

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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18 & 19 October 2025
29th 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:

Paul Tramis, Antoine Bazouni, Felicia Mary Subramaniam, Michael Godfrey, Joe Popovic

Anniversaries:

Sebastian D'Silva, Savelina Lenisio, Zeike & Hanna Greige, Ron Cartwright, Robin Gomes, Eric & Eileen Crowley, Heneliko Tokavahua, Silvana Ingrao, Doris Salerno, Gertrude Santa Maria, Dolores Borg, Robert Jerry D'Souza, Felix Gonsalves

Deceased:

Evette & Emile Tayoun, Benita Barlizo, Roman Barlizo, 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 & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Edgar Montclar, Tito & Maria, Phillip & Phyllis Fimognari, Maria & Joseph, Wilfredo O. Tano, Danielle Jan Abaquita, 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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: EXODUS 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 120

Response: Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**



**Our help
is from
the Lord,
who made
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and earth.**

2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

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

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HEBREWS 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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



PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – 18-19 OCTOBER – MISSIONARIES OF HOPE – AMONG ALL PEOPLES: This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. **The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr. Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.** During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. **Freecall: 1800 257 296.**

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.

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.

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

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT - 25 OCTOBER: Join Catholic Youth Parramatta as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of LIFTED Live in the Forecourt on Saturday, 25 October at St. Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend Youth Mass at 6:00pm, with festivities kicking off at 7:00pm. Coinciding with Parramatta Lanes, we invite everyone for an exciting night of Catholic worship and prayer, friendship and community, showcasing the talent and passion of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. **For more information, visit: <https://parracatholic.org/events/lifted-live-in-the-forecourt/>.**

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST - 19 NOVEMBER: You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome on 19 November 2025 from 11:00am–3:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. **Find out more and express your interest at: parracatholic.org/streetfeast.**



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 TALK ON INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE - 23 OCTOBER: The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, invites you to attend a talk on Interreligious Dialogue with Fr. Patrick McInerney on Thursday, 23 October from 7:30pm at the Parish Centre. Fr. Patrick, the Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, will present our missionary responsibility to practice interreligious dialogue. **To register, please visit: forms.gle/U7xKZPSf5Nn4xS5B8.**

BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - 23 NOVEMBER: The Blue Mountains Deanery will be commemorating the Solemnity of Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, 23 November in Springwood. The procession will start at 9:30am at St. Columba's Catholic College, Springwood and go to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend.

NOËL! NOËL! AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - 16 DECEMBER: Step into the splendour of the season with *Noël! Noël!*, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir's much-loved Christmas tradition at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This uplifting concert weaves together Baroque masterpieces, timeless carols, and festive songs from across the centuries, performed with the Brandenburg's signature energy and joy. Join us on Tuesday, 16 December for a night of reflection, celebration, and pure musical delight: a radiant reminder of the beauty, hope, and spirit of Christmas. **Buy tickets now from: <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>.**

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

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

Saturday, 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - THAT CATHOLIC SHOP CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE: Copies of the latest Christmas Catalogue from That Catholic Shop are available at the back of the Church.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - RED NOVEMBER: This November, we invite you to stand with the persecuted Christians through **Red November**. We'd love your support by praying the **Red Rosary** and also download a free copy of the latest **Religious Freedom Report**. Visit: www.rednovember.org to find out more.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Senior Employment Relations Advisor – Diocese of Parramatta

Principal Risk Lead – Diocese of Parramatta

Administration and Projects Co-Ordinator – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs.

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.**

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.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME

FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS: Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. **For further information please contact Sr. M. Rita via: srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. Web: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.**

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATORS NETWORK:

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in *Catholic Outlook*, our websites and social media. **Name/contact details are required: parracatholic.org/communicators.**

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIOCESAN

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: The Diocese is hosting one final retreat opportunity for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open for the final retreat on 15 November. Visit: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/> for more details.

