

# 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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15 & 16 June 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Avedes Yebamian, William (Bill) Nash,  
Horatius Macariola, Sr. Audette Mansour

### Anniversaries:

Calvin Cordeiro, Fillipo Fimognari, Michael D'Silva, Louiza Maria D'Souza, Santan Baptista, Anna Maria Baptista, Augustine Mark Baptista, Gerges El-Beaini, Quan Tang, Frane & Marija Marcic, Petelo Sanele Tui, Nicola Dalzotto, Michael Thomas, Rita Michael Chacko, Cesar Balmes, Nellie Dunn, Felice Sposari, Serafina & Dante Letta

### Deceased:

John Sigari, Arturo Enriquez, Anthony Brendan Mockler, Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Jon Cikabi & Family, Florita Balmes, Larry O'Connell, Barbara, Jamila & Adell & 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

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 91:2-3, 13-16

**Response:** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**The seed is the word of  
God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him  
will live for ever.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD, LOCAL THINK TANK SESSION:** This is an opportunity for parishioners to learn about and make a contribution to the Draft Diocesan Plan which emerged from last year's Synod. **The Think Tank session will be held on Sunday, 23 June 2024, 11:30am–1:00pm, in the Parish Hall.** Interested parishioners may notify the priests, Sister Helen or Jo Cartwright in the Parish Office of their intention to attend. There is some reading material to be distributed prior to the Sunday session. There are multiple resources available from the Diocese which the parish can easily make available to you. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Legion of Mary, Manning Foundation, Liturgical Ministers, Catechists, Primary School Staff and others are especially invited to take part. All parishioners are invited to attend.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



### **BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S PROJECT ELIZABETH:**

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

**PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2024/2025 financial year are available in the foyer of the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office during office hours (9632.2672) and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

**1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION COUNTER'S ROSTER:** The new roster for the 2024/2025 financial year is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

**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. 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.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK:** The 2024 Ordinary Time | Winter 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home.

**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

**CYP LIFTED RETREATS:** Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups and providing opportunities for community, prayer and formation!

- 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. **Cost:** \$150.00.
- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville. **Free of charge.**
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. **Cost:** \$150.00.

**Registration is essential! Please head to:** [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) for more details.

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**THE DIOCESAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES FORMATION COMMUNITY** is hosting two Formation Workshop sessions, to which High School and University students interested in the Healthcare Professions are most welcome to attend. Healthcare professionals, including those working in Aged Care, are also most welcome to attend. The same topic will be repeated for both sessions. Topic (both sessions) - **Loving your Neighbour in the Sick and the Dying:** 6/7/2024 Sacred Heart Parish, South Mt. Druitt from 10:00am to 11:00am. We will have morning tea at the conclusion of this session. 21/9/2024 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will have lunch at the conclusion of this session. At these sessions, students can meet experienced professionals in their potential fields of study at University in addition to being able to join the Diocesan Healthcare Ministries Formation Community Whatsapp Group should they wish to do so. The sessions will also allow those working in Healthcare, whether they are Professionals or Pastoral Care ministers, to support one another in their ministries.

**YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE - 30 JUNE:** 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 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Sunday, 30 June for 9:30am Mass. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. **For more information, please contact Laura Burton on [laura@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:laura@stbernadette.org.au).**

**WINBOURNE 'KINDS OF PRAYER - FINDING WAYS TO PRAY' REFLECTION DAY - 22 JUNE:** The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day 'Kinds of Prayer - Finding Ways to Pray' on Saturday, 22 June from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Prayer is communication, relationship addressed, respected and taken further. It is letting God get at you, requiring an open heart and mind. Cost is \$30.00 per person. BYO lunch. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773.5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org).



**FR. GREG BOYLE SJ 'TATTOOS ON THE HEART' AUSTRALIAN TOUR — OCTOBER 2024:** Jesuit Priest Fr. Greg Boyle SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, will be visiting Sydney as part of his 'Tattoos on the Heart' tour in October. Fr. Greg will be speaking on 'Radical Kinship' for those in pastoral ministry on 12-13 October and 'Boundless Compassion' to secondary students on 14 October, both at St. Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. **To register, please visit:** <https://www.gpbs.com.au/tattoos-on-the-heart/> or scan the QR code.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES IN 2024:

- Preparing for marriage or know couples who are?
- Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology or practical skills for ministry?
- Searching for encouragement and growth by listening to life and faith stories from adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s?

View and share a copy of the 2024 adult faith formation calendar (link: <https://shorturl.at/grLV3>) or get in touch with the team to learn about more formation opportunities via [:met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**\*\*NOTE UPDATED DETAILS\*\* - CENTRAL EUROPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSEPH LAM OSA - MAY 2025:** Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 15 days from 11 to 25 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 \$5,290.00 per person, excluding flights. For more information or to register your interest contact Ruby Travels Worldwide on 0401 895 998, email: [june.rubytravels@gmail.com](mailto:june.rubytravels@gmail.com) or visit: [rubytravelsworldwide.com](http://rubytravelsworldwide.com)

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL AVAILABLE FOR IN-PERSON, TELEPHONE AND ZOOM APPOINTMENTS:** The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email: [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

**CARDINAL MARENGO MEET AND GREET - 22 JUNE:** As part of his Australian visit through Catholic Mission, the Diocese of Parramatta is hosting Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Saturday, 22 June. Cardinal Marengo will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta followed by a conversation about his mission and service. The event is free, but registration is essential via: <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalmarengo>.

**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 4724.9000.