

# 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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**9 & 10 November 2024**  
**32nd 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:

Marie Romero, Barry Adams, Nouhad Nasr, Monsignor John Usher, Francina Mathew, Lam Xuan Hoa La, Monsignor Vincent Redden, Sylviane Kafoa Mekenese, Tominiko Saliga, Silvana Ingraio, Isalei Hausiaivaha Payet

### Anniversaries:

Vincenzo D'Elia, Laura & Christopher Sancta Maria, Ian Lane, Norman Cordeiro, Robin Gomes, Elias Fernandopulle, Veselko Luburic, Eileen Crowley, Heneliko Tokavahua, Fulilotojean Michel Pagatele,

### Deceased:

During the month of November, only Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will be listed.



## 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

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



#### **1ST READING: 1 KINGS 17:10-16**

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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.  
It is 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: HEBREWS 9:24-28**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself.

Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:3**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**Alleluia!**

#### **THE GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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



**'This poor widow  
has put in  
everything she  
possessed.'**

**Happy the poor  
in spirit, the  
kingdom of  
heaven is theirs.**

***What am I  
willing to give  
to the Lord?***

## PARISH NOTICES

**9:15AM MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION — FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2024:** The 9:15am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, 15 November 2024 have been cancelled.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. **Please PRINT names clearly on envelopes.** The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the Altar.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION — SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, 23 November, the Feast of Christ the King. Children aged 10 years and over may receive this sacrament which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Community. Enrolment forms will be distributed to students in our Parish School. Those who attend other schools are invited to come to the Parish Office, during office hours, to collect an Enrolment Form. All forms are to be completed at home and returned to the Parish Office with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate attached. You will receive reflection sheets to share with your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The cut-off date for Enrolment Forms to be returned to the Parish Office is COB on Wednesday, 20 November 2024.**

**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](http://tinyurl.com/sjs24-25).

**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.

**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](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) to see the entire range and order online.

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**EUCHARISTIC 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:

Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – **Applications close 11 November**  
Management and Systems Accountant – **Applications close 17 November**  
Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

### PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST - 13 NOVEMBER:

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: **13 November 2024, 10:30am–1:00pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.** BE A VOLUNTEER: **If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g. set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form:** [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast).

### FROM THE PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028 -

**BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS:** "Synodality is built on mutual listening, compassion without judgement, and a desire to understand and even celebrate differences. A synodal faith community knows itself to be imperfect and so fosters respectful listening, especially to the voices that have been marginalised or excluded. A Synodal Church cannot exist when unilateral decisions are made without adequate communal consultation and discernment, regardless of who is making the decision. What structures in the local community and training will be necessary to enhance communal decision-making for a Synodal Church?" (Pages 51-52, Pastoral Plan). Explore how we can listen and discern together: [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

### ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY -

**19 NOVEMBER:** The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday, 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St. Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.



# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FREE THEOLOGY BOOKS - CLEARING OF BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE LIBRARY:** As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations, the library books are available for collection, free of charge. There are many books in all categories – biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and MORE. You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10:00am to 4:00pm: Tuesday, 12 November and Friday, 22 November. **Contact:** met@parracatholic.org for more information.

**CRAFT MARKET GREYSTANES — SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2024:** **Where:** OLQP Camilleri Hall, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. **Date:** Saturday, 16 November 2024. **Time:** 8:00am-2:00pm. Come and enjoy the annual Craft Market Greystanes including Devonshire Tea/Sausage Sizzle and Super Raffle. Find the perfect gift and bag a bargain on: arts and crafts/jewellery; children's and baby's clothes; Christmas decorations; embroidered items/quilts; paper tole/bags; candles/edible treats and so much more! **Like us on Facebook. Facebook.com/CraftMarketGreystanes.**

**ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH PAVILLION OF FELLOWSHIP RAFFLE:** St. Nicholas of Myra Parish is holding a fundraising raffle to help construct our Pavilion of Fellowship. The prize is a 7-day holiday in a Bali Villa for 6 people (flights not included). **For more information and to purchase tickets visit:** <https://www.raffletix.com.au/pavilionoffellowship>.

**THE VOCATION OF HEALTHCARE — SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2024:** This Formation session is suitable for 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. Anybody else interested in the topic is also welcome to come along. **10:00am-12:30pm — Saturday, 23 November 2024 — Parish Mass starting at 9:10am — St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.**

**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

**RIVERSTONE PARISH 120-YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS - 17 NOVEMBER:** Fr. Zakaria Gayed and the Riverstone Parish cordially invites you to celebrate their 120-year anniversary of the opening of St. John's Church on Sunday, 17 November at 10:30am Mass officiated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. Activities and a sausage sizzle (\$5.00pp – cash only) will follow in the Parish Centre.

**MET ANNUAL BISHOP VINCENT VATICAN II LECTURE — 20 NOVEMBER:** You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday, 20 November, 6:30pm–8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, corner Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via: <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact: met@parracatholic.org.

**MET NATURAL FERTILITY BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD INSTRUCTION SESSION — 12 NOVEMBER:** The next session in our Natural Family Planning series is the Billings Ovulation Method®. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately to help you reach your family planning goals. The session will be held on Tuesday, 12 November from 7:15pm to 8:15pm via Zoom. **To book your place or for further information, please contact:** Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or telephone 0400 427 605.

**DIOCESAN ADVENT WEEK SCRIPTURE REFLECTION EVENING - 26 NOVEMBER:** In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday, 26 November 2024 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm. **RSVP via:** met@parracatholic.org.

**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 on 4724.9000.

**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).