

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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10 & 11 August 2024
19th 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

Anniversaries:

Margaret & Rex Lane, Dominic Francis Gonsalves, Nicola Mastroppolita, Golds Family, Julia Georges, Joseph Tannous, Anthony Fernando, Clare McMahon, Peter Court, Concetta Saffioti, Lamia Mourched, Heneliko Tokavahua, Elias Greige, Robin Gomes, Mikaele Fiakaifonu

Deceased:

Felix Gonsalves, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Elias Georges, Benedict Le, Hien Phaxico Xavie Le, Hoang Nguyen, Khalil Mourched, Fr. Rod Bray, Liekina & Katalina Fatu, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Kathleen Tuini Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & 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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-9

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
 Together let us praise his name.
 I sought the Lord and he answered me;
 from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.
 This poor man called; the Lord heard him
 and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
 around those who revere him, to rescue them.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
 He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2

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

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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



Jesus says,

**'I am the
 living bread
 which has
 come down
 from
 heaven.**

**The bread
 that I shall
 give is my
 flesh, for the
 life of the
 world'.**

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S SURGERY: On Tuesday last, 6 August, I had a total (right) knee replacement operation. The surgery was successful. For the next 6–8 weeks, I'll be in rehabilitation, both as an inpatient and then as an outpatient for most of the sessions. While I'll be back in the parish within a week or so, I'll be on light and limited duties. Meanwhile, Fr. Treesen will be taking care of parish Masses etc., and Sr. Helen will be available as usual for other aspects of pastoral care.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Thursday, 15 August Masses will be celebrated at 9:15am and 7:00pm. Our primary school students as well as students from Patrician Brothers' College, Fairfield will join us at the 9:15am Mass.

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

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ACBC 2024-2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH - 20 AUGUST: All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday, 20 August from 10:00am to 12:00pm in St. Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. **Please RSVP your attendance via this link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>.

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. **You can also share your memories of Bishop Manning via our online condolence book via:** <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/NR3o0u4X>. 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: This weekend, 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.



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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS - SPUR ON OUR CITY2SURF TEAM AND HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS:

This National Vocations Awareness Week, a faithful group of Holy Spirit Seminarians, priests, and parishioners are getting #Active4Vocations in the

14km City2Surf, on Sunday, 11 August to promote priestly vocations and support our seminarians' formation. Please spur them on with your prayers and a donation to help our seminarians become priests. **Scan this QR code to donate or visit:** tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. **If you feel called to the priesthood, visit:** parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood.

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

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/>.

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.

LUDDENHAM-WARRAGAMBA PARISH YOUTH CONNECT EVENING - 18 AUGUST:

Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba invites young people aged 12 to 25 for a Youth Connect evening at Holy Family Church, Luddenham on Sunday, 18 August from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us for Encounter Night, hosted by the Youth Mission Team. **Call Alicja to register or for more information - 0438 776 945.**

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.

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

SISTERS OF FAITH YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT - 31 AUGUST:

To celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, young women aged 18-35 are invited to a retreat day on Saturday, 31 August from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth community, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. Meet with sisters from nine different congregations for a day of inspiring talks, Q&A, Eucharist, Holy Hour and great food. **To register, please contact:** Sr. Christine Ramada CSFN on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0426 092 699.

