

# 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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**28 February & 1 March 2026**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent — 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:

Maryann Callaghan, Amina Toma, Simione Gaetau, Losa Tuanoa Munanoa, Swady Anne Hanna, Antonio Di Mascio, Mary McCormick

### Anniversaries:

Margaret Florence Mockler, Josephine Frois, Francesco Ramundi, Soane Kikanoi, Felix Gonsalves, Laura Santa Maria, Dharmaratna Nanayakkara, Henrik Jurisevic, Joseph Francis Minto, Walfarida Tan

### Deceased:

Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter, Tony & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Tuini Fatu & Family, Peato Daniel Tui & Family, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao Alves, Michael Remaili, Noeleen Remaili, Moniz & Alves Families, Wager & Remaili Families, Sebastian Lobo, Helen Abella, Mai Teresa de la Cerna, 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

### 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

**Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**This is my Son, the Beloved.  
Listen to him.**

*Do I take time  
to listen to Jesus?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028:** In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world. The Congress offers a rich spiritual and cultural program designed to inspire, uplift, and unite. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to enter into moving Eucharistic celebrations and moments of communal prayer, inspiring catechesis and keynote sessions, and exhibitions and opportunities for encounter. Eucharist28 is for the whole church! There will be youth and family activities, as well as cultural performances and artistic expressions of faith, ensuring the event is a moving pilgrimage experience for all who join this journey. Final dates and the full timetable will be released as planning progresses. Pope Leo XIV has accepted the invitation to attend. Meanwhile, parishes around Australia are asked to prepare for this event in various ways. There are three Eucharistic themes: Year One (2026) – Call to Prayer, A Mystery to be Encountered; Year Two (2027) – Call to Worship, A Mystery to be Celebrated; and Year Three (2028) – Call to Mission, A Mystery to be Lived. All parishes in Australia are asked to have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at any time on Sunday, 1 March to begin the Call to Prayer. We will have this hour of Adoration between the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses this Sunday. Everybody is welcome to attend to pray for the one hour or part thereof.

**MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 1 MARCH:** 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.

**THE 9:15AM TUESDAY MASS:** The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will be cancelled until further notice.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent concluding on Friday, 27 March.

**PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT:** Available at the back of the church are money boxes that are to be returned at the end of Lent and envelopes that can be placed on any collection plate during Mass throughout the six weeks of Lent. **You can also donate online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**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.

## LENT

In Lent we are called by the church to enter more fully into the mystery of God's love revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we contemplate Jesus, we will come to know that it is from the cross that we draw support for our faith. If we want to nurture faith in others, we need to live our lives of faith to the full. God is greater than all, and he asks of us to stand before Him in detachment from things.

### Reading:

*A man looked around himself in a city street and saw a little girl poorly dressed and shivering and almost starving. He was angry with God and demanded "Why don't You do something about this?" But God did not answer. The man went on, and saw a wretched old man in the gutter. Again he cried out "Why don't You do something?" But God was silent. In the middle of the night, God spoke to the man. He said gently, "I have already done something about these things. I made You, with eyes to see, ears to hear, and strong hands to help."*

### Fasting for Lent

*Fast from criticism and feast on praise.  
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy.  
Fast from ill-humour and feast on peace.  
Fast from resentment and feast on contentment.  
Fast from jealousy and feast on love.  
Fast from pride and feast on humility.  
Fast from selfishness and feast on service.  
Fast from fear and feast on faith.*

Sick of giving up chocolates or biscuits for Lent? Looking for some new ways to do things differently this year? Here are some suggestions:

- \* Email, phone or text someone you know you should keep in touch with.
- \* Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- \* Make peace with someone every week.
- \* Give away some possessions you do not really need to a charity or 'freecycle' them.
- \* Go for a walk and chat with God.
- \* Fast from criticising your family and say a prayer for each person instead.
- \* Have a few cheaper meals and put the money saved into your Project Compassion box.
- \* Reflect on how well you pull your weight in the family or workplace.
- \* Spend 15 minutes reading and reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel.

**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.

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK - PALM SUNDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY — 7 MARCH:** This seminar is for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar (Senior Servers). **Presented by:** Mr. Chris Ohlsen. **Date:** Saturday, 7 March 2026. **Time:** 9:30am-3:00pm. **Where:** Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. **RSVP by 2 March — [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org); 0460 037 795.** Refreshments and lunch provided.

**MUSIC FOR EASTER TRIDUUM — 10 MARCH:** **Presenter:** Eric Grella, MET Music Formation Facilitator. **Date:** Tuesday, 10 March 2026. **Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm. **Where:** Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. **RSVP by 5 March — [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org).**

**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/1FAIpQLSfZCpRA1DLrNEICKwCltsabrOw43i5Ryq3LiRTzvAlkOFmaA/viewform>.**

**ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS:** 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 the following days:

- Saturday, 7 March at Holy Spirit Parish, St. Clair-Erskine Park, from 2:00pm.
- Tuesday, 10 March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7:00pm.

Costs are \$5.00 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). **To register and for more information, please visit: [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops).**

**FAITHLIFE LENTEN SCRIPTURE NIGHT BY DR. MICHELE CONNOLLY RSJ - 3 MARCH:** Are you looking to read the Bible during Lent but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE Diocesan Lenten Scripture Night guided by Scripture scholar Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday, 3 March from 7:00pm–9:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. **RSVP via: [www.parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night](http://www.parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night) or email: [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).**

**2026 ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT ON THE COST OF LIVING:** The Australian Bishops have released the first of two Social Justice Statements for 2026, titled "*The Cost of our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good*". The new statement and accompanying resources can be found at: [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au). **Printed copies and prayer cards can be ordered directly from the ACBC at: [shop.catholic.au](http://shop.catholic.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](http://parracatholic.org/communicators).**

**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 midday, 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@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) or call 8843.2500.**

**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 be held in the lower Blue Mountains on Wednesday mornings. **To find out when the next program starts, contact Catholic Care on 8843.2500 or Survivor Voice Australia on 0422 876 700.**

**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](http://www.parracatholic.org/learn/natural-family-planning).**

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH:** **Date/Time:** Saturday, 21 March; 8:00am–10:00am. **Where:** Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, 33 Barina Downs Road, Baulkham Hills. **Cost:** \$20.00 per person (breakfast included). **RSVP by: 17 March — 9634.2317.** All women are warmly invited to a special community breakfast celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph and honouring the legacy of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St. Joseph. **Guest Speaker:** Sr. Virginia Bourke rsj. Bookings essential. **Bookings are via: TryBooking — <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1543336>.** Please see flyer on noticeboard.

**SPECIAL SCREENING – "GUADALUPE: MOTHER OF HUMANITY":** Friday, 20 March, 7:00pm – Cloister Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Discover the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the enduring mystery of the tilma of Juan Diego. Tickets \$10.00 (payable on the night). Popcorn and snacks available. Recommended PG 13+. Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm prior to the screening. Seat reservations appreciated but not required.