

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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4 & 5 May 2024
6th 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:

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

Anniversaries:

Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Warren Durbidge, Josephine Badcock, Edoard 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:

Alves & Moniz Families, Remaili & Wager Families, Mary Jane Axiak, Phillip & George Majed & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter Jamil & Family, Vittoria Ciaccia, Bruno Visintin, Sebastian Lobo, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, 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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 97:1-4

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people,
let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into
the world his only Son so that we could have life
through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for
God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be
the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**As the Father has
loved me so I
have loved you.
Remain in my
love.**

**What I command
you, is to love one
another.**

PARISH NOTICES

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 TODAY: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and every first 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to Project Compassion during Lent. The total amount collected by our parish was \$2,590.85.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARDINAL MICHAEL FITZGERALD PUBLIC LECTURE — 8 MAY: The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocese of Parramatta present a public lecture by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, former head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue entitled: "Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years After *Nostra Aetate*" on Wednesday, 8 May at 6:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. **To register in person or for the livestream, please visit:** parracatholic.org/cardinalfitzgerald.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: More training opportunities for Mandatory Safeguarding Training 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.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS:

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and our Holy Spirit Seminarians thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.

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.



DIOCESAN SCRIPTURE EVENING - 15 MAY:

PENTECOST REFLECTION 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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST EVE GATHERING — 18 MAY: Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve “Anointing” on Saturday, 18 May at the 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, so please register via <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>. Any enquires, please email: email@ccrnsw.org.au.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN - 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.

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.

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 telephone 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 erwynne@parra.catholic.edu.au or the School Office on 8846.2700 or email: northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au.

GET YOUR FEED ON THE SOUL FOOD PODCAST: Do you find life and faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food.

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.

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 on 4724.9000.



STANDARD 3 - FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE INFORMED AND INVOLVED: As you'd be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>). Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe. It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation! **Age Specific Information** - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>. **Personal Safety** - <https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/>. **Online Safety** - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.