

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm
Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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14 & 15 February 2026
6th 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:

Swady Anne Hanna, Antonio Di Mascio, Mary McCormick, Shirley Wrightman, Sr. Jeana Abejuela, Meliana Sivi

Anniversaries:

Dharmaratna Nanayakkara, Henrik Jurisevic, Joseph Francis Minto, 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

Deceased:

Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao Alves, Michael Remaili, Noeleen Remaili, Moniz & Alves Families, Wager & Remaili Families, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter, Tony & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Helen Abella, Mai Teresa de la Cerna, 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, 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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PS 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court.

But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.

Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell.

And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.

But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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



**Be my protector,
O God,
a mighty
stronghold
to save me.
For you are my
rock, my
stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of
your name.**

PARISH NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 FEBRUARY: Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am in the morning and 7:00pm at night. St. Patrick's School will join us for the 9:15am Mass. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 60. The law of abstinence binds those who are over 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent commencing Friday, 20 February and concluding on Friday, 27 March.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mary McCormick will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 17 February at 10:30am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Antonio Di Mascio will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Friday, 20 February at 10:30am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please note there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, 20 February.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

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 **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

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.

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.**

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.

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).
- ◆ Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.
- ◆ Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**

6 February 2026

Dear friends in Christ

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello (“little poor man” as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace and reconciliation.

This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St. Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is “marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear”. His mission to the Sultan of Egypt was a witness of love, mutual respect and dialogue. For this reason, St. Francis is revered not only by Christians but also by Muslims, and Assisi is internationally recognised as the centre for inter-religious dialogue and reconciliation.

The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are “inseparable dimensions”. The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations among human beings but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the whole cosmos. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

As a Franciscan bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St. Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively.

Until 10 January 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope - by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world. Here are the following places in our Diocese:

- The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton
- St. Bernadette's Church, Dundas Valley
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville
- Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville
- Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond
- Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

I pray for a spiritually enriching year through the intercession of Our Lady of Poverty and St. Francis.

Yours sincerely in Christ

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
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