

# 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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18 & 19 November 2023  
33rd 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:

C.J. Jones, Nadia Kavakava Filimoehala, Ana Malia Lakafialavasele, Thomas Benton Lewis

### Anniversaries:

Maketalena Taufana Sione, Veselko Luburic, Vincenzo D'Elia, Stephen Richard Denis, Norman Cordeiro

### 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

## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



**1ST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**  
A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 127:1-5**

**Response:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **R.**

**2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6**

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4, 5**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents.

For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## PARISH NOTICES



### BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES – 25-26

**NOVEMBER 2023:** Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

### 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.

**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

**"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

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED — THAT CATHOLIC SHOP — CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE:** Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue** of *That Catholic Shop* are available at the back of the Church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can visit [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) to see the entire range and order online.

**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.



**You have shown that you can be faithful in small things.**

*How am I faithful?*

**Come and join in your master's happiness.**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### POSITIONS VACANT:

Liturgy Administration Support – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Friday, 24 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](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### BR. BARRY DONAGHUE PREPARING FOR ADVENT SERIES - STARTING 29 NOVEMBER:

Br. Barry Donaghue cfc is offering 90-minute Advent presentations held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9:00pm for 4 weeks, beginning 29 November until 20 December. Each presentation will be scripture based and have time for questions, reflection and small group conversation. The presentation will be held at Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Please contact 0478 408 337 or [bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org](mailto:bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org) for enquiries.

### 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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

## EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA 2024:

Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2024 Epiphany Pilgrimage (2-9 January 2024). Enjoy 7 days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the Finnies Fiesta at St. Finbar's Glenbrook. **For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit:** [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).

## AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT - 12 DECEMBER:

Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on Tuesday, 12 December, 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert *Noël! Noël!*. Gather your loved ones and join us for this beloved festive tradition, as the Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dyer. **SPECIAL OFFER: Get four tickets for just \$149.00!** There are less than 200 tickets remaining, so head to [brandenburg.com.au](http://brandenburg.com.au) or call 1300 782 856 to book your tickets now.

## 'EUGENE STOCKTON: BLUE MOUNTAINS HERMIT' BOOK LAUNCH - 3 DECEMBER:

The Blue Mountain Education and Research Trust cordially invite you to our Book Launch of 'Eugene Stockton: Blue Mountains Hermit' at 2:00pm on Sunday, 3 December at Mid Mountains Community Centre, 9 New Street, Lawson. Additional books at \$20.00 for contributors can be ordered in advance and picked up on the day or posted. Please direct any enquiries to [contact@bmert.com.au](mailto:contact@bmert.com.au). We hope to see you at the launch.

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

## 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.

## 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://pfarra.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](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.

## 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>.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS:

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at: [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au).

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work).