

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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26 & 27 April 2025
2nd 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.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS 17TH DECEMBER 1936 – 21ST APRIL 2025

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, says Pope Francis will be remembered as a man of simplicity, humility and compassion. Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, became the first non-European pope in centuries, the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope and the first to take the name Francis when he was elected to succeed Pope Benedict XVI in 2013. "The sad news of the death of Pope Francis, while it does not come as a surprise given his age and his declining health in recent years, will be received with great sadness by Catholics, and by people of good will, all over the world. When Cardinal Bergoglio appeared on the balcony overlooking Saint Peter's Square on 14 March 2013, and was introduced to the world as the newly-elected Pope Francis, his simplicity and humility set the tone for a papacy which would be marked by an emphasis on the mercy and compassion of God, and on the Church's vocation to be a sign and bearer of that merciful love in an increasingly troubled world. His famous description of the Church as a field hospital where wounds could be healed and hearts could be warmed was a call to a renewal of the Church's life and mission, grounded in a return to Christ as the source and inspiration of everything the Church sought to do and to be. The 12 years of the papacy of Pope Francis were not without controversy. His constant call that the Church should be open to everybody caused some to fear that he was putting at risk the integrity of the Church's faith and moral teaching. He himself insisted, however, that he was 'a loyal son of the Church' who, in recognising his own sinfulness, had come to understand that it was the task of the Church, as it was the task of Christ, to embrace people in their brokenness and fragility and lead them to healing and wholeness. May he rest in peace." The process of the election of a new pope will unfold in the coming days and weeks. Cardinal Mykola Bychok CSsR, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul, will be the sole attendee from Australia at the conclave. The Vatican News release can be found here: [Pope Francis has died on Easter Monday at age of 88 – Vatican News](#)



LITURGY OF THE WORD

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4, 22-27

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS: The Diocesan Mass for Pope Francis will be held this Sunday, 27 April (the culmination of the Easter Octave) at the 11:00am Solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are warmly invited to attend. The Mass will be livestreamed on St. Patrick's Cathedral YouTube channel. For anyone wishing to write condolence messages, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is organising a condolence book to pass onto the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, who was appointed Nuncio by Pope Francis in 2022. **Please email your message to:** condolencebook@catholic.org.au
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

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.



**'My Lord
and
my God!'**

**Happy
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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:

His Holiness Pope Francis, James Lane, John Rodrigues

Anniversaries:

Felix Gonsalves, Lay Wan Yin, Eduardo Pangalila, Roque Correa, Amelia D'Silva, Ferruccio Palombit, Leo Joseph Badcock, Serge Niclasse, Michael Pham, Mikaela Vakalepu Liufau

Deceased:

Kusitino Joseph Tukana & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Mary Jane Axiak Modesta Padillo, Arquipo Padillo, Sebastian Lobo, 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, 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/>

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.

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 to reserve a spot. **For enquiries, please contact:** 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/.

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.