

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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4 & 5 October 2025

27th 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 Sirolli, Shirley Ryan
(Kerry Webb's mother), Oswald (Ossie)
Fernandes

Anniversaries:

Doris Salerno, Gertrude Santa Maria, 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

Deceased:

Phillip & Phyllis Fimognari, Rima & Bassima
Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette, Eid &
George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter &
Family, Maria & Joseph, Wilfredo O. Tano,
Danielle Jan Abaquita, 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,
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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-14

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 PETER 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



“Lord, increase our faith.”

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – 18-19 OCTOBER – MISSIONARIES OF HOPE – AMONG ALL PEOPLES: In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr. Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies. **You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.** Freecall: 1800 257 296; catholicmission.org.au/mission\.

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 — 5 OCTOBER: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. 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.

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.

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.

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.**

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.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



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.**

POSITIONS VACANT:

Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta

Principal Risk Lead – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs.

WINSTON HILLS PARISH WORLD ROSARY HOUR AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION — 13 OCTOBER:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, will be taking part in World Rosary Hour on Monday 13 October at 7:00pm AEDT. The date marks the anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fátima to the three children. Join us to pray the rosary, followed by a candlelit procession with the statue of Our Lady around the church grounds. **Visit:** <https://www.worldrosaryhour.com/> for more information and also to view as a livestream for those unable to attend.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

Saturday, 18 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St. Marys.

Saturday, 25 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook.

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.

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.

WINSTON HILLS PARISH SEVEN SURPRISES OF THE EUCHARIST PRESENTATION - 30 OCTOBER:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, is pleased to announce the next event in its 'Faith Seeking Understanding' series. Dr. Robert Haddad will present on the topic "Seven Surprises of the Eucharist" on Thursday, 30 October at 7:45pm, with optional Mass at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend and there is no need to RSVP. **For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9639.6516 or email:** winstonhills@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.**

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.

