

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
Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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31st January & 1st February 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

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:

Antonio Di Mascio, Shirley Wrightman,
Sr. Jeana Abejuela, Meliana Sivi, Paul
Goulding (Fr. John Goulding's Brother)

Anniversaries:

Matthew Lane, Liesong Cut, Lidwina Lie, Piet
Lie, Chris, Paul & Simon Grima, Maureen
Murray, Melia Mansour, Karen Cartwright,
Lawrence Frois, Felix Gonsalves, Severine
Lataimatautu Kafo Tamaki, Nunzia D'Elia,
Maria Palombit, Maria Luca, Edgar Montclar

Deceased:

Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter,
Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family,
Elias, Tony, Peter, Tony & Family, Nicanor
Ponla, Sebastian Lobo, Jeanette Love,
Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families,
Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane &
Doris Kikanoi, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu
& Family, Tolio Muliloto, Peato & Daniel Tui
& Family, Elisapeta Tuifua & Family, Abiwahab
& Bechara Families, Antoun Yazbeck, Simon
& Sussane Yazbeck, Tony & Odette
Chabchoul, Fred & Charbel Chabchoul, Phillip
& George Majed & Family, Roland Schoons,
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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10

Response: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families?

No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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



**Rejoice,
and be
glad:**

**Your
reward
will be
great in
heaven.**

PARISH NOTICES

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 1 February 2026.

9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass resumes on Tuesday, 3 February 2026.

THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH from Father Peter, Fr. Treesen, Sister Helen and members of the

Manning Foundation for your wonderful response to the parish Advent/Christmas food appeal. Coupled with support received from the parents, staff and students of St. Patrick's Primary School donations of food items has enabled the Manning Foundation to restock supplies which will be given freely to those in our community who through no fault of their own have fallen on hard times. Your ongoing financial support through the parish poor box is used to purchase other essential items for those in need in our parish.



YEAR 4 CLASS OF 1976 AT ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GUILDFORD is having a 50 Year reunion to be held at Club Parramatta on 7 March 2026 from 5:00pm. Everyone is

welcome. **For more information please call Liz Crowley on 0411 254 912.**

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA MEMORIAL MASS AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION - 8 FEBRUARY: You are warmly invited to the annual St. Josephine Bakhita Memorial Mass and Community Celebration on Sunday, 8 February at 12:30pm at St. Patrick's Church, MQOF Parish, Blacktown. The South-Sudanese and Sudanese Catholic Community, supported by the Mission

Enhancement Team, will celebrate their national patron saint, share their spirituality, culture and cuisine, and pray for the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. All are welcome to attend.



ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

- 9 FEBRUARY: Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on Monday, 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Costs are \$5.00 per person – payable on

arrival (includes all materials). **To register and for more information, please visit: parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops.**

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK -

11 FEBRUARY: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on 11 February 2026 at St. Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. **To register, please visit: parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/.**

MET NATURAL FERTILITY – NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a natural, effective, healthy and scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health.

NFP is suitable for all situations including post-contraception, breastfeeding mothers and women experiencing peri-menopause. **Express your interest at: www.parracatholic.org/learn/natural-family-planning.**

VOLUNTEER COOK WANTED FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES PROGRAM: Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program is seeking a volunteer cook to lead simple, hands-on cooking sessions for a small group of women once a month.

Sessions run on a Friday from 10:00am to 12 Middy, with all ingredients provided, and conclude with participants sharing the meal together. All required screening and training will be supported. **For more information or to express interest, please contact: enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au or call 8843.2500.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE FORMATION AND SUPPORT MASS - 22 FEBRUARY: The Diocese's Catholic Healthcare ministry, in collaboration with the Hawkesbury Deanery, is organising a monthly formation and support Mass for those in the healthcare ministry of the Church on Sunday, 22 February at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, at 5:30pm. There will be an afternoon tea before the Mass from 4:00pm for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes. **For further information, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org.**

BLACKTOWN PARISH PRESENTS 'THE WITNESS': The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St. Peter. Open auditions are taking place on Sunday, 1 February from 11:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm and Monday, 2 February from 6:00pm-8:00pm at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown. We encourage anyone interested in being part of The Witness experience to register. **For vocal auditions, contact our Music Director, Marianne Fernandes at: music@bethewitness.com.au. To learn more, visit: Be The Witness – The Musical or email: info@bethewitness.com.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.

BE A STRONGER YOU – FREE EMPOWERMENT COURSE FOR WOMEN: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has partnered with Survivor Voice Australia to run a free six-week empowerment program for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. The program will start in February 2026 in the Blue Mountains. **Contact Catholic Care to express your interest: 8843.2500.**

HOLROYD SRE CELEBRATION AND PRAYER COMMISSIONING SERVICE – SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2026: Hosted by Altar Church, Girraween. Please bring some morning tea to share after the service. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that God has done through SRE in 2025 and to pray for the year ahead. We warmly encourage you to **invite friends, family, and fellow supporters** to join us — the more, the merrier!

MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND - 13-15 MARCH: An opportunity for single women aged 18-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. The weekend will be held on from 13 to 15 March at Carmel House, 345 St. Andrews Road, Varroville. **Registration: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES FOR DEANERIES: From this year, parishes within a Deanery will have the same Safeguarding Training Renewal and Refresher Dates. In 2026, the dates for those in a Deanery to update and complete their Training will be:

- Blacktown Deanery – April 2026
- The Hills Deanery – August 2026
- Cumberland Deanery – November 2026

The remaining Deaneries will renew in 2027. Online Training Modules are always available for those who are entering ministry. Face-to-face opportunities can be found at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For further inquiries and to book in F2F Training dates at your Parish, please contact: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

WHEN SHOULD I COMPLETE MY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING? All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. Check with your Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
- If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)
- If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Face-to-face training opportunities can be found at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY PARRAMATTA CENTENARY CELEBRATION - 14 MARCH: The St. Patrick's Parramatta School Community warmly invites all former staff, students, and families to join us in celebrating 100 years of faith, learning and community on Saturday, 14 March at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Mass begins at 1:30pm, with an afternoon tea to follow. Let us come together in Eucharist to share memories and celebrate companionship across generations. **RSVP via: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZCpRA1DLrNEICkwClltsabrOw43i5R Yq3LiRTzvAlkOFmaA/viewform>.**

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>. **Go to: [BruceDownes.org](https://brucedownes.org) for more information.**