

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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30 & 31 March 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

HAPPY EASTER

It might feel like a bit of a marathon, but the 40 days of Lent is now over. For Lent we were encouraged to review and reform our lives by means of fasting, acts of charity and prayer (Mt 6:1-18). The parish provided us with ways of doing these things: daily Mass, Stations of the Cross on Friday, Eucharistic Adoration, First Rite of Penance (individual confession), Project Compassion and our various specialist ministries. Then there were the various private disciplines we chose to do during our long Lenten retreat.

Now, during this Easter season, we rightly rejoice and celebrate. We rejoice that our relationship with the Risen Christ has been deepened. We rejoice that our faith has been strengthened. We celebrate that we are no longer the fearful Peter who denied Jesus three times, but the faith-filled, joyous and strong Peter. His witness to the Risen Christ (Ac 2:14-41) brought about the healing and salvation of many people in those very early times of the newborn Church.

The Easter ceremonies are beautiful acts of worship glorifying and praising God as we celebrate the mysteries of our salvation. Such rituals have to be planned and rehearsed to assist us in praying well. The organists and choir members have been practising for weeks now. I thank them for their generosity. There are others involved in church cleaning, preparing the altar, arranging flowers, organising palms for Palm Sunday, making sure all the ceremonies are planned and provided for with the necessary materials. Readers, acolytes and servers make themselves available. Those who organise and are personally involved in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross help us to express our faith in dramatic ways. To all these people and quite a few others, on behalf of all the parishioners, my sincere gratitude. Together with Fr. Treesen and Sr. Helen we wish you all, your families and friends, a blessed and happy Easter.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



LITURGY OF THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel 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. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

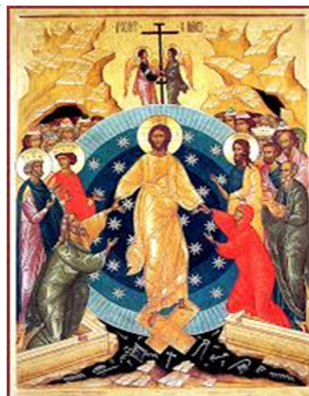
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus is risen
Alleluia!
This is the day
the Lord has
made.
Let us rejoice
and be glad.**

PARISH NOTICES

9:15AM MASS — TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2024: The 9:15am Mass on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 has been cancelled.

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.

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

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea next Sunday. **Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share.** Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 7 April 2024**, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00am.

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.

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.

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



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:

Abiwhab & 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, Leah, Falakiko & Keletaona Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

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.



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 young 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.

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.