

# 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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22 & 23 March 2025  
3rd 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 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

**Response:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:17

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## 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, 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.

**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 29-30 MARCH:** This appeal will raise funds to support Catholic Care's Chaplaincy Services in hospitals and prisons throughout our Diocese. Please give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.

**GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 18 APRIL:** We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "The Way of the Cross" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

**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.

**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.**

**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.



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## EASTER 2025

**Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,  
Parramatta - Wednesday, 16 April at 7:30pm**

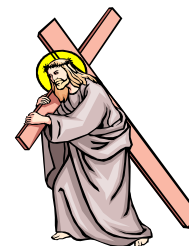
### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday, 17 April  
(No 9:15am Morning Mass)**  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Vigil at Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

**Good Friday, 18 April**  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, 19 April**  
6:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 20 April**  
8:00am and 10:00am



### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

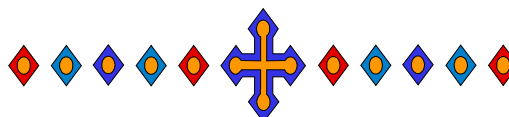
**Saturday, 12 April**  
10:00am-11:00am  
4:30pm-5:15pm



## PARISH NOTICES

**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.





## 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