

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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2 & 3 March 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent — Year B

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:

Albert Bartholomew Camilleri, Olga Ridge-Cooke, Soane Panipani Kikano, Sante Zoppellaro, Deryk Anthony Rodrigues, Tessie Camilleri, Yvonne Potter

Anniversaries:

Joseph Francis Minto, Edward Frois, Laura Santa Maria, Josephine Frois, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Grace Diggins, Melia Mansour, Ernest Frederick Badcock, Enrico (Ric) DiCarlo

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias Jamil & Family, Tony, Nahsin & Peter Chuibor & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Francine Gaetau, Katalina Lea'kimua Tuini Fatu & Family, Leah, Falakiko & Keletaona Families, Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family, Fenech Family, Albert Vella, Xuereb Family, Muscat Family, Lucy & Ben Colecliffe, Vicky & Emanuel Muscat, Elias Greige, 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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18:8-11

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 3:16

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



PARISH NOTICES

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations of the Cross have been acted out in the school grounds at 10:00am for about four decades. This has proven very popular with all age groups who look forward to the Stations outdoors every year. The Co-Ordinators and organisers, Clare and George Harb, have done a sterling job for all this time. Last year they informed me they are unable to continue. They deserve our admiration and thanks for many years of dedication and service to the parish in this traditional liturgical devotion. I am now asking for a small group of people (perhaps two to four) to volunteer to be the Co-Ordinators. It is not an onerous task as it is a once-in-a-year event. However, it does need those with organising skills and a willingness to assist in the Easter ceremonies. Please come forward, letting either myself or Father Treesen know you would be keen to help. Many thanks. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER! Who? Me? Yes...why not you? If not you...then who? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
 - Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
 - Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
 - Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.
- In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *Guildford Public and Guildford West* state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 (admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au) or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on tassm@optusnet.com.au.

PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT: Available at the back of the church are money boxes, which are to be returned at the end of Lent, and Lenten Sharepacks which contain envelopes for your weekly donation. These envelopes can be placed on any collection plate throughout the six weeks of Lent. Caritas Australia thanks you for your generosity.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent concluding on Friday, 22 March.

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.

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

EASTER 2024

Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta - Wednesday, 27 March at 7:30pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 28 March

(No 9:15am Morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

Good Friday, 29 March

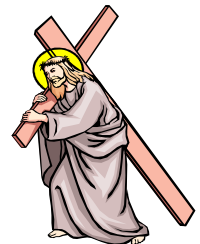
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

Holy Saturday, 30 March

6:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 31 March

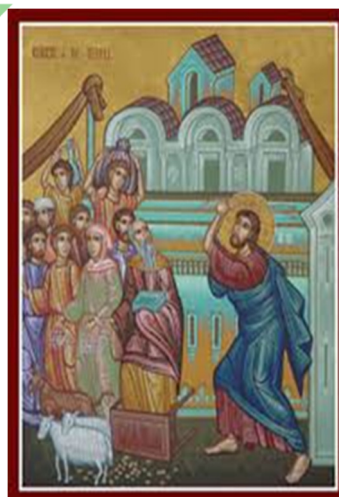
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 23 March

10:00am-11:00am
4:30pm-5:15pm



God loved the
world so
much, that he
gave us his
only Son, that
all who
believe in him
might have
eternal life.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CYCLE 1: Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet? Face-to-Face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.

- **Module 1:** Tuesday, 5 March (10:00am–11:00am)
- **Module 2:** Tuesday, 12 March (10:00am–11:30am)
- **Module 3:** Tuesday, 19 March (10:00am–11:30am)

Please register by emailing:
safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

SYNOD 2023 UPDATE - DECREE ISSUED AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN PLAN BEGINS:

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday, 10 August. **Learn more at:** parracatholic.org/synod.

PEACE JUSTICE ECOLOGY TABLE TALK – “HARMONY WEEK — EVERYONE BELONGS” - 21 MARCH:

Join us for an evening filled with engaging conversations as we celebrate Harmony Week 2024. It's an opportunity for our community to come together in discussion and reflection. Our event provides a platform to hear inspiring stories, engage in meaningful conversations, ask questions, and play a vital part in creating positive social change. The event will be held on Thursday, 21 March from 6:30pm at Catholic Care Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. Parking is available on-site. To register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/harmony-week-walking-with-refugees-table-talk-21-march/>.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Cook (Part-Time) – St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close 4 March.**
Administration Assistant (Part-Time) - Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Druitt South and Permanent Diaconate Community – **Applications close 10:00pm Monday, 11 March**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS — 16 MARCH:

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to join Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Saturday, 16 March at 10:30am at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown. There will be Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from March 6 to 14 at 7:30pm (except March 6 and 13 at 8:00pm) at St. Michael's Church, Blacktown South.

MUSIC FOR EASTER TRIDUUM WORKSHOP - 12 MARCH:

Join us for another Music Workshop led by Eric Grella to learn more about Music for the Easter Triduum. This event will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on 12 March from 7:00pm-9:00pm. This workshop is for all who are involved in the music ministry of their Parish and anyone interested in diving deeper into the world of liturgical music! RSVP to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 by 8 March.

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK - FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - 9 MARCH:

The Office for Worship presents 'Celebrating Holy Week' – a workshop for current Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar presented by Chris Ohlsen. It will be held on Saturday, 9 March from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register or for more information, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 8838.3456 by 5 March 2024.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER 2024

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it,
especially with those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth,
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.