

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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11 & 12 November 2023
32nd 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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes
herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave
you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:2-8

Response: My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**



**Be watchful
and ready:
you know
not when the
Son of Man
is coming.**

**So stay
awake.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve
about them, like the other people who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in Jesus:
God will bring them with him.
We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that
any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will
not have any advantage over those who have died.
At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will
call out the command and the Lord himself will come
down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will
be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still
alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with
them, to meet the Lord in the air.
So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such
thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five
were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps,
but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The
bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and
fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The
bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."
At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed
their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible
ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going
out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for
us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it
and buy some for yourselves."
They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom ar-
rived. Those who were ready went in with him to the
wedding hall and the door was closed.
The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they
said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake,
because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 25 AND 26 NOVEMBER 2023: The Bishop's Christmas Appeal will be held on the weekend of 25-26 November. This Christmas appeal will support our Catholic Care chaplaincy services, offering hope and comfort to those in hospitals, prisons, and difficult circumstances.

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

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.

60TH YEAR OF THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY COMMEMORATIVE MASS — 4 DECEMBER:

Bishop Vincent invites all to join him in a commemorative Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday, 4 December at 7:30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0460 037 795 or Hannah Portelli: hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

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.

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.

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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA — REACH BEYOND — VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE OFFICER:

Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. **Telephone: 9560.5333 or Email: kevin@palms.org.au.**

DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS — AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN):

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part-time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay and Newcastle-Maitland. **For more information and to view the full job ad go to:** www.aidtochurch.org/work.

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.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – A MESSAGE OF HOPE — 19 NOVEMBER:

The World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis, serves as a direct call to action inspired by the Gospel's message of compassion and service to those less fortunate. It is a reminder of our Christian duty to reach out to the poor and marginalised and engage in acts of charity, love, and inclusion. **Read the Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor here:** <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20230613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html>.

