

# 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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20 & 21 April 2024  
4th 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.

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

In recent weeks, some parishioners have commented to the priests (and I've seen this myself) that when a person receives Holy Communion, he or she walks away without consuming the Sacred Host in front of the priest or communion minister. This is contrary to the instructions issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops (see below). I ask parents to ensure that their children know the correct procedure and that all who receive Holy Communion at Mass strictly follow the Bishops' instructions.

### Posture

The Bishops of Australia have retained the ancient custom of standing as the normal posture to receive Holy Communion. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 160) They have also determined that the sign of reverence prior to receiving the Body of Christ will be a bow. "When approaching to receive Holy Communion the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive." (GIRM, 160) The bow should not interrupt the distribution of Holy Communion.

### Reception of the Body of Christ

We may receive the sacred Host either in the hand or on the tongue.

### Receiving Holy Communion in the Hand

If we receive Communion in the hand, we extend our hands to the priest or deacon or acolyte with one hand placed on top of the other. The minister raises the Host a little and says, "The Body of Christ." We answer, "Amen."

**The minister places the sacred Host on our uppermost hand; we step aside and then immediately take the Host with the other hand and place it in our mouth.**

### Receiving Holy Communion on the Tongue

Make your choice of this clear to the priest or minister by opening your mouth and extending your tongue. **In this way** the Body of Christ can easily be placed on the tongue. If a person is not fully initiated into the Church and therefore not able to receive Holy Communion, he or she may join the Communion procession. On reaching the priest this person indicates by crossing arms across the chest that they are not able to participate in receiving Holy Communion but would like a short blessing.

For more details go to: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Guidelines-for-Reverent-Reception-of-Holy-Communion>

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: ACTS 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

**Response:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
 for his love has no end.  
 It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
 than to trust in men:  
 it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
 than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
 and you are my saviour.  
 The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
 is he who comes.  
 We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
 I will thank you for you have given answer  
 and you are my saviour.  
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
 for his love has no end. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.  
 Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
 My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
 all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
 the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
 I know my own  
 and my own know me,  
 just as the Father knows me  
 and I know the Father;  
 and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**I am the  
 Good Shepherd.**

**I know my own  
 and my own  
 know me.**

**And I lay down  
 my life for my  
 sheep.**

## PARISH NOTICES



### BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS – 20-21 APRIL:

Will you support our seminarians to “go out into the deep” and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

**ANZAC DAY MASS — 25 APRIL:** Mass will be held at 9:15am on Thursday, 25 April for Anzac Day.

**HOLY LANDS COLLECTION 2024 (GOOD FRIDAY):** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,344.30.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE:** The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! Pick up your free copy from the back of the church today or read it online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](http://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.

**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.

**CHURCH CLEANLINESS:** A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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:

Fr. James Wilkins (Diocese of Bathurst), Naheme Farah, Taniela Matekuolava Finau

### Anniversaries:

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

### Deceased:

Bruno Visintin, Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter Jamil & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Edgar Montclar, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, 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



# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SYNOD 2023 UPDATE - LOCAL THINK TANK SESSIONS FROM MAY-JUNE:** Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. **Visit:** [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod) for more information.

**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 Marilyn 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](http://parracatholic.org/events) or email [ccd.training@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@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](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au).

**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 Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>.

**SALESIAN SISTERS OF DON BOSCO "COME AND SEE" - 27 APRIL:** The Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians invite young women aged 20 to 30 to a "Come and See" event on Saturday, 27 April from 10:00am to 1:00pm at their community house, 8 Mamre Road, St. Marys. Take time to connect with Jesus, to share your journey of faith and to empower each other to grow in faith, hope and love. This opportunity will then be available on the last Saturday of each month. For more information, please contact Sr. Anna on 0409 469 138 or email: [fmastmarys@gmail.com](mailto:fmastmarys@gmail.com).



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**DIOCESAN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION 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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). For enquiries, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on [michael.tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:michael.tan@parracatholic.org).

**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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

**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.