

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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17 & 18 February 2024
1st 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:

Sante Zoppellaro, Deryk Anthony Rodrigues,
Tessie Camilleri, Yvonne Potter, Karen
Cartwright, Pinar Cabadag, Dana Arachchige,
Maureen Murray, Ann DeCourcy

Anniversaries:

Edward Frois, Laura Santa Maria, Josephine
Frois, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Grace
Diggins, Melia Mansour, Ernest Frederick
Badcock, Enrico (Ric) DiCarlo, Felix
Gonsalves, Matthew Joseph Lane, Piet Lie,
Walfarida Tan, Lie Song Cut, Lidumina Lie,
Keith McCormick

Deceased:

Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family,
Fenech Family, Albert Vella, Xuereb Family,
Muscat Family, Lucy & Ben Colecliffe, Vicky &
Emanuel Muscat, Mary Jane Axiak, Elias
Greige, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias
Jamil & Family, Felix Gonsalves, 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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: GENESIS 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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



**The Spirit drove Jesus out
into the wilderness.**
**How and when do I
recognise the
presence of the Spirit
in my life?**

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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

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

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.

A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in doing so, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season of Lent be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED: The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA 2024 LIFTED LAUNCH - 29 FEBRUARY: LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Register www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024: Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation 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 marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE - 25 FEBRUARY: 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 next Mass will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Sunday, 25 February for 6:00pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.org.au.

LENT AND THE SCRUTINIES EVENING FOR RCIA TEAMS - 28 FEBRUARY: RCIA Co-Ordinators and team members are invited to attend an RCIA Lenten workshop on Wednesday, 28 February from 7:00pm–8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Deacon Rod Pirotta will present the workshop and discuss Lent and the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 8838.3456 by 27 February 2024.

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.



MET THE FAITHFEED - 5 MARCH: Interested in live music + curious conversations + life and faith stories from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday, 15 March 2024 – Doors open 7:00pm w/ live music for 7:30pm. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

GRACE AND SILENCE RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - 3 MARCH: The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a series of silent retreat days beginning Sunday, 3 March from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining sessions are 7 April, 5 May and 2 June. Cost is \$25.00 per day or \$90.00 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.



DIOCESAN LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURE REFLECTION EVENING - 20 MARCH: Looking for a way to reflect on your experience of Lent as we enter Holy Week? Interested in praying with the Scripture readings for Holy Week? Register for the Diocesan Lent and Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening

Wednesday, 20 March 2024 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC CARE MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on 8843.2506.

GLENBROOK PARISH ASPECTS OF THE EUCHARIST TALKS - 21 AND 28 FEBRUARY: St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday, 21 and 28 February at 7:30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email glenbrook@parracatholic.org.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE TIME HOLY HOUR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: The Mount Schoenstatt community invite youth and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr. M. Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 3 MARCH: Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 3 March 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury) at 7:00pm. The speaker is Monica Doumit who will talk about and lead discussion on 'How to Speak about Hot Topics in the Public Sphere'. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions please call Mark on 0477 004 687.

