

# 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  
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**21 & 22 February 2026**  
**1st 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:

Losa Tuanoa Munanoa, Swady Anne Hanna,  
Antonio Di Mascio, Mary McCormick, Shirley  
Wrightman

### Anniversaries:

Felix Gonsalves, Laura Santa Maria,  
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

### Deceased:

Abiwahab & Bechara Families, 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, Holy Souls  
in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

## 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

## 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

**Response:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to

reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Jesus was led by  
the Spirit into  
the wilderness.**

*How and when do  
I recognise the  
presence of the  
Spirit in my life?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY:** We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea next Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share. 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

**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.

**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.

## DIOCESAN 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).**

**CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA 2026 KICK-OFF - 26 FEBRUARY:** Young people from across the Diocese are invited to an evening of celebration as we begin 2026 together. Hear testimonies from local leaders, take part in prayer, connect with others, and discover the vision for Catholic Youth Parramatta in the year ahead. Join us on Thursday, 26 February from 7:00pm to 9:30pm at Holy Family Primary School, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. **Register today:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/>.

**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>.

## A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in doing so, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season of Lent be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen

## Lenten Prayer

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died  
Your son, Jesus, prayed  
that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.  
War, conflict, violence and hatred  
must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer  
when they don't have peace and respect.  
They lack the necessities of life: food, water,  
health, education and security.

We pray that we may all  
***Unite Against Poverty*** this Lent.  
May our support for **Project Compassion**  
be a sign to ourselves and others,  
of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication  
to prayer, fasting and almsgiving  
will help restore your vision of justice and peace.  
Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
we pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.