

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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21 & 22 September 2024
25th 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:

Carmen Peiry, Robert Jerry D'Souza, Eric Crowley, Wadih Younan, Rita & Earnshaw Burns, Graeme Mansour, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Francois Leahua Keletaona, Anthony Brendan Mockler, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia D'Silva, Rose Watts, Nina Ciaccia, Aronne Borg, George & Therese Safadi, Albert & Tessie Camilleri

Deceased:

Felix Gonsalves, Mary Jane Axiak, Maria & Joseph, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Kataline Tuini Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Wadih, Youseff Maroun & Esther Younan, Dib, Salam & Michael Barakat, Antoun Yazbeck and his departed brothers and sisters and parents, 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, 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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 53:3-6, 8

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

2ND READING: JAMES 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of St. James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF 2 THESSALONIANS 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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



**Anyone who welcomes one of
these little children,
welcomes me; and anyone
who welcomes me, welcomes
the one who sent me.**

PARISH NOTICES

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.

LITURGY NOTE

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 42

DIOCESAN NOTICES

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 27 OCTOBER: The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, 27 October at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or telephone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

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**

Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 12 October**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028 - 'BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS': The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts 'Behold, I Am With You Always' – Matthew 28:20." (Page 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). **Download your copy of the Plan at:** www.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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - 18 OCTOBER:

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St. Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday, 18 October from 6:00pm to 7:00pm with Fr. Galbert Albino. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr. Galbert Albino on 4773.4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@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

MET NATURAL FERTILITY SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD INSTRUCTION SESSION - 24 SEPTEMBER: The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) can be used by all couples to space their children. It is suitable for breastfeeding women returning to fertility and helps couples identify the best time to achieve pregnancy! To book your place in this FREE session on Tuesday, 24 September at 7:15pm via Zoom, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605. Contact Catherine for private and confidential instruction in other methods of NFP offered in the Diocese.
****Save the Date for the final 2024 FREE group Initial Instruction for the Billings Ovulation Method® on 12 November.**

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.

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.

ST. MARYS ST. CLAIR PARISH MENALIVE RETREAT WEEKEND - 12-13 OCTOBER: The Men's ministry groups of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys and Holy Spirit Parish, St. Clair-Erskine Park, invite men of all ages to attend the upcoming menALIVE weekend on 12-13 October at the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, St. Marys. The weekend will feature talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect. Cost is \$50.00. **To register, please visit:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1265196>. **For enquiries, please contact:** Steve Buhagiar (St. Marys) on 0415 600 290 or Vasco Gil (St. Clair) 0414 396 643.

CAMILLIAN DISASTER SERVICE AUSTRALIA SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION - 28 SEPTEMBER: Camillian Disaster Service Australia, a humanitarian service of the Camillian Order, invite you to a multicultural Season of Creation celebration on Saturday, 28 September from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Westmead Hospital Education Centre Theatre. The event will include multicultural performances, prayer, presentations and a renewal of our commitment to care for our common home. All are welcome to attend this free event.

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 or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>.

WINBOURNE 'THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS' REFLECTION DAY - 19 OCTOBER: The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'The Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings' on Saturday, 19 October from 9:30am to 3:00pm. J.R.R. Tolkien's deep Catholic spirituality is evident throughout the trilogy, although neither God nor Church are mentioned. Cost is \$30.00 per person. BYO lunch. **For more information or to book, contact:** 4773.5555 or email info@winbourne.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.