

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 July 2024
17th 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:

Nikola Stefanac, Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning (Second Bishop of Parramatta), Theresa Xuereb, Aplosio Faupala

Anniversaries:

Elias Greige, Robin Gomes, Mikaele Fiakaifonu, Arturo R. Enriquez, Sebastian D'Silva, James Barrett, Trevor Newton, Lucy Frois, Mavis Muslado, Keith McCormick, Malia Tololesi Tokavahua Taginoa, Taleka Manuka Kolokimoana, Julian Attard, Patricia Fernandes

Deceased:

Fr. Rod Bray, Hanna & Majed Families, Mary Jane Axiak, Liekina & Katalina Fatu, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, 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, Paul Zakka, Cham Tran Dao, John Seghabi, Felix Gonsalves, 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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: KINGS 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:10-11, 15-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
 he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign
 and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
 and you give them their food in due time.
 You open wide your hand,
 grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
 God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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



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PARISH NOTICES

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.

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

BISHOP KEVIN MANNING FUNERAL DETAILS: The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, will be held on Friday, 2 August at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel. A vigil service will be held on Thursday, 1 August at 6:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Manning will then be interred on Monday, 5 August in Coolah, NSW. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. **To register your attendance, please visit:** parracatholic.org/bishopmanning. See noticeboard for more details.

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.

SEA SUNDAY — 28 JULY: This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. **To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:** <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



ARE YOU UP FOR FUN, FITNESS, AND FELLOWSHIP? GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS IN THE CITY2SURF ON SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST: Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations 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.**

MET NATURAL FERTILITY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

* Sympto-Thermal Method: Tuesday, 30 July at 7:15pm

* Creighton Model *FertilityCare* System: Saturday, 3 August at 1:00pm

To book your place or for further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or telephone 0400 427 605.

BISHOP EMERITUS KEVIN MANNING, REST IN PEACE

Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta died peacefully last Monday morning, 15 July 2024, in Bathurst NSW at the age of 90. Bishop Vincent said, "Bishop Kevin Manning was a loving servant of Christ. He dedicated his life to serving others and the church. He was a man of deep faith and prayer, and he leaves a strong legacy in Parramatta and the Australian Catholic Church, said Bishop Vincent. I give thanks for his life, for his vision and leadership for our local church and his legacy".

Born on 2 November 1933 in Coolah, NSW to Kevin and Edith Manning, he was the second eldest in a family of five boys and two girls.

He attended Sacred Heart Primary School in Coolah before going on to St. Columba's College, Springwood where he later began his studies for the priesthood. He was selected to complete his studies at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 21 December 1961.

From 1962 to 1978, he served as a priest of the Diocese of Bathurst. In 1978, he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra for five years, and then as Secretary from 1983 to 1991.

In 1991, Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale, NSW, where he served until his appointment as Bishop of Parramatta.

Bishop Manning was appointed as the second Bishop of Parramatta on 10 July 1997, and was installed at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 21 August 1997. He served as Bishop for over 12 years until his retirement on 4 March 2010. During this time, he led the youngest diocese during a period of rapid growth as more migrants and people chose to live in the western suburbs and Blue Mountains. This is evidenced by the fact that Parramatta now is bigger than most Australian archdioceses.

Bishop Manning is well-known and well-loved by many in the diocese and across Australia. During his time as Bishop of Parramatta, he raised the new St. Patrick's Cathedral after the disastrous fire of 1996 and was renowned for his outreach to the marginalised and the poor. He worked tirelessly campaigning and advocating for justice for workers, First Nations people, migrants and refugees, women and children and the growing youth population in the diocese.

He was the first bishop to reach out to the Muslim community in Western Sydney, building relationships based on mutual respect, and continued this interfaith and ecumenical work with other Christian communities and faiths.

Bishop Manning was the epitome of a Good Shepherd. He was a dutiful and humble servant full of compassion, humour and a love for the Church. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Bishop Kevin Manning will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Friday, 2 August. Respecting his wishes, he will be buried with family members in the local cemetery at Coolah.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY TABLE TALK – HOUSING FOR EVERYONE - 3 AUGUST: Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: 3 August 2024 from 7:00pm–9:30pm (after Mass) at The Good Shepherd Parish, 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. Light dinner will be included. **Please register at:** tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24

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 (02) 4773.5555 or email: info@winbourne.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.