

# 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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**23 & 24 August 2025**  
**21st 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. Robert Stephens, Harrison Mekenese,  
Gaetano Di Carlo

### Anniversaries:

Louiza Maria D'Souza, Dominic F. Gonsalves,  
Felix Gonsalves, Tokavahua Heneliko, Carina  
B. Aguiman, Pedro B. Aguiman, Chris, Paul &  
Simon Grima, Nicola Mastrippolito, Salvatore  
Lazzoppina, Clare McMahon, Golds Family,  
Denham D'Silva, Joseph Tannous, Julia  
Georges

### Deceased:

Eleuterio & Estefania Abaquita, Tokavahua,  
Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino  
Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi &  
Family, Katalina Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family,  
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

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



#### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 116

**Response:** Go out to all the world;  
and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

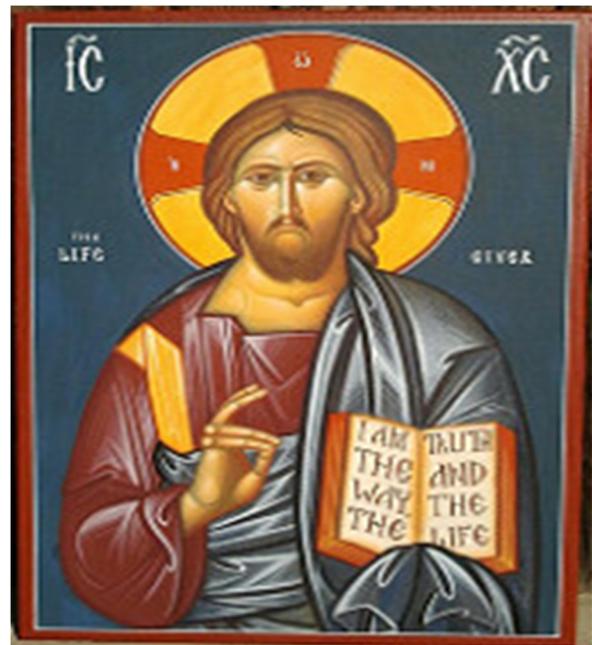
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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



**I am the way, the truth and  
the life, says the Lord,  
no one comes to the Father,  
except through me.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2025:** Our next Bishop's Appeal will take place on the **weekend of 6-7 September**. This Father's Day Appeal supports the retired and unwell priests in our Diocese – the spiritual fathers of our community.

**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.

**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.

**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



**CASTLE HILL PARISH MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON - 4 NOVEMBER:** St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, are hosting a Melbourne Cup Lunch on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 from 12:00pm-3:30pm at The Heritage House, Kenthurst. Tickets are \$120.00pp and includes canapes on arrival, 2 course lunch (mains and dessert). Drinks are buy-as-you-go. Sweeps and games will be available to enter with prizes to be won! **Tickets on sale now at the St. Bernadette's Parish Office, Castle Hill or online via the QR Code.** All Welcome.

**MASS FOR MUSICIANS - 24 SEPTEMBER:** In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite all those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese to join us for our Mass for Musicians. Join us on 24 September, 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We ask that you arrive at 7:00pm and are seated by 7:15pm. **To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please RSVP via our website by Friday, 19 September. If you are unable to register via the form, please contact: ofw@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795.**

**GROW YOUR FAITH WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - 30 AUGUST:** You are invited to attend a free upcoming talk by Dr. Edward Sri at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills on Saturday, 30 August from 10:00am to 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to dive deep into your faith as a community and encounter Christ. Dr. Sri is a renowned Catholic author and theologian. He is the host of the acclaimed podcast "All Things Catholic", holds a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome and is an adjunct professor at the Augustine Institute. **RSVP is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dr-edward-sri-st-pauls-winston-hills-tickets-1568785181709>**

**CATHOLIC CARE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST - 11 SEPTEMBER:** Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, together with White Lady Funerals, invite you to a memorial service to remember loved ones who have died by suicide or tragically lost their lives. The service will be held on Thursday, 11 September from 10:00am to midday at Mamre House and Farm, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to plant a rose bush in our Garden of Remembrance. Counsellors and a Chaplain will be present throughout the event to offer support if needed. **Kindly RSVP by Monday, 8 September to: Lisa, Catholic Care: 0439 917 129 or 8843.2500 or Christy, White Lady Funerals: 4731.4385.**

**CATHOLIC CARE SEWING AND CROCHET CLASSES:** All are welcome to join Catholic Care's weekly sewing and crochet classes every Thursday during school terms, 10:00am-1:00pm at Mamre House and Farm, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. Learn new skills, connect with others and enjoy a friendly, supportive environment. Perfect for anyone wanting to meet new people! **To register, contact: Catholic Care on 8843.2500 or email: [enquiries@catholiccarewsm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsm.org.au)**

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**JUBILEE YEAR ADULT PILGRIMAGE COMMISSIONING MASS - 31 AUGUST:** Join us on 31 August for 10:00am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, as we pray and commission the pilgrims from across the Diocese and beyond who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee as Pilgrims of Hope. All welcome.

**GLENMORE PARK PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS - 18-21 SEPTEMBER:** Everyone is invited to join St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, for the parochial feast day celebrations. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday, 18 September and Friday, 19 September at 7:00pm and on Saturday, 20 September at 5.30pm. On Sunday, 21 September, a procession will start at 10:00am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. All are welcome!  
**For any enquiries:**  
**4789.2232 or [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org)**

**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](mailto:stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com).**

**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](mailto: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!

**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/nora/>.**

**PRAY FOR OUR PILGRIMS!** Please pray for the adults from our Diocese and beyond who will embark on the Jubilee of Hope pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September. May God bless their journey, deepen their faith and guide their steps as they trace the footsteps of the early Church and join the celebrations in Rome. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and protect them throughout this transformative experience.

**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/>.**

**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 September 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](mailto:quakershill@parracatholic.org).**

**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](mailto:moundruittsouth@parracatholic.org).**

**CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE SPIRITUAL CARE SERIES:** Catholic Healthcare Mackillop House, Norwest, is hosting an 8-week *Spiritual Care Series* training throughout September and October. The *Spiritual Care Series* is a globally respected program that equips individuals with practical skills to provide meaningful Pastoral and Spiritual support to older individuals throughout the ageing journey. Experience the deep fulfilment that comes from giving back and walking alongside others on their life journey. **For more information contact: Adrian on 0421 407 270 or complete the registration form 'Spiritual Care Series' (at the bottom of the page) at: <https://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/volunteers>.**