

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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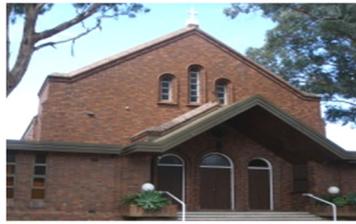
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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

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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16 & 17 August 2025
20th 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:

Gaetano Di Carlo

Anniversaries:

Carina B. Aguiman, Pedro B. Aguiman, Chris, Paul & Simon Grima, Nicola Matrippolito, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Clare McMahon, Golds Family, Denham D'Silva, Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Elias Greige, Arturo Enriquez, John Salhab, Phillip & Jamilla Salhab, Jawaz & Wadad Semrani, Angela Boutros, Charlie Semrani, Salhab & Semrani Families

Deceased:

Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Nonilon Padillo, Gil Baguio, Forgotten Souls, Anna & Dominador Morre, Cordeiro Family, Elias Georges, 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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 39:2-4, 18

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them,
and they follow me.**

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FROM THE MANNING FOUNDATION: Members of the Manning Foundation wish to express special thanks to all parishioners who responded to the recent winter appeal for linen and kitchen utensils. We are most grateful for your continued support of this parish ministry.



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). **Tickets \$50.00pp including a two-course meal and soft drinks. RSVP and dietary requirements by Sunday, 17 August. More information:** www.cumberlandchurches.org/prayer-dinner

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.

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.

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.**

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

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Training & Development Specialist – Safeguarding: Diocese of Parramatta
Facilitator – Family Engagement: Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta
Parish Secretary: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville
More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 1-3 SEPTEMBER: The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

- Monday, 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9:30am to 2:30pm
- Tuesday, 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10:00am to 1:30pm
- Wednesday, 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10:00am to 12 Noon.

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

NOËL! NOËL! AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:

General tickets are now available for the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra's much-loved *Noël! Noël!* concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Join us for an unforgettable evening of festive music in our beautiful church on Tuesday, 16 December, 7:30pm. **Tickets will sell quickly, so grab yours today by visiting:** <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS DR. NORA NONTERAH - 2 SEPTEMBER: In the next iteration of the *Bishop Vincent Presents* series, the Diocese of Parramatta will welcome Dr. Nora Nonterah, a leading African theological ethicist from Ghana. She will be presenting on Tuesday, 2 September at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. As a lay woman and recent delegate to the Synod on Synodality in 2023 and 2024, Dr. Nora will offer a powerful reflection on leadership, discipleship and the wisdom of women in the Church. **Register today by visiting: <https://parracatholic.org/events/noral/>**

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS CARDINAL STEPHEN CHOW SJ - 15 SEPTEMBER: The second of two *Bishop Vincent Presents* public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia. He will be presenting on Monday, 15 September at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of 'Bridge Building'. With a background in psychology and education and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. **Register today by visiting: <https://parracatholic.org/events/cardinalchow/>**

MT. DRUITT SOUTH PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH - 30 AUGUST–8 SEPTEMBER: Please join the community of Sacred Heart Parish, Mount Druitt South, for the Novena and Feast of Our Lady of Good Health from 30 August to 8 September. There will be Masses in the evenings followed by Rosary and Novena. We conclude on 8 September, the Nativity of Our Lady, with Mass at 7:00pm followed by a light supper. **For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9832.3896 or email: moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CARE'S MAMRE CRECHE: Are you great with young kids? Catholic Care is looking for friendly, caring volunteers to support staff during crèche sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. If you enjoy spending time with young children (aged 0–5) and have a few hours to spare, we'd love to hear from you. Volunteers will need to obtain a Working with Children Check and Police Check. To help make a difference in the lives of local families, call Catholic Care on 8843.2500.

PARISH OF RICHMOND ST. MONICA'S SPRING FAIR - 20 SEPTEMBER: All are invited to celebrate the St. Monica's Spring Fair on Saturday, 20 September from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the corner of Windsor Street and Bourke Street, Richmond. Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring an array of entertaining activities. Indulge in exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more! Opportunity knocks for those wishing to hold a stall, donate a prize or voucher or be a Spring Fair sponsor. **For more information, contact: admin@parishofrichmond.org.au**

BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH COMMUNITY FETE - 21 SEPTEMBER: Join the Baulkham Hills Parish for their Community Fete on Sunday, 21 September 2025 from 10:00am-4:00pm at St. Michael's Primary School, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. There will be delicious food, music, entertainment, games and activities for all!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CARE EMERTON! Catholic Care is looking for volunteers to help at their Walk-In Centre in Emerton on Tuesdays to Thursdays. Volunteers would assist welcoming people into the drop-in centre, greeting clients for counselling appointments, assisting the local Aunties' yarnning and art gatherings, reception of the OzHarvest food delivery and overall assistance with Catholic Care projects and programs. **For more information, please contact Catholic Care on 8843.2500.**

KENTHURST PARISH DINNER DANCE - 19 SEPTEMBER: All are welcome to attend St. Madeleine's Dinner Dance on Friday, 19 September at 6:00pm at the Dural Club, 662A Old Northern Road, Dural. Cost is \$120.00 and includes a three-course dinner. **To enquire about tickets or how you can donate to the silent auction (goods, services or monetary contributions), please contact Sally Coppini on: 0407 942 986 or stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com**

QUAKERS HILL PARISH — OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI CELEBRATIONS - 5–8 SEPTEMBER: Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health – Vailankanni at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. Join us in honouring our Blessed Mother through prayer, fellowship and thanksgiving. Triduum Mass and Novena will be held from Friday, 5 to Sunday, 7 September at 7:00pm, with the Feast Day Mass and Rosary Procession on Monday, 8 September. **For more information, contact the Parish Office on: 9626.3326 or email: quakershill@parracatholic.org**

MT. SCHOENSTATT SHRINE TIME WINTER SPECIAL — 24 AUGUST: All are welcome to attend the Winter Special Shrine Time at the Mt. Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa on Sunday, 24 August from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. This is an evening of praise and worship, silence, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. This month's winter special will be followed by a social bonfire, roasted marshmallows and hot chocolate! **Contact Sr. M. Rita for more details on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au**

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME FOR MEN: Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8:00pm -9:00pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession. The Shrine has been a place of pilgrimage in the Diocese since 1968 and in 2025 is also one of the three locations in the diocese to gain the Jubilee Indulgence.