

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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24 & 25 August 2024
21st 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

Anniversaries:

Pio Borg, 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

Deceased:

Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlailaty, Mary
Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana &
Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family,
Tuini Lea'Kina Katalina Fatu & Family, Ausia,
Tositea, Ana & Holokaukau Families, Eukalio,
Palemila, Suliana & Tokavahua Families,
Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter,
Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony &
Peter & Family, Nonilon Padillo, Deceased
Members of the Frois Family, Marcos,
Martha, Saidey & Lina Nasr, 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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-3, 16-23

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.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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



Jesus said to the
Twelve, and says to
us today,
'Do you want to go
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sage
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PARISH NOTICES

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: Morning Tea will not be held next 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 on the weekend of the appeal, 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 the 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

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH NOVENA - BEGINS 30 AUGUST:

Please join the community of Sacred Heart Parish, Mount Druitt South for the Novena and Feast of Our Lady of Good Health, from 30 August until 8 September. There will be Masses in the evenings followed by Rosary and Novena. We conclude on 8 September, the Nativity of Our Lady, with Mass at 6:00pm followed by a light supper. **For further information, please contact:** the Parish Office on 9832.3896.

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 White 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.

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

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Monday, 26 August at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill for Modules 1 and 3. 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

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 rrita@schoenstatt.org.au.

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.

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