

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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30 & 31 August 2025
22nd 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:

Antoine Bazouni, Bernadette Zara Hugues,
Fr. Robert Stephens, Harrison Mekenese,
Gaetano Di Carlo

Anniversaries:

Louiza Maria D'Souza, Dominic F. Gonsalves,
Felix Gonsalves, Tokavahua Heneliko, Carina
B. Aguman, Pedro B. Aguman, Chris, Paul &
Simon Grima, Nicola Mastrippolito, Salvatore
Lazzoppina

Deceased:

Therese Safadi, George Safadi, Albert &
Tessie Camilleri, Silveria Pamalias, Justiniano
Pamalias, Nicholas Ippolito & Family &
Gioacchio, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Eleuterio &
Estefania Abaquita, Tokavahua, Falaeo &
Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana &
Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family,
Katalina Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family,
Sebastian Lobo, Nonilon Padillo, Gil Baguio,
Forgotten Souls, Anna & Dominador Morre,
Cordeiro 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 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: SIRACH 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 67:4-7, 10-11

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 11:29

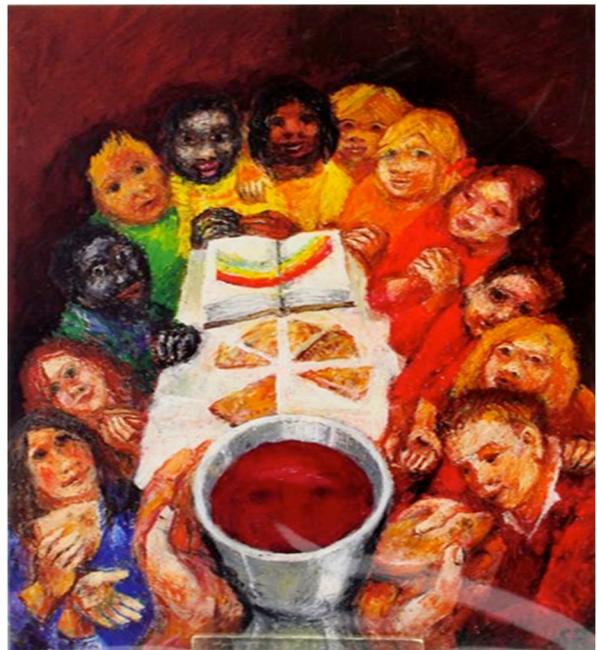
Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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



**God, in your goodness,
you have made a home
for the poor.**

PARISH NOTICES



BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – SUPPORTING OUR SENIOR PRIESTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE:

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers – the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. **Please give generously at: parracatholic.org/fathersday appeal or scan the QR code.** Thank you.

NO MORNING TEA AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS ON SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2025: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 7 September 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.

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.

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.**

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.

SEASON OF CREATION TABLE TALK ON ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY - 6 SEPTEMBER:

Want to learn how our Catholic faith invites us into a relationship with God's creation? The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton and the Diocese's Mission Enhancement Team invite you to a Table Talk about Ecological Spirituality and Conversion. At the start of the Season of Creation, hear powerful testimonies and participate in engaging small group conversations. All parishioners and people from across the Diocese are welcome: Saturday, 6 September 2025, 7:00pm-9:30pm (after 6:00pm Mass), 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. Light refreshments provided. **Please register at: tinyurl.com/ecospirituality-tt.**

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP - 3-6 OCTOBER:

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the faith community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience for the whole family with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with our Creator and creation. The trip will run from Friday, 3 October to Monday, 6 October at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale. Campers are welcome to arrive from Friday afternoon to get set up and also stay beyond Mass on Sunday for an informal time together until Monday. Individual campers: \$40.00; Camping couples: \$75.00; Family camping groups: \$75.00-\$110.00. **For more information and to register visit: www.seasonofcreationcamping.org.**

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - 7 SEPTEMBER:

The Catholic Men's organisation of the Diocese's Nigerian Catholic Community invites you to their Father's Day Mass and celebration on Sunday, 7 September. Mass will be held at 11:30am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, with a reception following Mass at The Granville Centre. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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.**

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/>.**

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@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.**

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.**

SELF-CARE IN THE HEALTHCARE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH:

There will be a session on 'Self-Care in the Healthcare Ministry of the Church' at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, 13 September from 9:30am to 12:00 Noon. This is an important topic for all those involved in caring for others, in order to avoid burn-out. **Enquiries and Registration for the session to: michael.tan@parracatholic.org.**

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.**

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!

RESPONDING IN MERCY – PILGRIMS OF HOPE - 10 SEPTEMBER AND 5 NOVEMBER:

The Mercy Futures team is privileged to present Sr. Áine Barrins RSM all the way from Ireland, who will be joining them in Parramatta to share her invaluable insights into *Catherine McAuley, Woman of Hope*. This is an unprecedented two-part presentation which will take place over our final two sessions – **10 September and 5 November**. Come along and bring a friend (or few) and be part of this unique presentation. Both these sessions will also be livestreamed and the link will be provided closer to the date. **Please RSVP to: mercyfuture@parrasom.org.au with any dietary requirements by 3 September (Part 1) or 29 October (Part 2).**

