

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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25 & 26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — 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:

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

Anniversaries:

George Ghosn, Gertrude Santa Maria, Anoir
Khoury, Maketalena Taufana Sione, Veselko
Luburic, Vincenzo D'Elia, Stephen Richard
Denis

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST –

KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22:1-3, 5-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.

For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSEPL ACCLAMATION: MARK 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?"

And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S RETURN FROM SICK LEAVE AND SOME ANNUAL LEAVE: I am very grateful to all parishioners who prayed for the success of my knee replacement operation on 13th September. Thank you very much to those who sent messages and tokens of good wishes. The operation was a success, I am still doing rehab sessions, but all is going well. Thanks also to Sr. Helen and Fr. Treesen for taking care of the parish in my absence.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



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 or scan the QR code. Thank you.

WELCOME REV. MONSIGNOR RON McFARLANE: Thank you for coming to our Parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners. It is good to have you among us. Know that you are remembered in our prayers. Thank you for your ministry in our Diocese.

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB (CBC) - SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2023: Each year in November the CBC remembers its deceased members at a Mass. This year, it will be during the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, 26 November**. After Mass a cuppa will be held in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend along with the Club members.

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.

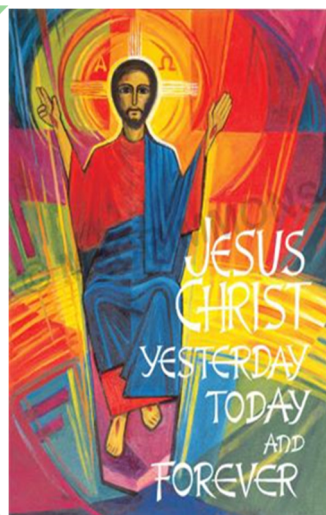
MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is your opportunity to help others in our parish who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass during Advent and placing them in the baskets under the Christmas Tree. **Some examples of food items are:** breakfast cereal, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, pasta, rice, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.** ***"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you"*** (Luke 1:28).

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

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 to see the entire range and order online.



**I was hungry and you gave me food...
Jesus says to us, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

More details at: 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 for enquiries.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 3 DECEMBER: Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 3 December at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury at 7:00pm. Fr. Tom Green will talk about and lead discussion on Religion and Politics. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

GLENBROOK PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 10 DECEMBER: St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook invite you to their annual Christmas concert event on Sunday, 10 December at 7:30pm in the Parish Church. The evening will include choir and musical performances alongside themed readings for Christmas. Suggested donations for entry are \$15.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for families. For enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

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.

'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. 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.

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/>.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2024: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at: <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

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.

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 or call 1300 782 856 to book your tickets now.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:00am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE SOUTH SUDANESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2:00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on 9622.1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org.

