

# 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 March 2025**  
**1st Sunday of Lent — 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:**

Brett Christian Williams, Hannah Hmas, Valeliano Lenato, Soane Automalo, Deacon Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac

### **Anniversaries:**

Rose Merlino, Ceferina G. Sison, Dominic F. Gonsalves, Simon Khoury, Rita Gonsalves, Felix Gonsalves, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Joseph Francis Minto, Ernest Frederick Badcock, Patricia Fernandes, Catherine Mary Minto, Mary & Albert Fares, Soane Kikanoi, Petelo Fuimaono

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Sebastian Lobo, Jeanette Love, Estefania & Elenterio Abaquita, James Barratt, Vicente Araneta, Vincenzo Francesco & Pasquale Civello, Gioacchino & Nicholas James Ippolito, Rima, Bassima, Barbara & Philip Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Mamdouh, Linda & George Hadad, Hanna Habis, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, Romola Savellon, 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

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 90:1-2, 10-15

**Response:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13

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

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.

By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek:

all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
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No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

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



**Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil.**

***How and when do I recognise the presence of the Spirit in my life?***

## PARISH NOTICES

### PARISH SECRETARY — ANNUAL LEAVE:

Ms. Jo Cartwright, Parish Secretary commenced annual leave on Wednesday, 5 March and will return on Wednesday, 26 March. During this period the Parish Office will not be manned **during all of the normal office hours**. Please be patient!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held each Thursday evening during Lent, beginning on Thursday, 13 March, 7:00pm–9:00pm. This initiative was raised at the Pastoral Council meetings in recent months. It can be seen as an added Lenten devotion which may assist those who cannot attend the Friday morning Adoration and Benediction due to work and other commitments.

**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.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY — MONDAY, 17 MARCH:

Mass will be celebrated at the 9:15am. Mass on Monday, 17 March. Our primary school students will be joining us at the 9:15am Mass. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

### PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT:

Available at the back of the church are money boxes that are to be returned at the end of Lent and envelopes that can be placed on any collection plate during Mass throughout the six weeks of Lent. **You can also donate online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**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.

## A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in doing so, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season of Lent be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you. Amen

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### JOIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July–5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. **Express your interest today at:** [parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025](http://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025).

### 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.

- Billings Ovulation Method®: 18 March at 7:30pm
- Creighton Model Introductory Session: 3 May at 2:00pm

**For more information and to register, please visit:** [parracatholic.org/natural-fertility](http://parracatholic.org/natural-fertility).

**THE FAITHFEED - 29 MARCH:** Have questions about life and faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Baulkham Hills Parish in the Hills Deanery – all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be held on Saturday, 29 March. Doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. The night will feature faith stories, live music, activities and great conversation. **RSVP via:** [parracatholic.org/events-faithfeed](http://parracatholic.org/events-faithfeed).

### SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 3 MAY:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday, 3 May at Holy Family Emerton for Cycle 2 (Module 4-5). More training opportunities will be available soon. **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)



## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

*Franciscans*

## PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey we are all pilgrims of hope brought together by your love and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee when we are called to greater justice and care for our common home that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed and the renewal of creation. May our compassionate minds and generous hearts help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen