

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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25 & 26 October 2025
30th 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:

Chandra Fernando, Paul Tramis, Antoine Bazouni

Anniversaries:

Normal Cordeiro, Vincenzo D'Elia, Sebastian D'Silva, Savelina Lenisio, Zeike & Hanna Greige, Ron Cartwright, Robin Gomes, Eric & Eileen Crowley, Heneliko Tokavahua, Silvana Ingraio, Doris Salerno, Gertrude Santa Maria

Deceased:

Cordeiro Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Katia, Peter, Janette, Eid & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, 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, Sebastian Lobo, Edgar Montclar, Tito & Maria, Phillip & Phyllis Fimognari, 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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**



**“God,
be merciful
to me,
a sinner.”**

**The Lord
hears the
cry
of the poor.**

2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

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

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race
to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me
on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who
have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of
them deserted me - may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and
gave me power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me,
and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and
despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this
prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind,
and particularly that I am not like this tax collector
here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The
tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."
This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with
God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'

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



PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – MISSIONARIES OF HOPE – AMONG ALL PEOPLES: We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr. Jane and Kayula. **Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.** To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives. **Freecall: 1800 257 296.**

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass next Sunday.

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.

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.

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

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY - 12 NOVEMBER: The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday, 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

ANNUAL BISHOP VINCENT VATICAN II LECTURE - 12 NOVEMBER: How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? To learn more, all are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday, 12 November, 6:30pm–8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, corner Flushcombe Road. **Register for limited seating and share with others via: <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVI> or get in touch with the team via: met@parracatholic.org.**

FAITHLIFE MINISTRY - 5 + 19 NOVEMBER: Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison and Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesdays, 5 November + 19 November, 6:30pm–8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, corner Flushcombe Road. **Details via: <https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAI> or get in touch with the team via: met@parracatholic.org.**

THE FAITHFEED ECHO – EMERTON PARISH - 14 NOVEMBER: An evening of music, creativity, and praise and worship at Holy Family Parish, Emerton, 252–254 Luxford Road, Emerton from 6:30pm to 9:00pm on Friday, 14 November. The FaithFeed ECHO (TFF ECHO) is a vibrant, welcoming space that echoes the God of love working within, around us and among us. Whether you're in your 20's, 30's, 40's — or simply young at heart — you're most welcome. **Details via: https://tr.ee/XTJqW_InNz or get in touch with the team via: met@parracatholic.org.**

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE CHRISTMAS FAIR - 14 NOVEMBER: Join Catholic Healthcare for a festive Christmas Fete at Bodington Wentworth Falls! We're raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! Join us on 14 November from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Bodington Drive (off Tableland Road), Wentworth Falls. Enjoy local stalls, a silent art auction, face painting, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

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.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY 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.

BLUE MOUNTAINS DEANERY CHRIST THE KING EUCCHARISTIC 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 day:
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.

LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. **Call Catholic Care on 8843.2500 for a friendly chat today.**

POSITIONS VACANT:

Senior Employment Relations Advisor – 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.**

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.**

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.

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.