

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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6 & 7 April 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter — 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 Kikanoi

Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Giuseppe Ramundi, Eric
Dunn, Anna Tran Thi Vinh, Maria Nguyen Thi
Loan, Rose Merlino, Felix Gonsalves,
Dominic F. Gonsalves, Patricia Fernandes,
Dolores Borg, Joseph Francis Minto

Deceased:

Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Vicki Kershaw,
Harry Koopelian, Mary Jane Axiak, Lias
Maloum Family & Family, Michael Dips &
Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias,
Toni, Peter & Family, Edgar Montclar,
Sebastian Lobo, Joseph Kusitino Tukana &
Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Francine Gaetau, Katalina
Lea'kimua Tuini Fatu & Family, Leaha,
Falakiko & Keletaona Families, 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 EASTER – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds.
 I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
 but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone,
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.
 This day was made by the Lord;
 we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

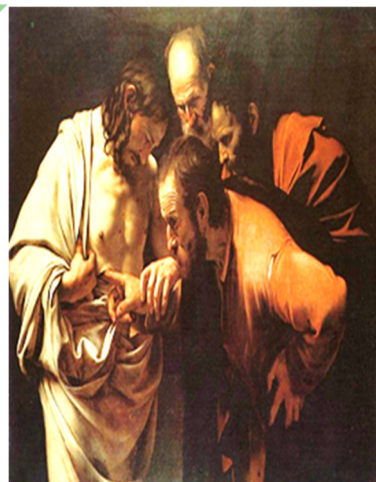
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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



**'My Lord
 and
 my God!'**

**Happy are
 those who
 have not
 seen and yet
 believe.**

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 20-21 APRIL: The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be held on 20-21 April. Please give generously to this appeal. More details to follow.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: A volunteer is needed to learn to operate the church computer during the 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Instructions given. If interested please email Clara on tassm@optusnet.com.au.

MORNING TEA AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 7 APRIL: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea on Sunday, 7 April and on every first Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kid's corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or sharepack envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

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.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

FREE ONLINE FORMATION ON SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY: Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr. Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>.

GLENBROOK PARISH ROOF RESTORATION FUNDRAISING CONCERT - 14 APRIL: St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to a fundraising concert with the Sydney Male Choir on Sunday, 14 April at 2:00pm in the Parish Church. Come and enjoy the music and at the same time, support the restoration of the Church roof, with at least \$5.00 going to St. Finbar's Roof Restoration Fund for every ticket sold. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased online at www.sydneymalechoir.com or at the door.

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.

CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: Staff, students, families and parishioners past and present are invited to celebrate the golden jubilee of Christ the King Primary School, North Rocks. A Jubilee Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, 19 May at Don Moore Reserve, North Rocks from 11:30am. You can RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/k6hua7LiwZKBMP3o6>. A Jubilee Dinner (over 18s) will be held on 29 June at The Epping Club, Epping, from 6:00pm. Cost is \$99.00 per person and includes food and beverages. Tables are of 10-12 attendees. You can RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/hmeBwoEM9qusMhG87>. For any further information, please contact Erin Wynne, at ewynne@parra.catholic.edu.au or the School Office on 8846.2700 or email northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



MET FAITH LIFE THEOLOGY SHORT COURSE FROM 16 APRIL: Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course

with Dr. John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2024: Preparing for marriage or know couples who are? Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology or practical skills for ministry? Searching for encouragement and growth by listening to life and faith stories from adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s? View and share a copy of the 2024 adult faith formation calendar (link: <https://shorturl.at/grLV3>) OR get in touch with the team to learn about more formation opportunities via met@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.

MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE EMMAUS SILENT RETREAT - 19-21 APRIL: Men and women are invited to embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat will be held from 19 to 21 April at the Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, and is run by the MGL Sisters. To book your place, visit trybooking.com/CNSXK.

GET YOUR FEED ON THE SOUL FOOD PODCAST: 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: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON, TELEPHONE AND ZOOM APPOINTMENTS: The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES DAY RETREAT WITH MOTHER MARY - 13 APRIL: The Jesus Light of the World Communities invites you to their "Walk by Faith, not by Sight" day retreat with Mother Mary on Saturday, 13 April at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Rockdale from 9:00am to 5:30pm (including Mass). FREE Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. For more information, please contact Helen on 0433 455 114, Ida on 0426 953 697 or email jlwcommunity@gmail.com.

LITURGY NOTE

SACRED SILENCE, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration.

- ◆ For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves;
- ◆ whereas after a reading or after the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard;
- ◆ then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed ... so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 45

