

# 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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**7 & 8 September 2024**  
**23rd 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:

Helen Mifsud, Madeleine Mitchell, Ronnie Borg

### Anniversaries:

Graeme Mansour, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Rose Watts, Nina Ciaccia, Aronne Borg, George & Therese Safadi, Albert & Tessie Camilleri, Pio Borg, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Phyllis Santa Maria, Tamiano Talalua, Maketalena Taufana Sione

### Deceased:

Dr. George Martinus, Bernard & Mark Perera, All Deceased Fathers in the Cordeiro, Dibiamaka, Rodrigues, Santa Maria, Frois & Gomes Families, Nunzia D'Elia, Maria & Joseph, Abiwahab Family, Edgar Montclar, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Dr. B. Walter & Rita Fernando, Charlotte Jayakody, Cynthia Silva, Danilo & Danielle Jan Abaquita, Chris Grima, Paul Zahra, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, 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, 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

## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10

**Response:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
 who is just to those who are oppressed.  
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
 who raises up those who are bowed down,  
 the Lord who loves the just,  
 the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
 The Lord will reign for ever,  
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

### 2ND READING: JAMES 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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



**Courage!**  
**Do not be afraid.**  
**He has done all things well.**  
**He makes the deaf hear and**  
**the dumb speak.**

## PARISH NOTICES



**BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS:** 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 at: [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://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

### POSITIONS VACANT:

Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta  
Parish Secretary – Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere  
Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta — **Applications close 25 September**  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)



### WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE - WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During *Include A Charity Week*, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider a gift in your Will to our parish or a Catholic ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. Brochures available at the back of the church. **For information on remembering our Church in your Will:** [parracatholic.org/giftsinWills](http://parracatholic.org/giftsinWills)



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BISHOP MANNING SUPPORT FUND:

Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, named in honour of the recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. **Please scan the QR Code or visit:** <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>. **Applications close 18 October.**

**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](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).

### CATHOLIC CARE MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP:

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on 8843.2506.



# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 28 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**MET WORSHIP MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING FORMATION - 19 OCTOBER:** Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday, 19 October from 9:30am-2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>.

**2024 SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>.

**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: [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or use this link: <https://parracatholic.org/events/met-childrens-liturgy-workshop-19-sept/>.

**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.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24). **Register for the Convocation by 10 September at:** [caritas.org.au/soc-convocation](https://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](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)



**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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**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:** <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/early-christianity-symposium/>.