

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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5 & 6 April 2025
5th 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

Anniversaries:

Ferruccio Palombit, Leo Joseph Badcock,
Serge Niclasse, Michael Pham, Mikaela
Vakalepu Liufau, Ida Dialoisio, Rima Hanna,
Eric Dunn, Tan Giok Ing, John D'Silva, Simon
Khoury, Rita Gonsalves, Felix Gonsalves,
Jean Louis Tokotuu

Deceased:

Edgar Montclar, Deceased Members of the
Yammine Family, Annette Irving, Maria &
Joseph, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima
Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed
& Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family,
Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families,
Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu, Soane & Doris
Kikanoi & Family, Maric Zakka Abboud,
Sebastian Lobo, Antoun, Simon & Sussane
Yazbeck & Family, Yola Mary Manassa,
Sebastian Lobo, Souls of Unborn Children &
Unforgotten Souls, 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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.

All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOEL 2:12-13

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

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

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Woman,
has no one
condemned
you?'**

'No one, Lord.'

**'Neither shall I
condemn you.
From now on,
sin no more.'**

PARISH NOTICES

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 – **commencing on the weekend of 12-13 April – Saturday, 12 April and Sunday, 13 April.** 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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL: Thank you to all who donated to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal last weekend. 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. You can still donate to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at: parracatholic.org/appeal.

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.

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'.

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.**

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

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

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make an Easter offering.

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.

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.

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



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/.

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

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/.

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 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.

POSITION VACANT:

Facilities Officer — Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

STUDY OF LUKE'S GOSPEL WITH DR. LAURIE WOODS - FRIDAYS 2–30 MAY: Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr. Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. **For more information or to RSVP by 30 April, contact:** ccd.training@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/.

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

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. **For enquiries, please contact:** 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.