

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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4 & 5 January 2025

The Epiphany 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:

Mary Webster, Geraldine Caruana

Anniversaries:

Maria Palombit, Maria Luca, Rosie Watts, Joe Nasr

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Barrett & Donnelly Families, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige & Laila Jlalaty, Zahia Nasser, Maroun & Nicholas Georges, Rima, Bassima, Barbara & Philip Hanna & Family, Majed, Adelle, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Julian Attard, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Felix Gonsalves, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Janet, Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory

PARISH PRAYER

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

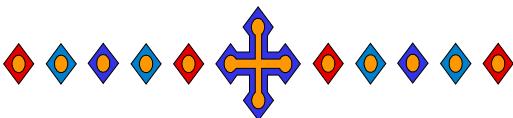
Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—



1ST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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



**They offered
him gifts
of gold,
frankincense
and myrrh.**

**What gifts
do I
offer Jesus?**

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS OFFERINGS: The amount collected by the parish for Christmas Mass Offerings was \$3,269.00.

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.



THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK'S 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.

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.

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.

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. Registrations close 28 January 2025 but spaces are limited so enroll 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 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

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.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY CREIGHTON MODEL INTRODUCTION SESSION - 19 FEBRUARY: Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model FertilityCare System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This free session will be held on Wednesday, 19 February from 7:15pm-8:15pm via Zoom and is valued at \$125.00. **To register or for more information, contact:** catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.



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 and please follow 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**