

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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30 November & 1 December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent — Year C

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:

Marie Romero, Barry Adams, Nouhad Nasr

Anniversaries:

Sabri Morgan, Francis Oliver, Soane Kikanoi,
Yvette Bains, Regina Victoria, Carmen Desira,
Jeanette Love, Gertrude Santa Maria

Deceased:

Deceased Legionaries of Our Lady of Lourdes
Praesidium Guildford, Burns, Salisbury, Stewart
& Cotter Families, Rima & Bassima Hanna &
Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Tokavahua,
Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino
Tukana & Family, Leaha Falakiko Joselito
Ketaona & Family, Sononefa Falakiko
Keletaona, Soane & Doris Kikanoi, Lavasele
Lino et Meliana & Family, 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 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Response: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you".

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

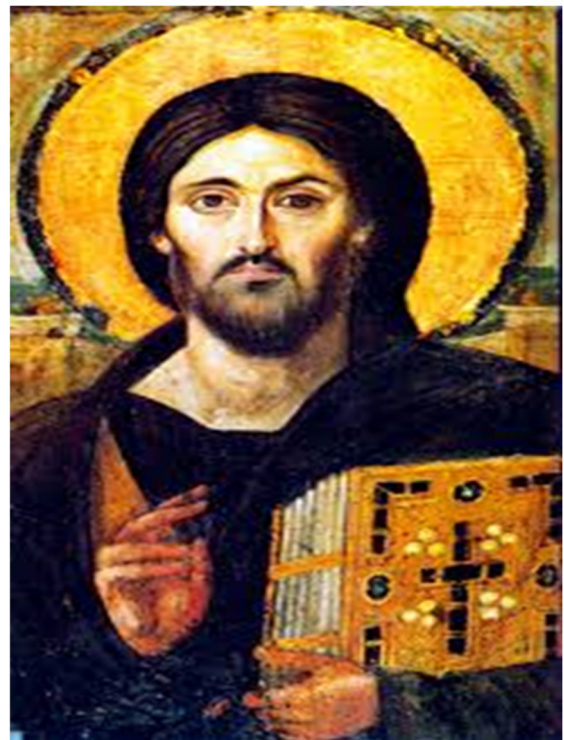
THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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



*Jesus said to his disciples
and says to us:
'Stay awake!'*

*'Your liberation is
near at hand.'*

PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS TODAY:

We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner!
When: After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is your opportunity to help others in our parish who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass during Advent and placing them in the baskets under the Christmas Tree. **Some examples of food items are:** breakfast cereal, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, pasta, rice, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.** *"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you"* (Luke 1:28).

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL —

30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER 2024: This year's Bishop's Christmas Appeal will take place this weekend. The appeal will raise funds to support **Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' nationally accredited Houses to Homes program.** This program supports pregnant women and young mothers aged between 16 and 25, who are homeless or at serious risk of homelessness. The program provides transitional housing for up to two years to help them get back on their feet, as well as essential support services including counselling, parenting education, living skills support, employment and training support and so much more. Many of these women and their children have experienced significant trauma, including domestic and/or family violence, and your support would help reshape the lives of these local, vulnerable young families. **Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at:** parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank 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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2024-2025 — "TRUTH AND PEACE — A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD": Copies of the Australian Bishops' 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement "Truth and Peace — A Gospel Word in a Violent World" are available at the back of the church accompanied by prayer cards. You can find a digital version of the statement and prayer card, accompanying resources, a recording of the launch event and Bishop Vincent's launch address online at: tinyurl.com/sjs24-25.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED — THAT CATHOLIC SHOP - CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE:

Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue** of *That Catholic Shop* are available at the back of the Church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online.

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar 39

How then, may we pray and reflect throughout Advent? One way is to take time each day to pray and reflect on the Advent Mass readings. Another way, for those of us who have access to the internet, is to use sites that help us to journey through Advent.

There are a number of sites, two are listed below:

Sacred Space – Your Daily Prayer Online:

This is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits
<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

Advent Resource – Whispers of God – Sunday Readings:

A ministry of the Columban Mission Institute, Sydney
<https://www.columban.org.au>

Let us pray for one another and for our world during this time of Advent as we remember the first coming of Jesus the Christ and look forward, in hope, to his second coming.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

POSITION VACANT:

Faith Enrichment Role Vacancy – Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person for a Faith Enrichment role, working 16 hours per week onsite. Key responsibilities include:

- Facilitating and resourcing parents as they guide their children in sacraments and faith.
- Liaising with key faith enrichment ministries.
- Assisting in opportunities for faith inquiry and parishioners' spiritual enrichment.
- Sharing relevant administrative and technical tasks with the parish team.

For more information and details on how to apply, please contact: parishoffice@olqp.org.au.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE OF MR. CHARLES HYSON - 7 DECEMBER: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta invites you to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr. Charles Philip Hyson on Saturday, 7 December at 10:30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the Memorial of Saint Ambrose. **Please RSVP to Hannah Portelli at:** Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you wish to attend.

THE GOOD NEWS IN END-OF-LIFE CARE: The topic covered will include having a look at the current Voluntary Assisted Dying situation, together with gaining an understanding of our Faith in the Resurrection from the Dead as the foundation for us to be at peace with death as we look forward with hope to joining loved ones who have gone before us as we wait for loved ones coming after us in the communion of saints. These sessions are suitable for anybody interested in the topic, especially young people discerning their vocation in life as a Healthcare professional, as well as Catholics involved in Healthcare as Professionals, Clergy, Aged Care, Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Lay Chaplains and Pastoral Associates. **Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:30pm — 4, 11 and 18 December 2024 — Cloister Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** **RSVP:** met@parracatholic.org
Enquiries: michael.tan@parracatholic.org

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS - 14 DECEMBER: Let us prepare our hearts together this year with the Advent and Christmas Carols at Mount Schoenstatt (Family Hall - 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa) on Saturday, 14 December at 7:00pm. All children are encouraged to arrive by 6:50pm dressed as angels and shepherds. **Flyer and more details can be found on the website:** <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL OFFICE: The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email: tribunal@parracatholic.org.

ST. PAUL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION - 18 JANUARY: Come Join the Celebrations at the St. Paul's Feast. Saturday, 18 January 2025 at 5:30pm at St. Monica's, Richmond. Feast Mass Saturday, 18 January 2025, St. Monica's, Richmond at 5:30pm followed by procession. **Other details:** Lady Queen of Peace band, BBQ, food, drinks, rides and chocolate wheel.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARIAN PROCESSION - 7 DECEMBER: Join the parish community at Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville as they host their 2nd Annual Marian Procession for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It begins with the 6:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Church on Saturday, 7 December, followed by a candlelight procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Join us as we come together to pray through the intercession of Our Lady and experience a beautiful slice of Lourdes and Fatima right here in Sydney. All are welcome!

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA - 2-9 JANUARY 2025: Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2025 Epiphany Pilgrimage. Enjoy 7 days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the Finnies Fiesta at St. Finbar's, Glenbrook. **For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit:** www.epiphanypilgrimage.org.

ARTES CHRISTI - CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY (SYDNEY) - 15 DECEMBER: Join us for the 16th Annual Christmas in the City with the Artes Christi Choir and Orchestra of over 50 musicians. **Please Note:** The 2024 date and time for the Carols have changed and the event will now be on Sunday, 15 December (3:00pm) at St Peter's Catholic Church, Surry Hills. (There will NOT be a Carols on Sunday, 8 December). This year, **ENTRY IS BY DONATION** (suggested \$10.00+ per ticket). with all proceeds supporting Aid to the Church in Need and its vital charity programs in Lebanon, the Holy Land and Ukraine. From the opening solo in O Come O Come Emmanuel to O Holy Night to the final triumphant chords of The Hallelujah Chorus. This year - more than ever - this is one Christmas event not to be missed. **Date and Time:** Sunday, 15 December (3:00pm). **Venue:** St. Peter's Catholic Church. **Address:** 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. **Seats are Strictly Limited so Bookings Are Essential via:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1315238>.

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.