

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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24 & 25 May 2025
6th 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

Anniversaries:

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

Deceased:

Vicente Araneta, Basilides Batal, Mary Jane Axiak, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael & Noeleen Remaili, Moniz & Alves Families, Wager & Remaili Families, Eaulalia Aroujo & Friends Deceased, Nonilon Padillo, Teresita Mabuto, 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, Kusitino Joseph Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & 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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond.

The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The Holy Spirit,
whom the Father
will send in my
name, will teach you
everything and
remind you of all
that I have said
to you.**

PARISH NOTICES

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. During the next ten days **people will be invited to volunteer** to translate a prayer from English into their own language and pray this prayer at Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Please see me after weekend Masses. Come Holy Spirit!

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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/

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 **or get in touch with the team via:** met@parracatholic.org.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION SOUTH MT. DRUITT - 1 JUNE Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, 1 June 2025 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt. Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Road, Mt. Druitt) at 7:00pm. The speaker is Sr. Agnes who will talk about and lead discussion on St. Padre Pio. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

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.

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.

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@hollyfamily.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 Emerton 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.

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.

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: Diocese of Parramatta
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.

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.

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.