

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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27 & 28 September 2025
26th 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:

Felicia Mary Subramaniam, Michael Godfrey,
Joe Popovic, Antonietta Siroli, Shirley Ryan
(Kerry Webb's mother), Oswald (Ossie)
Fernandes, Greg Whitby

Anniversaries:

Dolores Borg, Robert Jerry D'Souza, Felix
Gonsalves, Carmen Peiry, Rose Watts,
Leahaitaua Falakiko Keletaona, Joseph Kusitino
Tukana, Foliaki Folautanoa, Alma & Semaan
Azar, Anthony Brendan Mockler, Wadih Younan,
Graeme Mansour, Aronne Borg, Madeleine
Mitchell, John Mathew Gonsalves, Amelia
D'Silva

Deceased:

Maria & Joseph, Wilfredo O. Tano, Danielle Jan
Abaquita, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family,
Katia, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family,
Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Abiwahab &
Bechara Families, Raymond Heloui, Robert &
Florence Frois, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Katalina Lea'Kimua Tuini Fatu &
Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family,
Saravanai Ponniah, Gnambighai Ponniah,
Manfred Silva, Leofric Silva, Nicholas & Jack
Ippolito, Danilo Abaquita, Nonilon Padillo,
Younan & Barakat Families, Sebasitan Lobo,
Josephine & Edward Frois, Olindo, Jeannette
Love, Ernest Vogt, Gemma Visintin, Guido
Meneguzzo, Hanna & Majed Families, 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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: AMOS 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:6-10

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

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

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus Christ
was rich
but he
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PARISH NOTICES

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Will be celebrated in our Parish at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King. Children aged 10 years and over may receive this sacrament which will complete their initiation into the Catholic community. Parents are invited to come to the Parish Office and collect an enrolment form, complete it at home and return it to the Parish Office **with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate attached, if your child was not baptised at St. Patrick's, Guildford.** You will receive reflection sheets to share with your child as preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

YEAR 12 HSC PARISH YOUTH MASS — 12 OCTOBER: HSC exams begin Thursday, 16 October. Qwayne Guevara, Manager, Catholic Youth in the Diocese, invites parishes to participate in the annual Year 12 HSC Parish Youth Mass to acknowledge the Year 12 students embarking on their final school exams. We hope that Year 12 students and their families would be with us at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 12 October. Let us pray for our young students as they face their final school exams and look forward, in hope, to the future.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving begins in NSW on **Sunday, 5 October** when clocks are turned forward one hour at 2:00am.



MANNING FOUNDATION - THANK YOU: The Manning Foundation received a wonderful donation from the teachers, students and in particular

students who are members of FIAT (Faith in Action Team). The students in FIAT have regular 'Bake Sales' and the proceeds of their efforts are donated to various charities. Manning received a donation of kettles, toasters, frying pans and saucepans for which we were extremely grateful.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2025-2026 — "SIGNS OF HOPE ON THE EDGE — SERVING HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILL-HEALTH": Copies of the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement and prayer cards are available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 26 OCTOBER: Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday, 26 October at 2:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. **RSVP to: marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.**

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING FORMATION - 8 NOVEMBER: Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November from 9:30am-2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. **For more information and to register before 3 November please contact the Office for Worship Team: OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLUMPTON PARISH SEASON OF CREATION MASS - 4 OCTOBER: The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, will be celebrating the conclusion of the Season of Creation with Mass on Saturday, 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at 9:00am. The icon of the Cantic of Creation will be on display in the Church for the whole weekend. Morning tea will be provided following Mass. All are welcome to attend. **For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9832.4461 or email: plumpton@parracatholic.org.**

BACK TO BASICS SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP - 11 OCTOBER: Back by popular demand! We have decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday, 11 October from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. **RSVP by 7 October via: <https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>. Contact the Office for Worship team for more info: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.**



WINDOW ON THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS — 9 OCTOBER: Hosted by the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, Window on the World's Religions provides personal encounters with our neighbours' faith traditions in the spirit of interfaith dialogue.

Please join us for an engaging evening exploring Hinduism and Sikhi, with teams from their respective communities. Thursday, 9 October from 6:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. **Tickets are \$10.00 and available from bit.ly/4mfPMJ2 or by scanning the QR code.**

KELLYVILLE PARISH MARIAN PROCESSION - 11 OCTOBER: To celebrate their patronal feast day, the youth of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, are organising a Marian procession on Saturday, 11 October. Mass begins at 6:00pm, followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. All are welcome to join the parish as they gather again to pray through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

MT. SCHOENSTATT FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS - 19 OCTOBER: Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Foundation Day family festival celebrations on Sunday, 19 October at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. The program starts at 10:15am with a pre-program and confessions available, with Mass celebrated at 11:00am. Lunch and family activities will follow Mass, concluding with devotion and benediction at 1:45pm. The day will include FREE jumping castle and face painting, as well as the opportunity to purchase BBQ lunch as well as various food stalls, drinks, snow cones and other stalls. **For more information, contact Sr. M. Rita on: srrita@schoenstatt.org.au, 0493 026 628 or visit the Schoenstatt website or Facebook page.**

CATHOLIC CARE PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS DAY COMMEMORATION — 16 OCTOBER: To commemorate Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Thursday, 16 October from 10:00am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. **Please RSVP to Lisa at Catholic Care on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 4731.4385.**

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 Woogoolmai 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.**

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.

MERCY WORKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - 23 OCTOBER: Mercy Works, the development arm of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with an evening of inspiration, storytelling and connection on Thursday, 23 October at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. **Please RSVP by 12 October or while tickets last by visiting: <https://events.humanitix.com/mercy-works-25th-anniversary-celebration-and-fundraiser>.**

For more information, contact MercyWorks on 9564.1911 or visit: mercyworks.org.au.

SCRIPTURE UNION AUSTRALIA — SUPA ART CAMP 25: Register now! **Who:** Years 5 and 6 Students. **Where:** Matthew Pearce Public School. **When:** 1 & 2 October 2025; 10:00am-3:00pm. **Total Cost:** \$50.00. Two days of Arts and MineCraft themed fun! We will be exploring God, Faith, Life through the Bible, Art, Craft and Games. All materials, morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO Lunch. **Contact:** Deema Percival — 0401 139 394.