

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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27 & 28 April 2024
5th 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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:26-28, 30-32

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
 They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
 May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
 all families of the nations worship before him.
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
 They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
 declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**



**I am the
 vine,
 you are the
 branches.**

**Make your
 home in
 me, as I
 make mine
 in you.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
 my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

PARISH NOTICES



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS:

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 or scan this QR code. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION: The Church teaches that children should be prepared to receive Holy Communion as soon as possible after their coming to the age of reason or discretion, i.e. about the age of seven. *It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as it is the duty of the Parish Priest, to ensure that children who have reached the use of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible.* [Code of Canon [Church] Law, can.914]. Parents may collect an Enrolment Form for First Holy Communion, after Sunday Masses – Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am **beginning weekend 11/12 May**, when we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the memorial of the dying and rising of Jesus. Let us pray for each other and especially for the families who will be preparing our young parishioners to receive Jesus, for the first of many times, in Holy Communion.

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.

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.

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 Blainey

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:

Josephine Badcock, Edoardo Pangalila, 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:

Vittoria Ciaccia, Mary Jane Axiak, Bruno Visintin, Sebastian Lobo, 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

PEACE JUSTICE ECOLOGY TABLE TALK “LAUDATO SI’ WEEK – SEEDS OF HOPE” -

20 MAY: You are invited to an engaging conversation about caring for God’s creation: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from lived experience and play a role in creating positive change in the spirit of Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si’. Join this Diocesan Table Talk on Monday, 20 May, 6:00pm–8:30pm, St. Finbar’s Parish Glenbrook. Light dinner will be provided on arrival. Please register by 12 May and find out more at: tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk.

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 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 or email 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.

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/>.



SCAN ME

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - 17 MAY: Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood with Fr. Chris del Rosario on Friday, 17 May from 7:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr. Galbert Albino on (02) 4773.4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@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. For enquiries, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on 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 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.