

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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12 & 13 April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — 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.

CONSULTATION WITH PARISHIONERS ON THE PROPOSED PRESCHOOL

Last weekend (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 last 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" (P 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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he
provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me
to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened
my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did
I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not
cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I
shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to
his equality with God but emptied himself to assume
the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and
being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to
accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in
the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should
bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every
tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying
on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a
name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless
glory!**

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

Bulletin Gospel is the Blessing of the Palms

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When
he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the
mount that is called Olivet, he sent the disciples,
saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on
entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has
ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks
you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this,
'The Lord has need of it'. So those who were sent
went away and found it as he had told them. And as
they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,
'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The
Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and
throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus
upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their
garments on the road. As he was now drawing near,
at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole
multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise
God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that
they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who
comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and
glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in
the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your
disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were
silent, the very stones would cry out'.

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



**'Blessed is the
King who
comes in the
name of the
Lord!**

**Peace in heaven
and glory
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highest!'**

PARISH NOTICES

9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will be cancelled on 15 April and 22 April whilst Fr. Treesen is away. The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will recommence on Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

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 this weekend — 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE EASTER/AUTUMN 2025: The latest edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available at the back of the Church. In this Lent and Easter edition, you will find:
* What to look forward to in this Jubilee Year;
* Bishop Vincent's Easter message; * How the Good Sams are living the Jubilee spirit in our Diocese;
* Students who launched Project Compassion and
* A profile of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville. Please feel free to take a copy home.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CATHOLIC CARE'S CHAPLAINCY SERVICES: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal has raised \$1,431.80 which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit: parracatholic.org/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.

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'.

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

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

ANZAC DAY — FRIDAY, 25 APRIL 2025: Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am on Friday, 25 April 2025.

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.**

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.

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



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



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Remedios Merida, Fetuli Moeata Toamotu, Jamie Edwards, Federica Axiak

Anniversaries:

Roque Correa, Amelia D'Silva, 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:

Modesta Padillo, Arquipo Padillo, Sebastian Lobo, Mary Jane Axiak, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Edgar Montclar, Deceased Members of the Yammine Family, Annette Irving, Maria & Joseph, 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, Souls of Unborn Children & Unforgotten Souls, James Barratt, Holy Souls in Purgatory

POSITIONS VACANT:

Facilities Co-Ordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 14 April**
Property Lawyer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 14 April**
Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St. Clair – **Applications close 18 April**
Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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/.

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.

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