

# 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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**29 & 30 March 2025**  
**4th 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:

Remedios Merida, Fetuli Moeata Toamotu,  
Jamie Edwards, Federica Axiak, Brett  
Christian Williams

### Anniversaries:

Ida Dialoisio, Rima Hanna, Eric Dunn, Tan  
Giok Ing, John D'Silva, Simon Khoury, Rita  
Gonsalves, Felix Gonsalves, Jean Louis  
Tokotuu

### Deceased:

Maric Zakka Abboud, Mary Jane Axiak,  
Sebastian Lobo, Antoun, Simon & Sussane  
Yazbeck & Family, Yola Mary Manassa,  
Sebastian Lobo, Souls of Unborn Children &  
Unforgotten Souls, Rima & Bassima Hanna &  
Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed &  
Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, James  
Barratt, 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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-7

**Response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 15:18

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

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**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. In places of brokenness, pain and suffering, our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Appeal — [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent concluding on Friday, 11 April.

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY – 13 APRIL:** We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 6 April 2025**, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00am.

**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.

**ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - 18 APRIL:** The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land. The Holy Land Commissariat and the Franciscan Friars who minister in the Holy Land thank you for your generosity. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

**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.



Our God of  
tenderness and  
compassion,  
and of infinite  
patience,  
continually  
welcomes back  
the prodigal  
son and  
daughter.

## 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

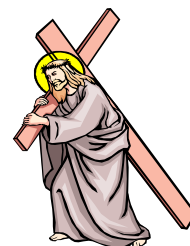
**Good Friday, 18 April**  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion

**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

**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.

**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.**

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2025 PAPAL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS:** Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals — both religious and lay — who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. **For more information or to submit a nomination visit:** [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/).

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN - DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE:** Young people (18-35 years) 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. **To book your spot or for more information visit:** [parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025](http://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025)

**COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS — 13 MAY:** In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extraordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13 May 2025, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. **To register your attendance and guests please visit:** [parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/).

**LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL?:** Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese are now accepting enrolments for 2026. We have 80 schools across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, all supporting students to grow in faith and learning. Our welcoming local schools invite you to visit and explore the excellent educational opportunities on offer. **Register today at:** [parra.catholic.edu.au](http://parra.catholic.edu.au) to browse our schools.

**YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSION ON ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - 6 APRIL:** Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 6 April at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt. Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Road, Mt. Druitt) at 7:00pm. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Paschal Corby OFM Conv. who will talk about and lead discussion on St. Anthony of Padua. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

**ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION — 9 APRIL:** Thinking about joining the Diocese of Parramatta's Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage? Come to our information session to learn more about this life-changing journey. The night will include travel details, costs and spiritual preparation. Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions and discern if this pilgrimage is for you! Join us on Wednesday, 9 April at the Bishop Bede, Heather Centre from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. **Any questions or enquiries please contact:** [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN — DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S ADULT 35 YEARS+ JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE:** Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 2 May 2025, with a deposit of \$800.00 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. **For more information and to register, visit:** [parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025/](http://parracatholic.org/jubileepilgrimage2025/).

**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 Church, Emerton for Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5). More training opportunities will be available throughout 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**MUSIC WORKSHOP 'EXPLORING MUSIC FOR THE SOLEMNITIES' - 8 MAY:** Musicians from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. The workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Bring any music related questions along on Thursday, 8 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by 2 May via [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW). **For enquiries, please contact:** [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

**MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES — 4-25 JUNE:** Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) to reserve a spot. **For enquiries, please contact:** [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

**OFFICE OF TENEBRAE — 14 APRIL:** All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, 14 April at 7:30pm. The Office of Tenebrae is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ's Resurrection. Catholics are invited to attend the Office of Tenebrae at least once in their life.