

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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3 & 4 May 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter — 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:

His Holiness Pope Francis, James Lane, John Rodrigues

Anniversaries:

Felix Gonsalves, Lay Wan Yin, Eduardo Pangalila, Roque Correa, Amelia D'Silva

Deceased:

Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families,
Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, Soane
& Doris Kikanoi & Family, Mary Jane Axiak,
Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Elias, Tony
& Peter & Family, Kusitino Joseph Tukana &
Family, Modesta Padillo, Arquipo Padillo,
Sebastian Lobo, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

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 EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Response: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
R.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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

PARISH NOTICES

CONSULTATION WITH PARISHIONERS ON THE PROPOSED PRESCHOOL:

On the weekend of 5-6 April I used the homily time at the three Masses to explain the plans for a new Preschool for the parish. For those who were not at Masses on that weekend, the following is a summary of what I explained. The Parramatta diocese's agency Community Ventures manages Ambrose Before and After School Care in most parishes in the diocese. Last year, when Community Ventures approached me and the parish Finance Committee with a view to the parish financing a Preschool, the Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council were generally in favour. On why we should consider this proposal, I'll quote from the Feasibility Study (March 2025): "The establishment of Ambrose Preschools at primary schools across the Parramatta Diocese is a strategic initiative aimed at extending the outreach of the Church and complementing Catholic school education with high-quality, formative early childhood learning" (Pg. 1). On Friday, 28 March, two of the Community Ventures team and the architect met with me, Fr. Treesen, Sr. Helen, Andrea Martin (Assistant Principal) and some members of the Finance Committee. Proposed plans and a detailed Feasibility Study were presented to us. It is on this basis that now, with a concrete proposal, it is time for parishioners (and other interested parties) to be consulted. The Preschool will have 60 places, from ages 0 to 5 years. The projected cost at the moment is \$4.65 million. The parish would borrow most of this money from the Diocesan Development Fund. The loan would be paid off using the rent that Community Ventures would pay us. Eventually, the parish would own outright the facility. This then becomes another income stream for the parish. If we as a parish community agree to go ahead with this project, we need to secure the loan from the diocese, which involves approvals from the DDF, the Diocesan Finance Council, the College of Consultors and the Bishop. Then a Development Application would be prepared and submitted to Cumberland City Council. We would be looking at least 2 years before any building begins. I invite you to take a look at the plans and the feasibility study which are in the Parish Office. Any comments you may have are welcome.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

FIRST COMMUNION: The Church teaches that children should be prepared to receive Holy Communion as soon as possible after their coming to the age of reason or discretion, i.e. about the age of seven. It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as it is the duty of the parish priest, to ensure that children who have reached the use of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible. [Code of Canon [Church] Law, Can. 914]. Parents may collect an Enrolment Form for First Holy Communion, after Sunday Masses – Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am. The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. Let us pray for each other and especially for the families who will be preparing our young parishioners to receive Jesus, for the first of many times, in Holy Communion.

THE MANNING FOUNDATION: The Mission of the Manning Foundation in our Parish is to support those in need within our parish boundaries. Considering the average age and the limited membership of the current team, for the Manning Foundation to continue supporting the needy, we are asking you to consider joining us in this important Parish Ministry. **If you are able and would like to join us, please contact the Parish Secretary on 9632.2672 or email: admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au.**

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2025):

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,592.00.

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS TODAY:

We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

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.**



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the Lord of
all creation.**

**He has shown
pity on all
people.**

Alleluia!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLY FAMILY PARISH 60-YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION, HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT. DRUITT - 1 JUNE: Join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt. Druitt, since its establishment in 1965. The celebrations will take place on Sunday, 1 June 2025: Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Vincent followed by a Multicultural Festival and lunch. **If you have any memorabilia to share, wish to register for the event or need more information, please email us at:** jubilee@holyfamilly.org.au. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our parish community!

RISK AND COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP HOSTED BY HOLY FAMILY PARISH, EMERTON - 21 JUNE: We are hosting a Risk and Compliance Workshop on Saturday, 21 June 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Holy Family Primary School Hall, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. This workshop will introduce understanding risk and include a practical session to help you learn how to complete a Risk Assessment Activity Plan. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to enhance their knowledge and skills in risk management. All are welcome to attend! **For more information or to register, please contact:** 9628.7272 or email: enquiry@holyfamilly.org.au.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: The Diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. **For more details and to register:** see the three options of retreats below:
24 May: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/>
16 August: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
15 November: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

AFRICAN MASS 2025 AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA - 18 MAY: The African Catholics who live in the Dioceses of Parramatta, Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney invite you to the African Mass 2025: Sunday, 18 May, 12:30pm for 1:00pm start, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Followed by a community gathering and refreshments. **For RSVP or more information contact:** met@parracatholic.org.

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/.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Facilities Coordinator: Diocese of Parramatta
Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

WEBINAR 10 YEARS SINCE LAUDATO SI' – A TIME FOR HOPE OR DESPAIR? - 8 MAY: MET Parramatta and the Australian Cardijn Institute invite you to a webinar with Sebastian Salaske-Lentern and Sue Martin, who will reflect on the ecological journey that Pope Francis has taken us on in the past ten years, since his encyclical Laudato Si'. Have we made enough progress? And what can give us hope for the path ahead in this Jubilee Year? **Please register to receive a zoom link for:** Thursday, 8 May, 7:00pm–8:00pm: tinyurl.com/10-years-LS.

SAVE THE DATE - TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING - 25 JUNE 2025: The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday, 25 June 2025, 6:00pm–9:00pm, St. Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking Street, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 22-24 MAY: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Saturday, 22 May at St. Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on 24 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

LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843.2500 for a friendly chat today

MAKE AN IMPACT- VOLUNTEER ABROAD! Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms online for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! **Venue:** Online. **Register at:** palms.org.au/events. **Date:** Thursday, 22 May 2025. **Time:** 6:00pm–7:00pm. (02) 9560.5333; palms@palms.org.au.