPING KIDS IN MIND EDUCATION PROGRAM - STARTS 16 OCTOBER:

CatholicCare 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.

GLENBROOK PARISH BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL LECTURE SERIES - 24 OCTOBER:

St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to the next session of their Biblical and Theological Lecture Series on Tuesday, 24 October from 7:30pm at the Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Dr. Debra Snoddy, lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will be presenting on women in the bible. Cost of entry is a donation. To RSVP, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME:

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON, TELEPHONE AND ZOOM APPOINTMENTS:

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in-person, with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

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 helping couples who need to space or avoid a pregnancy. To RSVP, and for more information, please email parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO SICK AND DYING WORKSHOP - 21 OCTOBER:

On Saturday, 21 October, the MET Worship team will be offering an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by 16 October at mary.gale@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.