

# 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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**17 & 18 May 2025**  
**5th 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:

Deana Lane, His Holiness Pope Francis

### Anniversaries:

Kusitino Joseph Tukana, Imeldha Lie, Louiza Maria D'Souza, Rita Gonsalves, Brendan William Mockler, Robert Jerry D'Souza, Felix Gonsalves

### Deceased:

Nonilon Padillo, Teresita Mabuto, Mary Jane Axiak, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Antoun Yazbeck, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, John & Robert D'Souza, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Danilo Abaquita, Edgar Montclar, Habib & Rada Nohra, Elias & Mona Oteyek, Georgette & Jack Kamil, Georgette F, Sharifey Antonious Bestany, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & 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

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



#### 1ST READING: ACTS 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:8-13

**Response:** I will praise your name for ever, my king  
and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: REVELATION 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

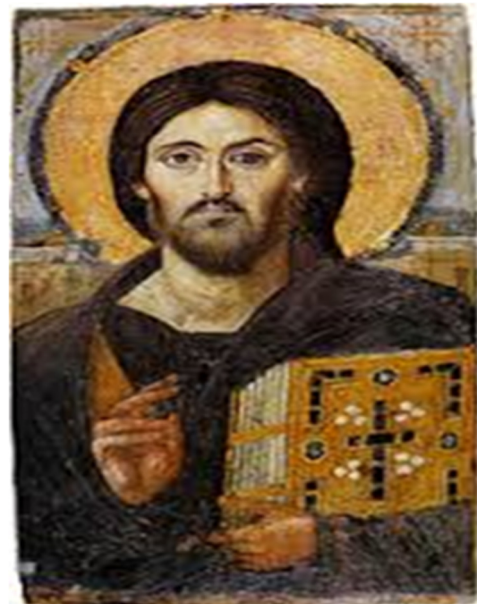
#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



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another.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**CLERGY CONFERENCE:** There will be no Masses in the Church from Wednesday, 21 May to Friday, 23 May due to the Clergy Conference in Terrigal. However, with the assistance of some retired priests and priests from religious communities, **daily Mass will be available at:** Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes on Wednesday, 21 May to Friday, 23 May at 9:15am and St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Wednesday, 21 May to Friday, 23 May at 12:30pm. The Bishop has said "parishioners who normally attend daily Mass and cannot access one of the proposed centres where Mass will be celebrated are encouraged to still gather in the parish church and pray especially for the clergy of the Diocese during their time away".

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS – 24-25 MAY:** 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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal). Donation envelopes will also be available on the weekend of the appeal. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au).

**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.

**INSTANT HAND SANITISER:** If any parishioners would like a bottle or bottles of hand sanitiser, would you please come into the Parish Office, during office hours, to collect them or see either Fr. Peter or Fr. Treesen after one of our Masses.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16–24 MAY) - CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF INSPIRATION FROM POPE FRANCIS:** During this 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 Francis and recommit ourselves to caring for God's creation. **The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Caritas Australia provide resources for prayer and to raise awareness at:** [tinyurl.com/LSW25-resources](http://tinyurl.com/LSW25-resources). **More inspiration is available on the website of the international LS Week (celebrated a week later):** [laudatosiweek.org](http://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/](http://parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/)

**PENTECOST SCRIPTURE REFLECTION WITH DR. DEBORAH SNODDY - 28 MAY:** What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr. Deborah Snoddy on Wednesday, 28 May at 6:30pm-8:30pm. **RSVP via:** [parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night](http://parracatholic.org/events/pentecost-scripture-night) **or get in touch with the team via:** [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).



# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FREE DIAMOND WOMEN EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP - 20 MAY — IN EMERTON:** Are you a mum returning to work? Are you worried that your resume gaps are holding you back? We can help to change that! We've partnered with Diamond Women to host a series of workshops for mothers. Join us on Tuesday, 20 May from 11:00am-1:00pm at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. **The topic is:** Transforming Challenges into Growth Opportunities. **RSVP to:** [marsha@diamondwomen.com.au](mailto:marsha@diamondwomen.com.au).

**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](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by 9 June 2025. For more information you may contact 9631.3316.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiry@holyfamilly.org.au).

**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 (Module 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## POSITIONS VACANT:

Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta  
Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

**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/>

**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.

**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.

**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](https://palms.org.au/events). **Date:** Thursday, 22 May 2025. **Time:** 6:00pm–7:00pm. (02) 9560.5333; [palms@palms.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:peter@aidtochurch.org) or phone 9167.9526.