

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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3 & 4 August 2024
18th 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:

Christine Borg, Jack Portelli, Lasalo Fatai, Lavinia Meafoou, Nikola Stefanac, Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning (Second Bishop of Parramatta)

Anniversaries:

Julia Georges, Joseph Tannous, Anthony Fernando, Clare McMahon, Peter Court, Concetta Saffioti, Lamia Mourched, Heneliko Tokavahua, Elias Greige, Robin Gomes, Mikaele Fiakaifonu, Arturo R. Enriquez, Sebastian D'Silva, James Barrett, Trevor Newton, Lucy Frois

Deceased:

Elias Georges, Mary Jane Axiak, Benedict Le, Hien Phaxico Xavie Le, Hoang Nguyen, Khalil Mourched, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Fr. Rod Bray, Liekina & Katalina Fatu, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Kathleen Tuini Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Jerry Pinto, Norman Cordeiro, Sebastian Lobo, Jack Fernandes, Dominic Tran Dinh Chuong, 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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24

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

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.

Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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



**I am the bread
of life.
Whoever comes
to me will never
be hungry;
whoever believes
in me will
never thirst.**

PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS TODAY: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner!
When: After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

SMART TAP TO DONATE DEVICE is now installed inside the church near the front glass doors. It replaces the former Quest Donation Tap Device. Just as with the former device, the Smart Tap can be used to make donations to the parish. The difference with the new device is that there are four options from which to choose when making a donation: \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or "Other Amount" (selected by the donor). This way of donating has been used regularly by parishioners and visitors. On behalf of the parish Finance Committee, I thank everybody for their generosity.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY PRAYER DINNER — 27 AUGUST: Parishioners are invited to be part of this annual gathering. 2024 will be the 45th Prayer Dinner in our local area. See <https://www.holroyd-churches.org.au/hcpd> for more history of the dinner.
Date: Tuesday, 27 August. **Time:** 7:00pm. **Location:** Swan Room, Merrylands RSL. **Guest Speaker:** Angela Shanahan, Freelance Journalist and Columnist with The Australian. **Cost:** \$50.00 per person including a two-course meal and soft drinks. If you wish to attend the Prayer Dinner tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2024-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner>.
All ticketing will be processed electronically this year (purchases, e-tickets and reminders). RSVP by 13 August 2024. Enquiries to Holroyd Combined Churches on 9896.2514 or hmf@hnlc.org.au; www.holroyd-churches.org.au/hcpd.

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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

VALE BISHOP KEVIN MANNING: On Friday, 2 August, the Diocese of Parramatta bid a fond farewell to Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, during a moving service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. **Visit:** catholicoutlook.org for stories, images and video from Bishop Manning's funeral. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 2 weeks away, on Saturday, 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. **For more information, visit:** parracatholic.org/synodality.

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION MASS - 1 SEPTEMBER: The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath invite you to Mass with Bishop Vincent Long to launch the Season of Creation 2024 (1 September–4 October) on Sunday, 1 September at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath, at 9:30am. Morning tea will be served after Mass. Let us join in praise and celebrate the gifts and wonders that God bestows on us.

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING - 14 SEPTEMBER: You are invited to a Diocesan Season of Creation gathering on Saturday, 14 September from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. This event is part of Catholic Earthcare's national Season of Creation Convocation from 12-14 September. Cost is \$50.00 for the Diocesan gathering only, or \$100.00 for the full Convocation (with days 1 and 2 online). **For program details, please visit:** tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24. **Register for the Convocation by 12 August at:** caritas.org.au/soc-convocation.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS DR. MYRIAM WIJLENS - 5 AUGUST: Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr. Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The Prophetic Voice of the Laity in the Renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr. Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday, 5 August at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6:00pm. **To register, please visit:** parracatholic.org/drmyriam.

WINBOURNE BEING PEACEFUL CHANGE REFLECTION DAY - 17 AUGUST: The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'Being Peaceful Change' on Saturday, 17 August from 9:30am to 12:30pm. "Before You Speak of Peace, You Must First Have it in Your Heart" (St. Francis of Assisi). How might we achieve this unity and carry it forward? Cost is \$15.00 per person. **For more information or to book, contact:** 4773.5555 or email: info@winbourne.org.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



ARE YOU UP FOR FUN, FITNESS, AND FELLOWSHIP? GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS IN THE CITY2SURF ON SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST: Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active

4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. **Scan this QR code or visit:** tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024 FORMATION DAY - 24 AUGUST: The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday, 24 August from 9:30am–2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25.00 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. **For more information please contact:** Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. CHRIS DEL ROSARIO - OCTOBER 2024: Final few places are available to join Fr. Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Catherine and St. Anthony. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. **For more details, visit:** www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/.

CENTRAL EUROPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSEPH LAM - MAY 2025: Final few places are available for the Cosmos tour of Central Europe with Fr. Joseph Lam from St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. The tour runs for 15 days from 11 to 25 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia. 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 or visit: rubytravelsworldwide.com

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 17 August at St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst, for Modules 4-5. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. 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

GLENBROOK PARISH UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S RETREAT -

17 AUGUST: Universal Sisterhood is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, 17 August from 8:45am to 5:15pm at St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like minded women. Registration is \$100.00. **To register, please visit:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1171377>. All enquiries, call 0403 962 181.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION - 4 AUGUST: Young Adults Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 4 August at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury) at 7:00pm. The speaker is Fr. John Rizzo who will talk about and lead discussion on The Eucharist. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

CATHOLIC CARE KEEPING KIDS IN MIND PARENTING COURSE - BEGINS 13 AUGUST: Parenting after separation can be difficult for you and your child. This Catholic Care course over five weeks is designed to assist you in supporting your child following family separation. The sessions are held every Tuesday online from 13 August to 10 September from 10:00am–12:30pm. Cost is \$150.00 or \$50.00 for concession card holders. A certificate of attendance is issued on completion of the course. To book, call 8843.2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.

CATHOLIC CARE BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS PARENTING GROUP - BEGINS 3 SEPTEMBER: Parents and caregivers are welcome to join a parenting group designed by the Australian Childhood Foundation run over four sessions at Catholic Care's Mamre House, Orchard Hills, from Thursday, 3 September from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The course is supported by the free Mamre Creche. Numbers are limited, so express your interest by contacting 8843.2500 or 0439 917 129 by 15 August.

