

# 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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28 & 29 October 2023  
30th 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:

Norman Cordeiro, Tomazia & Joao Alves, Eileen Crowley, Ron Cartwright, Doris Salerno, Carmen Peiry, Florita Balmes

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Rima, Bassima, Phillip & Maroun Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima Tanousse, Sebastian Lobo, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Moniz, Alves, Wager & Remaili Families, Larry Alan, Luciano Meneguzzo, Nayef El Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlailaty, Cesar Balmes, Nehme, Janette & Family, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Kathleen Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, 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

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 17:2-4. 47. 51

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

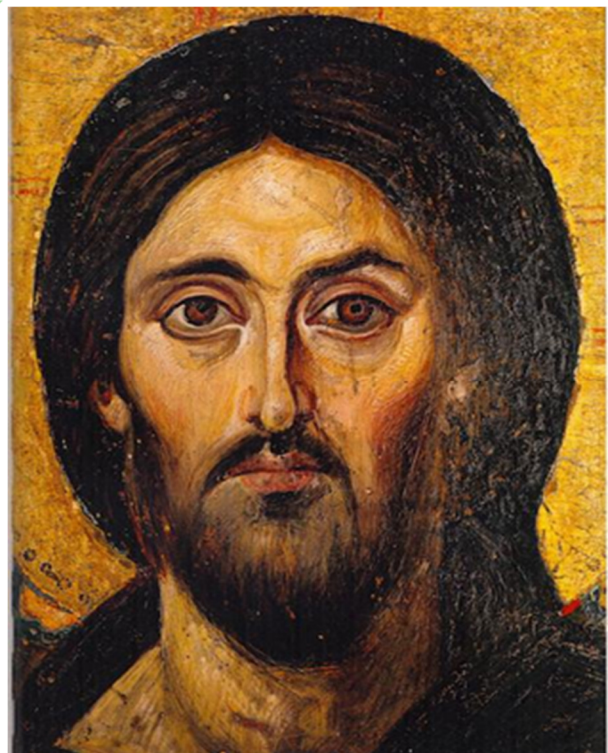
#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**All who love me will keep  
my words, and my Father will  
love them and we will come  
to them.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY:** We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea next Sunday. **Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share.** Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. **Please PRINT names clearly on envelopes.** The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the Altar.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr. Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

**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 **5:30pm 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 has been emailed. If you did not receive an emailed roster you may collect a printed copy from the Sacristy.

**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.

**THE LEGION OF MARY IS HAVING A PUBLIC ROSARY ON THE CHURCH STEPS ON TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2023 AT 8:30AM. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB** is for anyone over 55. We meet every two weeks in the Parish Hall at 9:30am. All welcome. For more information, please contact Keith on 9632.5379.

**"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 is 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

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE - 11 NOVEMBER:** Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The first Mass will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Saturday, 11 November for 6:00pm Mass. For more information, please contact [youthgroupolor@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupolor@gmail.com).

**DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA APPEAL:** Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, **visit:** [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**CRAFT MARKET GREYSTANES:** OLQP Camilleri Hall, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. **Saturday, 18 November — 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Come and enjoy the Annual Craft Market, Greystanes including Devonshire Tea/Sausage Sizzle, Super Raffle. Find the perfect gift and bag a bargain on Arts and Crafts/Jewellery; Children's and Baby's Clothes, Christmas Decorations; Embroidered Items/Quilts, Paper Tole/Bags, Candles/Edible Treats and so much more! Free Entry.

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

## POSITION VACANT:

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

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

## 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.

## PRESENTATION BY VERY REV. PETER G.

**WILLIAMS AM VG:** Celebrating the 60th 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).

## 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. Mercurious Charity.

## 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, please contact [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

## PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE:

Fr. Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23 September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8,790.00. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts and Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries and bookings call (03) 8839.6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us at: [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

## [AN URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE](#)

God of compassion,  
We turn to you with heavy hearts  
as we consider the needs of your family.  
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your  
people,  
each of us loved by You  
and called to live in peace and justice.  
We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
destruction of property and loss of human  
dignity.  
We are pained by so much suffering,  
we beg you to bring healing to this ancient  
place.  
Help your people find a way forward.  
Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,  
And embrace each other as sisters and  
brothers,  
as they find your image in every face.  
We ask that courage and grace  
will help create a wiser and more gentle  
future,  
where everyone has a home.  
God of wisdom, come to our aid.  
Amen.

**By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia**