

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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17 & 18 August 2024
20th 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, Christine Borg, Jack Portelli,
Lasalo Fatai, Lavinia Meafoou, Nikola
Stefanac

Anniversaries:

Salvatore Lazzoppina, Phyllis Santa Maria,
Tamiano Talalua, Maketalena Taufana Sione,
Margaret & Rex Lane, Dominic Francis
Gonsalves, Nicola Mastrippolita, 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:

Nonilon Padillo, Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased
Members of the Frois Family, Marcos,
Martha, Saidey & Lina Nasr, Rima & Bassima
Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed
& Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Felix
Gonsalves, 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

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-3, 10-15

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.**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R.**

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R.**

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

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

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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



Jesus said:

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

**Anyone who
eats this
bread will live
for ever and
I will raise
them up on
the last day.'**

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS – 31 AUGUST AND 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 on the weekend of the appeal or at: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you.

PASTOR'S SURGERY: On Tuesday, 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

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

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.

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>.



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.



THANK YOU FOR GETTING #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS AND SUPPORTING OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS!

Last Sunday, 17 Holy Spirit Seminarians, priests, and parishioners from the Diocese of Parramatta pounded the pavement in the 14km City2Surf. Thanks to you, our faith community, for so generously supporting their efforts to raise awareness of priestly vocations and funds to support our seminarians' spiritual development. If you haven't had a chance to spur them on their path to the priesthood, please scan the QR code or donate @ tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations.



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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Wednesday, 21 August at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields, 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/>.

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

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.

ACBC ABSENT FROM THE TABLE SURVEY:

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on 20 August. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:

The Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Co-Ordinator. The role is based at the National Office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal. **For information visit:** www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close 23 August.