

# 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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21 & 22 October 2023  
29th 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:

Cheryl Anderson, Thomas Shedden, Petelo Fenuafanote, David Kolokimoana, Suli Sefokulii, So Tin Thio, Malia Sao

### Anniversaries:

Tomazia & Joao Alves, Eileen Crowley, Ron Cartwright, Doris Salerno, Carmen Peiry, Florida Balmes, John Ernest Badcock, Sebastian D'Silva, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Rose Watts, Christino Grima, Annie Gonsalves

### Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima, Bassima, Phillip & Maroun Hanna & Family, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Moniz, Alves, Wager & Remaili Families, Larry Alan, Luciano Meneguzzo, Nayef El Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, 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

## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

**Response:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

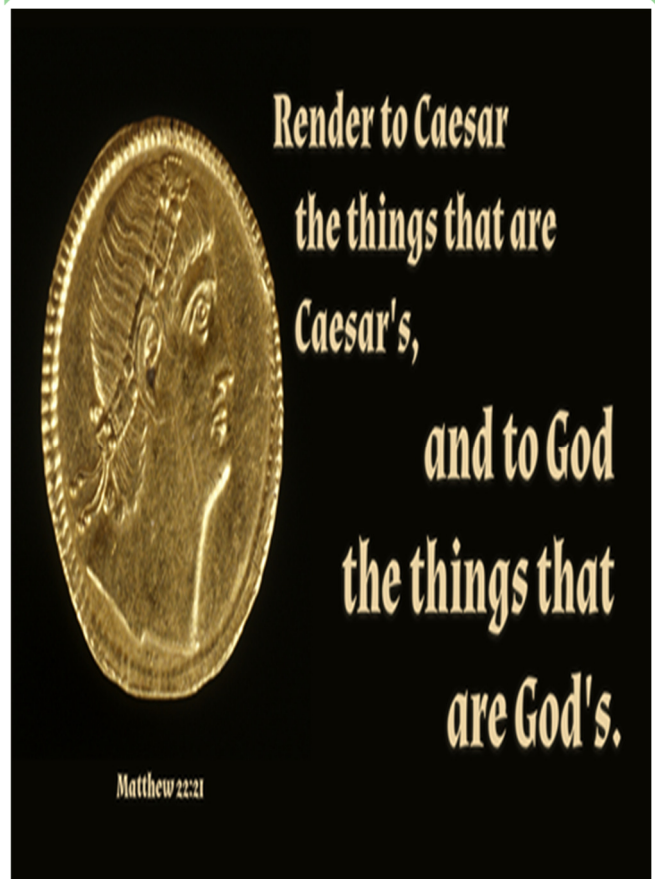
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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



## PARISH NOTICES

### **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](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)**

**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 last week. If you did not receive an emailed roster you may collect a printed copy from the Sacristy.

**“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.

**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.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### **POSITION VACANT:**

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

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment).

### **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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

### **TABLE TALK WITH PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM -**

**8 NOVEMBER:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, Jesuit Refugees Service and the Diocese of Parramatta are organising a Table Talk event with people seeking asylum on Wednesday, 8 November from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Cathedral Hall. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change. **To register:** visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/talk-talk-with-people-seeking-asylum>.

### **PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST - 11 NOVEMBER:**

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday, 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30am to 1:30pm. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

### **PRESENTATION BY VERY REV. PETER G.**

**WILLIAMS AM VG:** Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Sacrosanctum Concilium - 60 Years On - A Retrospective View. **Thursday, 9 November; 7:00pm-8:30pm, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.** Limited seating available. RSVP by 2 November to [Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **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](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au).

## **BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS CHRISTOPHER WHITE - 9 NOVEMBER:**

Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture "Will Our Faith Have Children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality" will be held in Parramatta on Thursday, 9 November at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6:00pm. Places are strictly limited, so register today at: <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>.

## **MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY - 17 NOVEMBER:**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday, 17 November at 10:30am at St. Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

## **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](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au).

## **CAMPION COLLEGE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER:**

The inaugural Champion College Festival will be held on 28 October from 10:00am to 4:00pm at 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie which will feature a wide range of activities and attractions for all ages. Free entry; all welcome. There will be opportunities to indulge in delicious treats from food trucks, delight in thrilling children's rides, explore a variety of fete stalls and experience the joy of a petting zoo. There will also be raffles, musical performances, campus tours, a second-hand book sale and enlightening liberal arts talks. Fundraising for the Champion College Scholarship Fund. **Learn more at:** [www.champion.edu.au/festival](http://www.champion.edu.au/festival).

## **SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules. Renewal Modules will soon be available on our online training platform. Mandatory Modules 1-3: **Saturday, 28 October** at St. Canice's Church, Katoomba from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please register for these face-to-face renewal modules at: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org). For further information please contact Maria Kervin at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## **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](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024:**

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. **Visit:** [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. **For more information, email:** [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## **ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS:**

St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au).

## **QUAKERS HILL PARISH PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields celebrates a Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9626.3326 or [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au).

## **FREE ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES:**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on 8843.2506 or Nepean Community College 4724.9000.