

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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8 & 9 February 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Katarina Skordilis, Father Joseph Tui, Aime Valugofulu, Meli Latuva Kulikovi, Helena Faupala Vaisala

Anniversaries:

Walfarida Tan, Safata Tokavahua, 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

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Alberto Aninon, Angel Pesirla, Mary Jane Axiak, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Mikaela Liufau, Kapeliele & Finau Vakalepu, Rima & Bassima, Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Tito Laufoaulu, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu, Papiola & Pauliano Pooi, Felix Gonsalves, Antoun Yazbeck, Michael Fadwa, Edmon Nagib 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 137:1-5, 7-8

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed 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 has been 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

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.

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.

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.**



They left everything and followed him.

How do I follow Jesus each day?

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

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.

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.

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.

AMBROSE OPENS GOOD SHEPHERD PLUMPTON PRE-SCHOOL - ENROL NOW:

Ambrose is excited to announce the official opening of Good Shepherd Plumpton Pre-School on Thursday, 30 January. Our spacious indoor rooms are filled with resources for play and inquiry-based learning, while the outdoor area offers garden beds, climbing equipment, bike tracks, a sandpit, and more for imaginative play. We're open from 7:00am-6:00pm, welcoming children aged 2 to 5. **Limited vacancies available:** www.ambrose.org.au/early-learning-good-shepherd-plumpton/.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - 9 FEBRUARY:

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on 9 February in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. **Visit:** catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 15 FEBRUARY:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 15 February at St Monica's Richmond for Cycle 1 (Modules 1-3). 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

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.

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/>.

MEN AT THE SHRINE is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. **Find the event on Facebook or for questions contact:** Bernard on 0416 106 871.