

# 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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16 & 17 November 2024  
33rd 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

### Anniversaries:

Gertrude Santa Maria, Vincenzo D'Elia, Laura &  
Christopher Sancta Maria, Ian Lane, Norman  
Cordeiro, Robin Gomes, Elias Fernandopulle,  
Veselko Luburic

### 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

### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



#### 1ST READING: DANIEL 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 15:5, 8-11

**Response:** Keep me safe, O God;  
you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 21:36

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful, pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the  
Son of Man.

**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-32

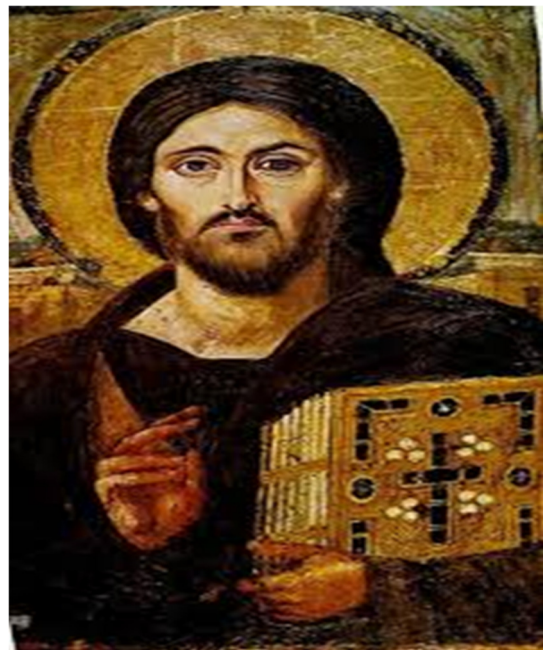
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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



**The Son of Man will come  
in the clouds in great  
power and glory.**

***Heaven and earth will pass  
away, but my words will not  
pass away.***

## PARISH NOTICES

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL — 30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER 2024:** This year's Bishop's Christmas Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Saturday, 30 November to Sunday 1 December 2024**. 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 visit:** [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).

**CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB (CBC) - SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2024:** Each year in November the CBC remembers its deceased members at a Mass. This year, it will be during the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, 24 November**. After Mass a cuppa will be held in the Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend along with the Club members.

**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.**

**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.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**POSITION VACANT:**  
Management and Systems Accountant — **Applications close 17 November**  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

**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](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **PJE TABLE TALK “DISABILITY – UNEMPLOYMENT – SEEKING ASYLUM — NAVIGATING MULTIPLE CHALLENGES IN AUSTRALIA” - 28 NOVEMBER:**

Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: **28 November 2024, 6:00pm–8:30pm**, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. **Find out more and register at:** [parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk](https://parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk).

**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.

## **FREE THEOLOGY BOOKS - CLEARING OF BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE LIBRARY - 22 NOVEMBER:**

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 from 10:00am to 4:00pm: Friday, 22 November. **Contact:** [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)  
**Enquiries:** [michael.tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:michael.tan@parracatholic.org)

## **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). The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, 24 November at 11:00am following Mass. **For more information and to purchase tickets visit:** <https://www.raffletix.com.au/pavilionoffellowship>.

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

## **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](mailto: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.

## **FREE MEN’S RETREAT “A PATH TO SEXUAL FREEDOM” - 30 NOVEMBER:**

Simon Carrington will facilitate a FREE Men’s retreat, “A Path To Sexual Freedom” at St. Patrick’s Blacktown on 30 November from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This retreat is for men aged 16 years old and above. There will be two talks and an opportunity for adoration and confession. Free lunch will be provided. **To register and for more information, please email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).

## **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).