

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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23 & 24 November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—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

Anniversaries:

Yvette Baini, Regina Victoria, Carmen Desira,
Jeanette Love, Gertrude Santa Maria, Vincenzo
D'Elia, Laura & Christopher Sancta Maria, Ian
Lane,

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 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE— YEAR B



1ST READING: DANIEL 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 92:1-2, 5

Response: The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION; MARK 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

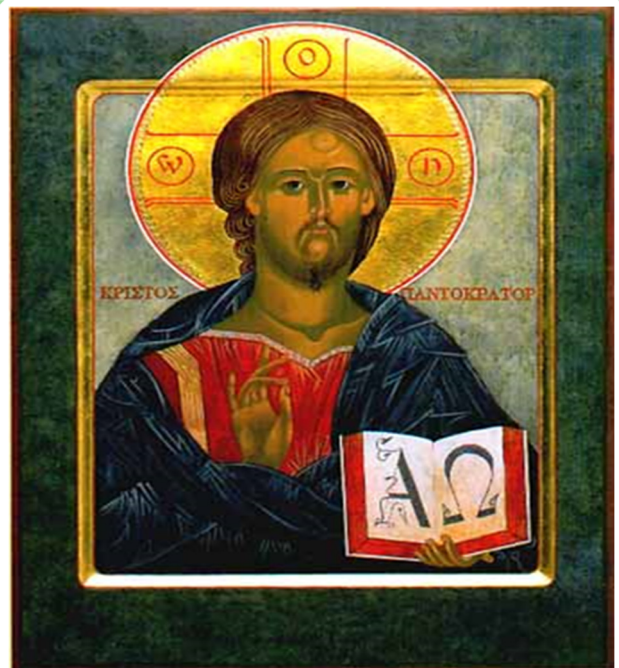
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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



'Yes, I am a King.

*I came into the world for this:
to bear witness to the truth;
and all who are on the side of
truth listen to my voice.'*

*I am the Alpha and the
Omega.*

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO VERY REV. PETER G. WILLIAMS AM VG: Thank you for coming to our Parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners. It is good to have you among us. Know that you are remembered in our prayers. Thank you for your ministry in our Diocese.

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 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 give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at:** 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.

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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

LITURGY NOTE

Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves’, and there is also an ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 39

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.

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@mqqofblacktown.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.

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>.