

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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16 & 17 March 2024
5th 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 Kikanoi

Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Giuseppe Ramundi, Eric
Dunn, 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 Jamily & 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, Leahua,
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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-4, 12-15

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 12-26

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord,
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH SECRETARY — ANNUAL LEAVE:

Ms. Jo Cartwright, Parish Secretary commenced annual leave on Friday, 15 March and will return on Monday, 8 April. During this period the Parish Office will not be manned **during all of the normal office hours**. Please be patient!



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.

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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY —

29 MARCH: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29 March. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make an Easter offering.

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

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.

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.

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

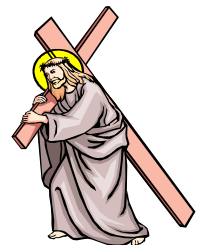
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

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



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY 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.

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/>.

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 or 0400 427 605.

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/>.

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.



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.