

# 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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**9 & 10 March 2024**  
**4th 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

### Anniversaries:

Rose Merlino, Felix Gonsalves, Dominic F. Gonsalves, Patricia Fernandes, Dolores Borg, Joseph Francis Minto, Edward Frois, Laura Santa Maria, Josephine Frois, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Grace Diggins

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Sebastian Lobo, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias Jamil & Family, Tony, Nahsin & Peter Chuibor & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & 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, 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

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



#### 1ST READING: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 136

**Response:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue  
cleave my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! **R.**

#### 2ND READING: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 3-16

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

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

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## PARISH NOTICES

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** will be celebrated at the 9:15am Mass on Friday, 15 March. Our primary school students will join us for the Mass.

**PALM SUNDAY – 24 MARCH:** We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

**GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 29 MARCH:** We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "The Way of the Cross" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

**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](mailto:admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au)) or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on [tassm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tassm@optusnet.com.au).

**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

**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.

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

**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.

## 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**

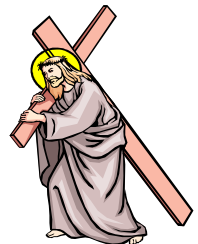
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion  
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

**Holy Saturday, 30 March**

7:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 31 March**

8:00am and 10:00am



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

**Please register by emailing:**  
[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://parracatholic.org/synod).

**MET NATURAL FERTILITY INFORMATION SESSION - 20 MARCH:** Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health on Wednesday, 20 March from 7:15pm to 8:15pm via Zoom. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. If you'd like to learn the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, this free session is valued at \$125.00 and gives you all the information you need to be ready for Session 2. To register or for more information, contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605.

## POSITIONS VACANT:

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/](http://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.

**PENRITH PARISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CANCER PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS - 22 MARCH:** St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, warmly invites cancer patients, survivors and families who have lost loved ones to cancer to participate in an Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Friday, 22 March at 7:00pm at the Parish. You can bring along a small cross/candle along with their names to be prayed for or join us to carry the big wooden cross. For further details, contact the Parish Office on 4721.2509.

**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/>.

## 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.