

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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24 & 25 February 2024
2nd 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:

Soane Panipani Kikanoi, Sante Zoppellaro,
Deryk Anthony Rodrigues, Tessie Camilleri,
Yvonne Potter, Karen Cartwright, Pinar
Cabadag, Dana Arachchige

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, Felix Gonsalves

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna &
Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Elias Jamil & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana
& Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Francine Gaetau, Katalina
Lea'kimua Tuini Fatu & Family, Leaha,
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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore.

Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 115-10, 15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?

When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard;
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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



**'This is my
Son,
the Beloved.
Listen
to him.'**

***When and
how do I
listen to
Jesus?***

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.

PIANO LESSONS IN MERRYLANDS: Always wished you could learn the piano? Well now you can! Whether you are young or old, a beginner or an experienced performer, keen to play for leisure or train for the A.M.E.B. or H.S.C. examinations, your opportunity is just a phone call away. Praveeni is a qualified music teacher (A.T.C.L.), with over 30 years' experience offering one-on-one tutoring at an affordable rate. Please call Praveeni on 0406 355 311 or 9760.0734. Don't miss out.

LENT

In Lent we are called by the church to enter more fully into the mystery of God's love revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we contemplate Jesus, we will come to know that it is from the cross that we draw support for our faith. If we want to nurture faith in others, we need to live our lives of faith to the full. God is greater than all, and he asks of us to stand before Him in detachment from things.

Reading:

A man looked around himself in a city street and saw a little girl poorly dressed and shivering and almost starving. He was angry with God and demanded "Why don't You do something about this?" But God did not answer. The man went on, and saw a wretched old man in the gutter. Again he cried out "Why don't You do something?" But God was silent. In the middle of the night, God spoke to the man. He said gently, "I have already done something about these things. I made You, with eyes to see, ears to hear, and strong hands to help."

Fasting for Lent

*Fast from criticism and feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy.
Fast from ill-humour and feast on peace.
Fast from resentment and feast on contentment.
Fast from jealousy and feast on love.
Fast from pride and feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness and feast on service.
Fast from fear and feast on faith.*

Sick of giving up chocolates or biscuits for Lent? Looking for some new ways to do things differently this year? Here are some suggestions:

- * Email, phone or text someone you know you should keep in touch with.
- * Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- * Make peace with someone every week.
- * Give away some possessions you do not really need to a charity or 'freecycle' them.
- * Go for a walk and chat with God.
- * Fast from criticising your family and say a prayer for each person instead.
- * Have a few cheaper meals and put the money saved into your Project Compassion box.
- * Reflect on how well you pull your weight in the family or workplace.
- * Spend 15 minutes reading and reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 – PALESTINE:

Date and Time: Friday, 1 March 2024 – 10:30am.

Location: Our Lady Queen of Peace, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes.

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.

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.

POSITION VACANT:

Parish Cook (Part-Time) – St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – Applications close 4 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.

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/>.

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.

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.