

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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28 & 29 June 2025
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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:

Mrs. Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop Vincent's mother), Michela Divicka, Deva Mani, Valerie Craig, Shirley Gray

Anniversaries:

James Barrett, Michael & Georgette Lahoud, Janette Mansour, Patricia Fernandes, Quan Tang, Hie Sie Moe, Felix Gonsalves, Michael D'Silva, Augustine Mark Baptista

Deceased:

Jeanette Love, Dominador Morre, Anna Morre, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Father John & Family, Antoun Yazbeck & Family, Teodora Asill, Julita Barliso, Elaine Wheatley & Family, Danilo Abaquita, Evangeline Gacason, Arturo Enriquez, Lina Nasr, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Teresita Mabuto, Marcelo Lopez, Edgar Montclar, 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 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



1ST READING: ACTS 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-9

Response: The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone.

I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**“Peter the
Apostle, and
Paul the
teacher of the
Gentiles,
these have
taught us your
law, O Lord.”**

PARISH NOTICES

2025 PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – SUNDAY, 29 JUNE: The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held on **Sunday, 29 June 2025**. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Parishioners can make individual donations using the information supplied elsewhere in the parish bulletin.

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.



CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY PRAYER DINNER (formerly known as the Mayoral Prayer Dinner) will be held on Tuesday, 26 August 2025, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, at Merrylands RSL Club, 8 Miller Street, Merrylands, NSW 2160. The Guest Speaker is Caleb Campion –

Graduate Lawyer and finalist on *LEGO Masters Australia*. This evening offers a unique opportunity to: engage in collective prayers and enjoy musical performances; be inspired by our guest speaker's journey of faith; connect with fellow church and community members; and share a delicious two-course meal with complimentary soft drinks. **Tickets:** Secure your seats by visiting our Event Booking Page: 2025 Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner Tickets | EventBookings. **QR Code** for quick ticket access. **Direct Ticket Purchase Link:** <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2025-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner>. The Dinner is jointly hosted by the Cumberland City Council and Cumberland Christian Churches and Ministries (formerly the Holroyd Christian Ministers' Fellowship).

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.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AT ANY TIME BY DONATING USING YOUR PREFERRED METHOD TO PETER'S PENCE.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Beneficiary: "Obolo di San Pietro" (Peter's Pence)
FinecoBank S.p.A.
(Multi-currency bank account - EUR, USD, CHF, GBP)
IBAN: IT 52 S 03015 03200 000003501166
BIC/SWIFT code
FEBIITM1 or FEBIITM1XXX (if 11 characters are required) for SEPA countries
FEBIITM2 or FEBIITM2XXX (if 11 characters are required) for non-SEPA countries
(for acknowledgement, please state your full name and address in the reason for payment)

PAYPAL AND CREDIT CARD

Scan the following QR Codes



PayPal



Credit Card (Peter's Pence website)

Please see flyer on the Church noticeboard.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK WINTER 2025 EDITION: The latest edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is now available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES: The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2025/2026 financial year are available in the foyer of the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office during office hours (9632.2672) and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION COUNTERS ROSTER: The new roster for the 2025/2026 financial year is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

THE 9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass has been cancelled from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 to Tuesday, 8 July 2025 inclusive while Fr. Treesen is away. The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will recommence on Tuesday, 15 July 2025.

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.



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13 June 2025

Very Reverend Father Peter Blayney
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Dear Father Peter

RE: APPLICATION TO SPEND AND/OR BORROW 14 MAY 2025

I refer to your application to Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv to commence the process to build a Preschool/ Early Learning Centre aimed at providing childcare for 60 children aged between 0-5 years for the Parish of St. Patrick's, Guildford. I note that the Parish has been working extensively with Community Ventures who would be the proposed tenant of the premises and operate the facilities.

The Application was endorsed by the Diocesan College of Consultors at their Meeting on the 29 May 2025 and approved by the Diocesan Finance Council at a Meeting of the Council with Bishop Vincent on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.

I am delighted to convey to you and the Parish community the Bishop's support for your Proposal and his approval to borrow from the Diocesan Development Fund \$4.65 million to complete this Project.

The Diocesan Finance Council made the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the Diocesan Finance Council recommends to the Bishop his support for this Project.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That as the Project costs already include a contingency, any variance in cost in the future should be approved by the Diocesan Finance Council.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That the Parish continues to work with and take advice from the Diocesan Property Services team in relation to any DA applications, appointing contractors, project management and oversight of works to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the Parish continue to work in partnership with Community Ventures in delivering the project to their operational requirements.

I note that the Parishioners were consulted on this project in April 2025 with the majority in favour of its completion. The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee have fully supported the development of this Project.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Parish of Guildford and we at the Chancery congratulate you and the Parish on this initiative.

Every best wish for its success and we look forward to the opening of the preschool in 2028/2029.

Every best wish for the future.

Yours sincerely and kind regards,

Geoff Officer
Chief of Operations & Finance
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA