

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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13 & 14 April 2024
3rd 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:

Naheme Farah, Taniela Matekuolava Finau

Anniversaries:

Ferruccio Palombit, Sarkis Ibrahim, Rita Gonsalves, Leo Joseph Badcock, Tan Giok Ing, Ida Dialoisio, John D'Silva, Roque Correa, Max & Joan Lane

Deceased:

Edgar Montclar, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter Jamil & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Sebastian Lobo, Micae Hoang, Ludovica Nguyen, Simon Hoang, Anna Hoang, John Baptist Hoang, Kim Hoang, Anna Tran Thi Vinh, Maria Nguyen Thi Loan, 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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 4:2, 4, 7, 9

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Peace be with you!

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 20-21 APRIL: The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be held on 20-21 April. Help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and hope, near and far. Anchored in their faith and education, our seminarians are not just being formed in our Holy Spirit Seminary, they are willing to "go out into the deep" and be of service. Our future priests are actively present in our community, ministering to their flocks and helping people to nurture their faith and live a Christian life. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Donations also via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE: The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep' plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from the back of the church today or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE - 21 APRIL: Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday, 21 April for 6:00pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com.

NATURAL FERTILITY BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD INSTRUCTION SESSION - 23 APRIL: The next session in our Natural Family Planning series is our first for the Billings Ovulation Method®. Meet Margaret Coakley, accredited Billings teacher, and you'll be set up to chart immediately to help you reach your family planning goals. The session will be held on Tuesday, 23 April from 7:15pm to 8:15pm via Zoom. To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

EXPLORING MUSIC FOR THE SOLEMNITIES FOLLOWING EASTER - 30 APRIL AND 2 MAY: All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be 2 locations!

- 30 April at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm
- 2 May at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7:00pm

RSVP by 28 April to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING HEALTHCARE WORKSHOP - 4 MAY: The Diocese of Parramatta is organising a free healthcare workshop to explore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Voluntary Assisted Dying statement: "To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope" on Saturday, 4 May at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided. To register, please contact met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on michael.tan@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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CCD FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES - MAY AND JUNE 2024: SRE catechists and all members of our faith communities are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities organised by the Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Delve into St. John's Gospel with a scripture expert, Dr. Laurie Woods, over 5 weeks on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May. Continue your Journey of Faith for 5 weeks with Meryl Hancock (Head, CCD) on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July. All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions. Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org.



MET FAITHLIFE 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.

CENTRAL EUROPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSEPH LAM OSA - MAY 2025: Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 17 days from 8 to 24 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia, accompanied by Fr. Joseph Lam OSA from St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Prices start from \$5,076.00 per person, excluding flights. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

NATURAL FERTILITY SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD INSTRUCTION SESSION - 30 APRIL: The most important symptom alerting women to ovulation is used in all methods of Natural Family Planning. The Sympto-Thermal Method includes measuring your basal body temperature, which also confirms ovulation! This session will be held on Tuesday, 30 April from 7:15pm to 8:15pm via Zoom. To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

MEN AT THE SHRINE is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact Bernard, 0416 106 871. Please see Flyer on the noticeboard for more information.



DIOCESAN SCRIPTURE EVENING - 15 MAY: What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr. Michele Connolly rsj on Wednesday, 15 May 2024 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. More training opportunities will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

EVENT - LIVING WITH TODAY'S PARADOXES: You are invited to join us on a Spirituality Day on Saturday, 4 May entitled 'Living with Today's Paradoxes'. Exploring questions like 'How do we maintain hope and joy in the face of global challenges and personal trials?' and 'What does it mean to be a peacemaker in today's world?' Keynote speaker Brother Tony Leon fms who has worked many years in Marist spiritual formation both in Australia and internationally. For more information go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/paradox. Please see Flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

PROGRAM - BEYOND THE PEW: You are invited to join an exciting new study on Family Prayer Mindful Colouring, and Faith Development in Children and Teenagers. Go to www.maristlaityaustralia.com/1/beyond-the-pew to find out more. Also Marist Fourviere occurred in 1816 (security question). Please see Flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING": Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday, 18 May at Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road, Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise and Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4:00pm-7:00pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>. Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au.

