

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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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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19 & 20 April 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Gospel readings for both the Easter Vigil (Lk 24:1-12) and Easter Sunday Masses (Jn 20:1-9) mention Mary of Magdala (a fishing village on the western shores of the Sea of Galilee), along with other women and Peter and John being the first witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus. But it was Mary of Magdala (or Magdalene) who was the very first to arrive at the tomb. 'Her walk to the sepulchre mirrors the fidelity of many women who spend years in the small alleyways of cemeteries remembering someone who is no longer there. The most authentic bonds are not broken even in death: there are those who continue loving even if their loved one is gone forever'. (Pope Francis, General Audience, 17.5.2017). It is Pope Francis who has elevated Mary of Magdala to the grade of a Feast in our liturgical calendar on 22 July. Formerly, she was at the grade of Memorial. The Pope's Decree (3.6.2016) making this change says: 'It seemed right that the example of Saint Mary Magdalene might also fittingly be proposed to the faithful. In fact, this woman, known as the one who loved Christ and who was greatly loved by Christ, and was called a "witness of Divine Mercy" by Saint Gregory the Great and an "apostle of the apostles" by Saint Thomas Aquinas, can now rightly be taken by the faithful as a model of women's role in the Church'. A tradition grew up in the Church from the sixth century, mainly inspired by Pope St. Gregory the Great (591), which identified Mary Magdalene with the woman who washed Jesus's feet with perfume in Simon the Pharisee's house (Lk 7:36-50). This damaging interpretation continued to influence western Church writers, and artists, as well as the liturgical texts connected with the Saint. While there is no proof in the gospels or even slight reference to Mary of Magdala being a repentant promiscuous woman, this was the legacy given to Church tradition for centuries. It is this myth which Pope Francis has rejected in favour of a woman of faith whose love of Jesus is authentic, genuine and very human.

Happy and Holy Easter to all.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



#### 1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**Response:** This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

#### SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

##### Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

##### Alleluia!

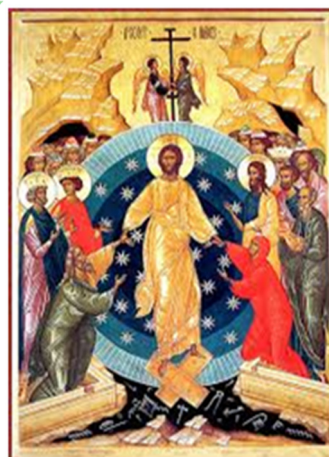
#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Jesus  
is risen  
Alleluia!**

**This is the day  
the Lord has  
made.  
Let us rejoice  
and be glad.**

## 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.

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

### 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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).

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

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

**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.



## 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:

James Lane, John Rodrigues, Remedios Merida, Fetuli Moeata Toamotu, Jamie Edwards, Federica Axiak

#### Anniversaries:

Lay Wan Yin, Eduardo Pangalila, 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

#### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak Modesta Padillo, Arquipo Padillo, Sebastian Lobo, 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

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ROUSE HILL — 2 MAY:** Our Lady of the Angels Parish welcomes you to join them in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church at a special Mass on Friday, 2 May at 7:00pm. Followed by a social gathering in the courtyard beside the church. Kindly RSVP via the parishes' Google form for catering purposes.

**3 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. For timeframes and details, 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/>

**SPECIAL MASS FOR THE CANONISATION OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS, ROUSE HILL — 27 APRIL:** A special Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Green on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 10:00am at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill in celebration of the Canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis which will be held in Rome at the Jubilee of Teenagers. All welcome.

**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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**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](https://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) to reserve a spot. **For enquiries, please contact:** [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

**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/](https://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/).