

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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11 & 12 May 2024

The Ascension 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 Sundays 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:

Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham (Fourth Bishop of Wollongong), Fr. James Wilkins (Diocese of Bathurst)

Anniversaries:

George Mansour, Aurelia Mempin, Mlowell Calpito Sison Sr., Robert Jerry D'Souza, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Warren Durbidge, Josephine Badcock, Edoard Pangalila, Amelia D'Silva, Stanley Fernandes

Deceased:

Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter Jamil & Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Alves & Moniz Families, Remaili & Wager Families, Phillip & George Majed & 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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



**Jesus said,
go, make
disciples of
all nations,
and I am with
you always
until the end
of time.**

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 **this 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.

HOLROYD COMBINED CHURCHES — PENTECOST SERVICE: Hosted by Wentworthville Baptist, 18 Chelmsford Road, South Wentworthville. **Date and Time:** Sunday, 19 May at 6:00pm. Songs + Prayers + Message + Supper. Please bring a plate of supper to share. www.holroyd-churches.org.au.

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

ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL MOZART CONCERT - 17 MAY: Let the full force of River City Voices carry you through Mozart’s Requiem in D Minor – a testament of power, faith, awe and hope as the choir joins for the first time with the dynamic young Western Sydney Philharmonic at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta, on Friday, 17 May from 7:30pm. Tickets are \$60.00 for general admission and \$45.00 for concessions. To purchase ticket, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mozart-s-requiem/> tickets.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - MINISTRY TO THE SICK IN HOSPITALS: Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact bernard.ellis@catholiccarewbsbm.org.au by 15 June 2024. "The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." - Pope Francis

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.

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.

CELEBRATE LAUDATO SI’ WEEK - SEEDS OF HOPE (16-24 MAY): Are you ready to sow “Seeds of Hope”? Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating *Laudato Si’* Week: 16 to 24 May 2024. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* encourages us to care more deeply for God’s creation. You can find useful resources at: linktr.ee/met.pje.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 19 MAY: Everyone is warmly invited to the Annual Marian Pilgrimage on Sunday, 19 May at the Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as of 9:30am, Holy Mass will begin at 10:30am celebrated by Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine at 2:00pm and the day will conclude with Benediction at 3:00pm. For more information, and a detailed program of the day, please visit <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.

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 PENTECOST 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.



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>.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE TIME HOLY HOUR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS:

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite youth 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.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MARIAN MAY DEVOTIONS:

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine to pray, sing and honour the Blessed Mother daily in the month of May. All are welcome to join the sisters for half hour May Devotions in the Shrine on Sunday to Friday at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 5:15pm. Learn more about the May devotions on their website <https://schoenstatt.org.au/> or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>.