

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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31 August & 1 September 2024
22nd 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:

Ronnie Borg

Anniversaries:

George & Therese Safadi, Albert & Tessie Camilleri, Pio Borg, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Phyllis Santa Maria, Tamiano Talalua, Maketalena Taufana Sione, Margaret & Rex Lane, Dominic Francis Gonsalves, Nicola Mastrippolita, Golds Family

Deceased:

Dr. B. Walter & Rita Fernando, Charlotte Jayakody, Cynthia Silva, Maria & Joseph, Danilo & Danielle Jan Abaquita, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Chris Grima, Paul Zahra, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlailaty, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Tuini Lea'Kina Katalina Fatu & Family, Ausia, Tositea, Ana & Holokaukau Families, Eukalio, Palemila, Suliana & Tokavahua Families, Nonilon Padillo, Deceased Members of the Frois Family, Marcos, Martha, Saidey & Lina Nasr, Felix Gonsalves

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 14:2-5

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

2ND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JAMES 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

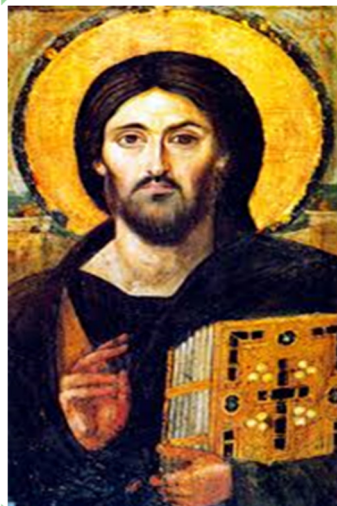
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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



**O Lord,
you are
good and
forgiving,
full of mercy
to all who
call to you.**

PARISH NOTICES

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS TODAY: Morning Tea will not be held on Sunday (1 September) due to Father's Day.



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS —

31 AUGUST & 1 SEPTEMBER:

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. **Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal via envelopes, at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code.** Thank you.

FATHER'S DAY MASS — SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER: The Sri Lankan community invite parishioners to attend a Father's Day Mass on 8 September at 4:30pm at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford. Following Mass refreshments will be held in the Hall.

SMART TAP TO DONATE DEVICE is installed inside the church near the front glass doors. The Smart Tap can be used to make donations to the parish. 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

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.

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

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.

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.**

CHURCH 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

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2024 – 1 SEPTEMBER 2024: This weekend begins National Child Protection Week. We are reminded that all of God's creation is good. We are challenged to do all we can to help and nurture all God has created. In our prayer, in our conversations and in our actions, let us always show our commitment to actively promote the dignity and rights of all persons and, most particularly in this week, let our ministry and service actively support the voices and wellbeing of children in our Parish and local community.

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE - 15 SEPTEMBER: The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday, 15 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt. Druitt, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. **For more information, please contact:** the Parish Office on 9832.3896.

GLENMORE PARK ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for the parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The Parish will be celebrating a three day Triduum:

- Thursday, 19 September – 7:00pm Novena to St. Padre Pio and Mass
- Friday, 20 September – 7:00pm Novena to St. Padre Pio and Mass
- Saturday, 21 September – 5:30pm Novena to St. Padre Pio and Vigil Mass

With the feast day celebrations on Sunday, 22 September from 10:00am with a solemn procession with the relic, Mass, veneration and blessing of the relic. **For enquiries, contact the Parish Office on:** 4789.2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org.

ACBC 2024-2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. **Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting:** <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

CAMPION COLLEGE EARLY CHRISTIANITY SYMPOSIUM - 27-28 SEPTEMBER: Campion College is delighted to announce an upcoming symposium, "Shepherd at the Crossroads: Converging Traditions in Early Christianity," to be held on 27-28 September 2024, at the college campus in Toongabbie. This event offers a unique opportunity to delve into the multicultural and multi-traditional character of Early Christianity and its enduring influence. Two-day tickets are available for \$120.00 per person while a one-day ticket will cost \$70.00 per person. Concession pricing is available. **To purchase tickets and learn more about the event, visit:** www.campion.edu.au/event/early-christianitysymposium.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our 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 16 months. **To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit:** parracatholic.org/synodality.

MT. SCHOENSTATT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN - 13-15 SEPTEMBER: The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young women aged 18 to 35 for a weekend retreat entitled, "Encounter - God, Nature, Friends and Yourself" from Friday, 13 to Sunday, 15 September at the Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa. Single room is \$265.00, shared room \$217.00 and Saturday only is \$65.00. Places are limited and registrations close 8 September. **To register, contact Sr. M .Rita on:** 0493 026 628 or email rrita@schoenstatt.org.au.

MET WORSHIP CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP - 19 SEPTEMBER: Children's liturgy team members are invited to attend a workshop with an outline of the Diocesan Guidelines and a Children's Liturgy Q&A session with the Diocesan Liturgy Educator, Sr. Mary-Louise Walsh. This will be held on Thursday, 19 September from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. **To register or for more information, please email Lucy on:** lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or use this link: <https://parracatholic.org/events/met-childrens-liturgy-workshop-19-sept/>.

WINBOURNE 'SIN AND REDEMPTION' REFLECTION DAY - 14 SEPTEMBER: The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'Sin and Redemption' on Saturday, 14 September from 9:30am to 12:30pm. God's only use for sin is to turn it on its head and use it to save us. How might I use this to energise my life? Cost is \$15.00 per person. **For more information or to book, contact:** 4773.5555 or email info@winbourne.org.

WINBOURNE 'THE ARAMAIC LORD'S PRAYER' REFLECTION DAY - 28 SEPTEMBER: The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'The Aramaic Lord's Prayer' on Saturday, 28 September from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Returning to what Jesus actually said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience. Cost is \$15.00 per person. **For more information or to book, contact:** 4773.5555 or email info@winbourne.org.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 months) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close 31 October 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

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 10 September at:** caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - 20 SEPTEMBER: Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields on Friday, 20 September 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Join us afterwards for refreshments. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9626.3326 or email:** parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Monday, 2 September at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill for Module 2. More training opportunities will be available throughout 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.



SCAN ME

MET FAITHLIFE SPIRITUALITY SHORT COURSE - STARTING 17 SEPTEMBER: Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays, 17 Sep + 24 Sep + 1 Oct! Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.



SCAN ME

THE FAITHFEED - 6 SEPTEMBER: Looking for great conversations + live atmosphere + storytelling from those in their 20's, 30's & 40's? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday, 6 September 2024 - Doors open 7:00pm w/live music for 7:30pm start. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.