

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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31 May & 1 June 2025

The Ascension 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Deanna Lane, Mary Mulligan, Janet Laverty,
Vicki Sasso, Shirley Gray

Anniversaries:

Sister Audette Mansour, Nellie Dunn,
Maureen Murray, Annie Gonsalves, Santan
Baptista, Anna Maria Baptista, Lamia
Mourched, Kusitino Joseph Tukana, Imeldha
Lie, Louiza Maria D'Souza, Rita Gonsalves,
Brendan William Mockler, Robert Jerry
D'Souza

Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, George & Eva Bains &
Family, Roman Barliso, Benita Barliso, Mary
Jane Axiak, Antoun Yazbeck, Rima &
Bassima Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter,
Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony &
Peter & Family, Vicente Araneta, Basilides
Batal, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael &
Noeleen Remaili, Moniz & Alves Families,
Wager & Remaili Families, Eaulalia Aroujo &
Friends Deceased, Nonilon Padillo, Teresita
Mabuto, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family,
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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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



**You will receive
power when the
Holy Spirit
comes on you,
and you will be
my witnesses...
not only in
Jerusalem but
indeed to the
ends of the
earth.**

PARISH NOTICES



TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN): Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need

is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — 8 JUNE: It is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on those gathered in the upper room, including Mary, the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:12-14). In Acts 2 we read that there were many people in Jerusalem, at this time, from every nation under heaven. Here in our Parish we, too, have many people from many nations. So, to celebrate this wonderful feast, we will continue our tradition of praying the intercessions in different languages. Come Holy Spirit!

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS:

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. **Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at:** parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

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 age 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.



PROJECT COMPASSION: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to Project Compassion during Lent. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,967.00

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.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE 10:00AM MASS:

Aubrey, our leader in singing at the 10:00am Mass, is leaving the parish and moving further afield with her growing family. Thank you Aubrey and your family for your dedication at the 10:00am Mass. It would be good if other parishioners would be willing to form a small group, to lead the singing at the 10:00am Mass. Please pray that there will be people who will come forward to fill this need at the 10:00am Mass.

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.

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.

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.



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

POSITION VACANT - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AND SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR: St. Anthony of Padua Parish Toongabbie is looking for a Sacramental Program and Special Religious Education Co-Ordinator. This is a permanent part-time position with 15 hours per week. **Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish Secretary at:** secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au **by 9 June 2025.** For more information you may contact 9631.3316.

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@hollyfamily.org.au.

SAFE PARISHES WEEK — 2-8 JUNE: Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, and other initiatives that align with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. **Learn more:** parracatholic.org/safeguarding.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2025 — 23 & 26 AUGUST: The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday, 23 August from 9:30am–2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday, 26 August at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. **For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship on:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2025: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the Diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. **To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

MUSIC WORKSHOP – THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT — 19 JUNE: Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come and learn all about your requirements for reporting music use at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have. **RSVP by Friday, 13 June:** parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-19june/.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA — 11-13 JUNE: Join St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie in celebrating the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7:00pm Triduum Masses, Novena, Blessing of the Sick (11 June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW AND EMMAUS PRAYER COMMUNITY PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS - 8 JUNE: Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Sunday, 8 June from 2:00pm. There will be prayer, praise, testimonies, talks, and prayer ministry, based on the theme of "Hope - Opening Our Hearts and Minds to the Presence of the Holy Spirit in Times of Change." **Enquiries:** Adrian on 0408 649 327 or Desiree on 0477 765 772.

POSITIONS VACANT:
Safeguarding: Healing and Support Counsellor
Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding
Senior Facilitator – Parish Engagement Lead
Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: The Diocese is hosting 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 options of retreats below:
16 August: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
15 November: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

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 and Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you can enjoy a delicious meal and good company.