

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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10 & 11 May 2025
4th 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

His Holiness Pope Francis, James Lane, John Rodrigues

Anniversaries:

Rita Gonsalves, Brendan William Mockler,
Robert Jerry D'Souza, Felix Gonsalves,
Lay Wan Yin, Eduardo Pangalila

Deceased:

John & Robert D'Souza, Mary Jane Axiak,
Danielle Jan Abaquita, Danilo Abaquita,
Edgar Montclar, Habib & Rada Nohra, Elias &
Mona Oteyek, Georgette & Jack Kamil,
Georgette F., Sharifey Antonious Bestany,
Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families,
Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, Soane
& Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katia, Peter,
Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Rima &
Bassima Hanna & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter
& Family, Kusitino Joseph Tukana & 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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 99:1-3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.

One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**I am the
Good
Shepherd,
says the Lord.**

**I know my
sheep
and mine
know me.**

**No one will
ever steal
them
from me.**

PARISH NOTICES

SINGERS NEEDED FOR THE 10:00AM MASS:

In the next few weeks, Aubrey, our leader in singing at the 10:00am Mass, will be 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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 24-25 MAY: The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be held on the weekend of 24-25 May. More details to follow. Please give generously to this appeal.

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.

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.**

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.

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2025):

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,592.00.

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

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.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16–24 MAY) - CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF INSPIRATION FROM POPE FRANCIS:

During Laudato Si' Week, 16–24 May, we are invited to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the inspiring ecological encyclical "Laudato Si" of our late Pope and recommit ourselves to caring for God's creation. All are invited to a launch event themed "Turn Debt into Hope" hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Caritas Australia. The launch will be via a webinar on 16 May, 12:00pm-1:00pm to raise awareness of unjust international debts that are crushing many developing countries.

Register at: caritas.org.au/debt. **More information can be found at:** laudatosiweek.org.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA'S ADULT 35 YEARS+ JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - BOOKINGS CLOSE 31 MAY:

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 31 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/jubilee2025/

FREE INFORMATION SESSION ON PATHWAYS TO CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE - 13 MAY:

Love working with kids? Get ready to launch your career in Childhood Education and Care with Macquarie Community College. Learn from expert educators about childhood development, safety and educational play. An information session will be held on Tuesday, 13 May at 10:30am at Catholic Care's Community Centre, Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. **Contact Catholic Care WSBM 8843.2500 for more information.**

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.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLY FAMILY PARISH 60-YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION, HOLY FAMILY PARISH MT. DRUITT - 1 JUNE: Join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt. Druitt, since its establishment in 1965. The celebrations will take place on Sunday, 1 June 2025: Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Vincent followed by a Multicultural Festival and lunch. **If you have any memorabilia to share, wish to register for the event or need more information, please email us at:** jubilee@holyfamilly.org.au. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our parish community!

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@holyfamilly.org.au.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 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. Registrations are now open. **For more details and to register:** 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.

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/.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Facilities Co-Ordinator: Diocese of Parramatta
Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta
Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 22 AND 24 MAY: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on Thursday, 22 May at St. Finbar's Church, Glenbrook for Cycle 2 (Module 5). Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5) will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill on Saturday, 24 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.

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.

MAKE AN IMPACT- VOLUNTEER ABROAD! Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms online for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! **Venue:** Online. **Register at:** palms.org.au/events. **Date:** Thursday, 22 May 2025. **Time:** 6:00pm–7:00pm. (02) 9560.5333; palms@palms.org.au.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need is seeking for regular volunteers to assist at their national office in Penrith. Days and times as mutually suitable. The office is close to public transport and has parking. **For more information contact:** Peter Harrop, peter@aidtochurch.org or phone 9167.9526.