

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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23 & 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — 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 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, Falao & 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read:

THE GOSPEL: MARK 15:1-39 (CONTINUED)

'The King of the Jews.'

And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
heavens!**

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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!

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

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 again 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.

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.

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

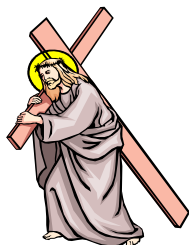
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

Holy Saturday, 30 March

7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 31 March

8:00am and 10:00am



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://pffarra.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.

MALTESE WELFARE (NSW) INC: The Maltese Welfare is organising an information talk about "Moving into Aged Care". What are your options? Costs involved and how are they calculated. **Speaker:** Marie Louise Muscat. **When:** Thursday, 4 April 2024 from 10:30am to 11:45am. **Where:** La Valette Social Centre, 175 Walters Road, Blacktown. All Welcome. More details ring 9631.9095 or 0404 462 344. **Facebook:** Visit Maltese Welfare in NSW.

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.

DIOCESAN 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.

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.

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.