

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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1 & 2 February 2025
The Presentation of the Lord — 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:

Meli Latuva Kulikovi, Helena Faupala Vaisala, Sister Julienne Santos, Nina Muscat

Anniversaries:

Matthew Lane, Kalil Mourched, Karen Cartwright, Arthur Elias, Felix Gonsalves, Lie Song Cut, Piet & Lidwina Lie, Ann Decourcy, Nunzia D'Elia, Srimath Amaratunga, Rev. Fr. Srilal Amaratunga, Francesco Ramundi, Edgar Montclar, Chris Grima,

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima, Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Tito Laufoaulu, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu, Papiola & Pauliano Pooi, Felix Gonsalves, Antoun Yazbeck, Michael Fadwa, Edmon Nagib Yazbeck, Teresita Pamalias, Silveria Pamalias, Maria & Joseph, Georges Jamily & 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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR C



1ST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23:7-10

Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

Who? Me? Yes...why not you? If not you...then who? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *Guildford Public and Guildford West* state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 (admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au) or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on tassm@optusnet.com.au.

9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will be cancelled up to and including Tuesday, 25 February 2025 whilst **Fr. Treesen is on annual leave**. The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will recommence on Tuesday, 4 March 2025.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

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.

HELP WANTED FOR 1ST SUNDAY MORNING

TEA: If four or five families volunteered, no single family would have to organise morning tea more than 2 or 3 times a year. It's quite simple, just getting there 30 minutes early to organise the chairs and start the urn to boil the water, and bring some biscuits. Afterwards, cleanup is straightforward. The people who have been organising it will show you how to do it. With adequate notice, people often bring a plate to share.

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.

MUSICIANS NEEDED: Help is needed at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. We would be grateful if there is someone who could help share the load. Please call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 if you are able to help.

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.

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.**



Jesus,
the light
of all nations,
shine in our
hearts.
Shine in your
Church
throughout
the world.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 8 FEBRUARY:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 8 February at St. Thomas Aquinas, Springwood for Cycle 2 (Renewal Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. **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

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK - 11 FEBRUARY:

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at St. Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. **RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via:** parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MEMORIAL MASS OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:

- **16 FEBRUARY:** All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass of St. Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Sunday, 16 February at 2:00pm. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Australia and worldwide and thank God for the gifts that the South Sudanese and Sudanese communities contribute to our society.

PEACE, JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY SHARINGS

ONLINE GATHERING - 13 FEBRUARY: "Peace, Justice and Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice and Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas' Project Compassion. You are invited to join on Thursday, 13 February 2025, 6:30pm-8:00pm. **To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to:** met@parracatholic.org.

MUSIC FOR LENT WORKSHOP - 13 FEBRUARY:

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday, 13 February from 7:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. **Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via:** parracatholic.org/music-workshop.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS:

MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

- Creighton Model FertilityCare System: 19 February at 7:15pm
- Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February at 7:15pm
- Billings Ovulation Method®: 18 March at 7:30pm

To book your place or for further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on: catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or telephone 0400 427 605.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT WOMEN'S RETREAT 'GRACE AND SILENCE 2025' COMMENCING

8 FEBRUARY: This four-part single-day retreat series is for single young women aged 20-35 discerning their vocation. Attendance on all four days is highly recommended. Spaces are limited, and registration is essential. The retreats take place on Saturdays: 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, and 10 May from 9:30am to 4:30pm at "Bethany," 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The cost is \$25.00 per day including lunch. **For more information or to register, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.**

FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR

ADULTS - 12-26 FEBRUARY: Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ. **Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30pm-8:30pm,** 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. **RSVP via:** <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> or email met@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -

22-23 FEBRUARY: How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 22-23 February, with future dates in May, August and November 2025. **For further information visit:** www.engagedencounter.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.

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 for more details.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT AT MOUNT

SCHOENSTATT - 21-23 FEBRUARY: Join us at Mount Schoenstatt for a reflective retreat inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The retreat runs from 7:00pm on 21 February to 4:00pm on 23 February. Costs are \$240.00 per person for a shared room, \$290.00 per person for a single room (limited availability) or \$60.00 per person per day for day attendance. Accommodation and meals are included, or lunch for day attendees. **Register by 12 February by contacting Sr. M. Elizabeth Foley at:** bookings@schoenstatt.org.au or 4773.8338.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME:

Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. **For further information please contact Sr. M. Rita via:** srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. **Web:** <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.