

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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4 & 5 November 2023
31st 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 Benton Lewis, Cheryl Anderson,
Thomas Shedden

Anniversaries:

Veselko Luburic, Vincenzo D'Elia, Stephen
Richard Denis, Norman Cordeiro, Tomazia &
Joao Alves, Eileen Crowley

Deceased:

During the month of November, only
Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will
be listed.



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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: MALACHI 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10
A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 130

Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 23:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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



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PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS TODAY:

We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. 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 generosity in contributing to the Catholic Mission Appeal on 21-22 October. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,860.40.

Hearts on Fire — Feet on the Move;

Freecall: 1800 257 296;

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

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.

“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

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.

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

POSITIONS VACANT:

Facilitator – Marriage – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 13 November 2023.**

Youth Co-Ordinator (Part-Time) – St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill – **Applications close Thursday, 30 November 2023.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

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/ 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

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC UNITY - INSIDE THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S HISTORIC FIRST SYNOD! Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13–15 October 2023.

It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>. Want to know more about what's next? **Visit:** parracatholic.org/synod2023 to stay updated.

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY AND LEADERS COMMISSIONING MASS - 26 NOVEMBER:

Catholic Youth Parramatta invites all youth leaders, new school leaders and young people to the annual Local World Youth Day and Leaders Commissioning Mass, which will be held on Sunday, 26 November (Feast of Christ the King) at 3:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. The Youth Mass will give thanks for the Youth ministry year so far and bless all leaders for their 2024 ministry year. Family, friends and community members are all invited to join in this celebration. For catering purposes, please RSVP to: met@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC SELF-CARE WEEK FOR WOMEN - FREE 5-DAY TRAINING WITH CATHOLIC COACH MONICA ELIAS - 13—17 NOVEMBER:

Learn the secret to taking better care of yourself so that you can do the work God has for you in the world. **Join us at:** tinyurl.com/catholicselfcare2023. **Email:** mjelias17@gmail.com for queries.

DADS AT THE SHRINE is a Monthly Adoration Hour and Fellowship for Dads held every second Wednesday of the month at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Next Adoration will be held on **Wednesday, 8 November - 8:00pm to 9:00pm.** The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All dads are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024:

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. **Visit:** 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 or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

SOUL FOOD PODCAST - MISSION ENHANCEMENT TEAM:

Do you find life and faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>.

