

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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12 & 13 July 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Fr. Tim Hogan, Uinise Lolottea Nysse,
Sr. Gail Colquhoun, Luisa Accatino, Irene
Vaivarnish, Mrs. Maria Thi Nguyen (Bishop
Vincent's mother), Michela Divicka

Anniversaries:

Julian Attard, James Barrett, Michael &
Georgette Lahoud, Janette Mansour, Patricia
Fernandes

Deceased:

Folola Palegalu & Family, Yvette Ulutele &
Family, Amelia Haelenai Faupala & Family,
Marcela & Felix Barliso, Leon Barliko, George
Michael Dolhon, Rima Bassima Hanna &
Family, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed &
Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family,
Sebastian Lobo, Souls in Purgatory, Souls of
the Unborn Children, Souls of the Unforgotten
Souls, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family,
Sononefa Falakiko Keletaona & Family,
Joselito Leaha Keletaona & Family, Tuini
Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris
Kikanoi & Family, Meliana Lino Lavasele &
Family, Jeanette Love, Dominador Morre,
Anna Morre, Mary Jane Axiak, Father John &
Family, Antoun Yazbeck & Family

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Response: Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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



**To whom am I
a neighbour?**

**When am I
moved with
compassion
for another?**

PARISH NOTICES

THE MANNING FOUNDATION: The Manning Foundation urgently needs **doonas, blankets, sheets, towels, hand towels, tea towels, pillow cases (no pillows) and kitchen utensils** as we are receiving increasing requests to help refugees that have been settled in our parish. Unfortunately, we can no longer receive household furniture or white goods. As always, your generous support is greatly valued. **If you wish to contact the Manning Foundation directly the number is: 0497 973 311.**



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).

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.

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.

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THANKS FROM ACN: We want to offer our thanks to the parish for welcoming us recently. It was wonderful to be present with the community at the weekend of Masses, meet people and of course speak about the work and mission of *Aid to the Church in Need*. We would encourage anyone who might have been struck by our work in support of the suffering Church to visit www.aidtochurch.org. We also have an online store at www.thatcatholicshop.com. Thanks and God bless you. ***Aid to the Church in Need AU/NZ***

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.

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.

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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 NOTICES



SEA SUNDAY 2025 - 13 JULY:

Today, the second Sunday of July, the Australian Church celebrates Sea Sunday. Seafarers are among the least visible people in the world yet are among the greatest contributors to daily life. We invite you to consider financially supporting Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church and to take a moment to think about the lives and work of seafarers and the indisputable contribution they make. **To donate to this ministry, visit: stellamarisaustralia.org**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK FEEDBACK SURVEY! Do you engage with *Catholic Outlook* through our magazine, website or social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you'd like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue

Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by **Friday, 25 July** by visiting: www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z or by scanning the QR code.

SECURE YOUR SEAT! BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS MAURICIO LOPEZ - 23 JULY: Mauricio López Oropeza – a leading Latin American lay voice – will share powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission as part of the Bishop Vincent Presents series of lectures. Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta at 6:00pm or watch the livestream for free. Secure your spot and be inspired! **Register now:** parracatholic.org/lopez

ROME FROM HOME (YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS) - 2 AUGUST: A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday, 2 August (12:30pm–6:00pm) at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. **Register by 26 July:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

HOPEFEST - 8-10 AUGUST: HOPEFEST is a Diocesan Jubilee of Hope three-day experience for all ages hosted by St. John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. Experiences will include praise and worship, a local pilgrimage from Stanhope Parish to the Franciscan Shrine in Kellyville, community activities, life and faith workshops and opportunities to celebrate the sacraments. **Register via:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/hopefest/>

DIOCESAN HOMELESSNESS WEEK MEMORIAL SERVICE – WRAPPED IN LOVE - 8 AUGUST: You're warmly invited to a Memorial Service during Homelessness Week on **Friday, 8 August 2025, 6:30pm–7:30pm** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Together, let us honour and remember those who have died while experiencing homelessness or hardship, through prayer, reflection and a spirit of compassion. Whether you want to commemorate a friend or stand in solidarity, all are welcome. This heartfelt gathering is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Catholic Care, and other community partners. **You can find more information at:** parracatholic.org/events/homeless-memorial-service.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS NETWORK: Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in *Catholic Outlook*, our websites and social media. **Name/contact details are required:** parracatholic.org/communicators

POSITIONS VACANT:

Healing and Support Counsellor – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta

Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

MET NATURAL FERTILITY COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE SEMINAR - 2 AUGUST:

MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on Saturday, 2 August from 1:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy. **To register, visit:** parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - CLOSES 25 AUGUST:

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. **For more details and to express your interest by 25 August 2025, see:** parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email: hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA 10,000 FOR 10 INITIATIVE:

To mark the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Catholic Religious Australia has launched the "10,000 for 10" initiative to encourage the planting and/or protection of 10,000 trees. If you cannot plant a tree, you can protect one or make a donation to a not-for-profit organisation focused on regenerative projects. **To learn more, visit:** <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/10000-for-10>

PRAY FOR OUR PILGRIMS! Please pray for the young adults in our Diocese who will embark on the Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage from 19 July to 5 August. May God bless their journey, deepen their faith, and guide their steps as they follow in the footsteps of St. Paul and join the celebrations in Rome. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and protect them throughout this transformative experience.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE – STARTS 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, but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.**