

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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25 & 26 January 2025
Australia Day

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:

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:

Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Tito Laufoaulu, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu, Papiola & Pauliano Pooi, Rima & Bassima, Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, 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 AUSTRALIA DAY



1ST READING: ISAIAH 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land;
and fertile land become forest.
In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.
My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 84:9-14

Response: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 12:9-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer
good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers and
sisters should and have a profound respect for each
other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with
great earnestness of spirit.

If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not
give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of
the saints are in need you must share with them; and
you should make hospitality your special care.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples, 'That is why I am telling
you not to worry about your life and what you are to
eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it.
For life means more than food, and the body more
than clothing. Think of the ravens. They do not sow
or reap; they have no storehouses and no barns; yet
God feeds them. And how much more are you worth
than the birds! Can any of you, for all his worrying,
add a single cubit to his span of life? If the smallest
things, therefore, are outside your control, why worry
about the rest? Think of the flowers; they never have
to spin or weave; yet I assure you, not even Solomon
in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if
that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is
there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,
how much more will he look after you, you men of
little faith! But you, you must not set your hearts on
things to eat and things to drink; nor must you worry.
It is the pagans of this world who set their hearts on
these things. Your Father well knows you need them.
No; set your hearts on his kingdom, and these other
things will be given you as well.

'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has
pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'

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



Great Southern Land

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.**

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 NEXT SUNDAY:

We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea next Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share. 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.

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

POSITION VACANT

Parish Secretary, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

SOLEMN HIGH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - 2 FEBRUARY:

Join us for Mass at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and a special celebration of Consecrated Life. Jubilee candles for each Order or Congregation will be blessed during a short ceremony in the Cathedral courtyard then carried in procession into the Cathedral.

RED MASS FOR JUDICIARY AND LEGAL COMMUNITY - 3 FEBRUARY:

The Very Reverend Robert Riedling, Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on Monday, 3 February at 7:00pm, (refreshments following Mass). Please RSVP by Friday, 31 January to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or telephone 8839.8400.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY 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

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.

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.

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.

- Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February at 7:15pm
- Creighton Model FertilityCare System: 19 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.

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.

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.

