

# 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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**14 & 15 September 2024**  
**24th 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

### Anniversaries:

Rita & Earnshaw Burns, Graeme Mansour, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Francois Leaha Keletaona, Anthony Brendan Mockler, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Rose Watts, Nina Ciaccia, Aronne Borg, George & Therese Safadi, Albert & Tessie Camilleri, Pio Borg

### Deceased:

Antoun Yazbeck and his departed brothers and sisters and parents, Maria & Joseph, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Majed Family, Dr. George Martinus, Bernard & Mark Perera, All Deceased Fathers in the Cordeiro, Dibiamaka, Rodrigues, Santa Maria, Frois & Gomes Families, Nunzia D'Elia, Abiwahab Family, Edgar Montclar, 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, Falaeo & 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

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 114:1-6, 8-9

**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R.**

### 2ND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St. James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GALATIANS 6:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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



**'Who do people say I am?'**

**Jesus says to us:  
'But you, who do you say I am?'**

## PARISH NOTICES



### THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS' HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised \$2,111.55 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve during their retirement. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit: [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

**PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH 2024-2028 — 'BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU':** Hard copies of the Pastoral Plan are available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE:** The 2024 Season of Creation | Spring 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

**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.

**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.

Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 25 September**

Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028 -

**BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS:** "Our journey has only just begun. As we move forward, we endeavour to institutionalise best practice in communal discernment, decision making and governance, which would enhance the authority of the ordained and the rightful participation of the faithful..." – Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv (Page 4, 'Behold, I am with you always' Pastoral Plan). **Read more and share in our diocesan vision at:** [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).



### 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.**

### CATHOLIC CARE PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS DAY COMMEMORATION - 15 OCTOBER:

To commemorate Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Tuesday, 15 October from 11:00am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 4731.4385.

### 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).



# 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>.

## **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/>.

## **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 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/>.

## **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](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au).

## **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](mailto:info@winbourne.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.

## **FREE ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES:**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on 8843.2506 or Nepean Community College 4724.9000.

## **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:**

Sign up for one or more short, online presentations. **Engaging Your Faith - October 2024.** Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science and Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25.00 per session. **For more information and to register:** [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/).