

# 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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**7 & 8 February 2026**  
**5th 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:

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

### Anniversaries:

Walfarida Tan, Edward & Josephine Frois, 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

### Deceased:

Sebastian Lobo, Helen Abella, Mai Teresa de la Cerna, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter, Tony & Family, Nicanor Ponla, 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

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 111:4-9

**Response:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

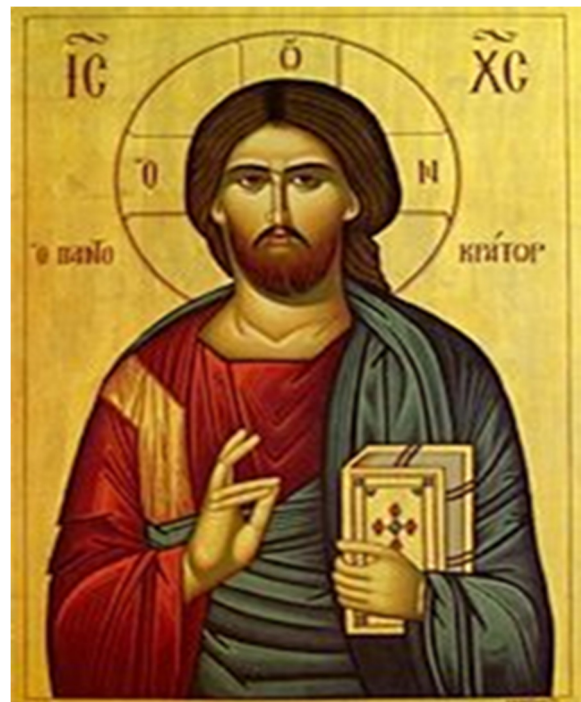
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life.**

## PARISH NOTICES



**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.

**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



**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**

**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:

- Monday, 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm.
- Thursday, 26 February at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7:00pm.
- 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)**

**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/](http://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/).**

St Patrick's Primary Parramatta  
100-Year Centenary Celebration



**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/1FAIpQLSfZCpRA1DLrNEICwkClltsabrOw43I5RYq3LiRTzvAikOFmaA/viewform>.**

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE — BEGINS 10 FEBRUARY:** FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session Catholic Bible study and faith formation short course on how to engage with the Bible through the Catholic tradition during turbulent times. The program will run on Tuesday 10, 17 and 24 February at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ and is open to adults of all ages and supports ongoing adult faith formation.

**To register, visit:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-scripture-session-1/>.

**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. 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](mailto:music@bethewitness.com.au). To learn more, visit: Be The Witness – The Musical or email: [info@bethewitness.com.au](mailto:info@bethewitness.com.au).**



**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL HOLY SPIRIT MISSION RETREAT -**

**21 FEBRUARY:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta community is hosting their annual Holy Spirit Mission event on Saturday, 21 February from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Join us for prayer and praise, testimonies, talks and prayer ministry as you seek a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit.

**Register for this free event via:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DIENC> or the QR code.

**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](mailto:Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org).**

**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!**

**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](mailto: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>.**



**VOLUNTEER WITH IMPACT:** Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how

skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives. **Venue:** Online - Scan the QR Code or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events). **Date:** Thursday, 19 February 2026. **Time:** 7:00pm–8:30pm AEDT. **9560.5333; [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au). Want to visit a community first? Join our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor Leste! Book by 28 February for the May tour!**