

# 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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28 & 29 December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — 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:

Mary Webster, Geraldine Caruana, Robert C. Reyes, Falakiko Kaihea

### Anniversaries:

Joe Nasr, John D'Silva, Albert Hitanaya, Thomas Lay, Ifa Lay

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Julian Attard, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Felix Gonsalves, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Janet, Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family, Pavlovic Family, Antoun Yazbeck, Holy Souls in Purgatory

## PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

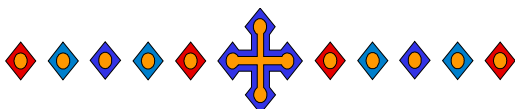
Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

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

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



#### **1ST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

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

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10**

**Response:** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

#### **2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF ACTS 16:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
**Alleluia!**

#### **THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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



**Loving God,  
help us to live as  
the holy family,  
united in respect  
and love for  
all people.**

**May we always  
be thankful.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**NO MORNING TEA ON SUNDAY, 5 JANUARY 2025:** Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 5 January 2025.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH** from Father Peter, Fr. Treesen, Sister Helen and members of the Manning Foundation for your wonderful response to the recent parish Advent/Christmas food appeal. Coupled with support received from the parents, staff and students of St. Patrick's Primary School recent donations of food items has enabled the Manning Foundation to restock supplies which will be given freely to those in our community who through no fault of their own have fallen on hard times. Your ongoing financial support through the parish poor box is used to purchase other essential items for those in need in our parish.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE:** The Advent & Christmas | Summer 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home.

**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.

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

**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.

**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

**MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN** is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Parish Secretary to join the parish team on a part-time basis, working from the Parish Offices at St. Patrick's Church, 51-19 Allawah Street, Blacktown. This position is for 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday, with working hours from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This role offers a unique opportunity to support the mission of the Church in Western Sydney. **For job description and details, please email:** [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2025:** The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. **To enrol and for more information, please contact:** the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org). Registrations close 28 January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE APRIL 2025:** Join David and Angeline Wilkes from St. Aiden's Parish on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from April 1st to 9th, 2025. This is their third pilgrimage, and the group will be staying with visionary Mirjana Soldo, guided by her long-time English interpreter, Miki Musa. Fr. Neil Bulathsinhala will also be accompanying the group as the Chaplain. Places are limited, so if you feel called to experience the peace of Medjugorje, please contact Angeline Wilkes at 0410 665 306 or visit [saintlytravel.com.au](https://saintlytravel.com.au) for more details.

**SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 29 January at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong for Cycle 1 (Module 1). More training opportunities will be available throughout January and February. 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@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.

**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).



## Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL

12 November 2024  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed “Pilgrims of Hope”, a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

As Pope Francis states “The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years.

The Jubilee of 2025 will commence on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door.

In our Diocese of Parramatta, I invite all to participate in the many events that will be taking place. In particular, I invite everybody to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

- St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta
- Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
- The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, you are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration.

The Diocese is also organising two adult pilgrimages to Rome and other countries in the footsteps of St. Paul, with one specifically for young adults to coincide with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome at the end of July/early August. All are invited.

There will also be events for the many ‘jubilees’ during the year. For example, on Sunday 2 February 2025, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, there will be a Procession and Solemn High Mass for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life in St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

As events are finalised, they will be listed on our website. Please check [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org) and please follow [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) for further news updates.

For the Jubilee Year of Hope, I pray that it will bring about a renewed trust and confidence as we witness to the Gospel of Christ.

Yours sincerely in Christ

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.  
Bishop of Parramatta**