

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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4 & 5 April 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord — 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.

A BLESSED EASTER

“In such a spirit let us endeavour to celebrate this most holy of all Festivals, this continued festal Season, which lasts for fifty days, whereas Lent is forty, as if to show that where sin abounded, there much more has grace abounded. Such indeed seems the tone of mind which took possession of the Apostles when certified of the Resurrection; and while they waited for, or when they had the sight of their risen Lord. If we consider, we shall find the accounts of that season in the Gospels, marked with much of pensiveness and tender and joyful melancholy; the sweet and pleasant frame of those who have gone through pain, and out of pain receive pleasure. Whether we read the account of St. Mary Magdalen weeping at the sepulchre, seeing Jesus and knowing Him not, recognizing His voice, attempting to embrace His feet, and then sinking into silent awe and delight, till she rose and hastened to tell the perplexed Apostles;—or turn to that solemn meeting, which was the third, when He stood on the shore and addressed His disciples, and Peter plunged into the water, and then with the rest was awed into silence and durst not speak, but only obeyed His command, and ate of the fish in silence, and so remained in the presence of One in whom they joyed, whom they loved, as He knew, more than all things, till He broke silence by asking Peter if he loved Him:—or lastly, consider the time when He appeared unto a great number of disciples on the mountain in Galilee, and all worshipped Him, but some doubted:—who does not see that their Festival was such as I have been describing it, a holy, tender, reverent, manly joy, not *so* manly as to be rude, not *so* tender as to be effeminate, but (as if) an Angel's mood, the mingled offering of all that is best and highest in man's and woman's nature brought together,—St. Mary Magdalen and St. Peter blended into St. John? And here perhaps we learn a lesson from the deep silence which Scripture observes concerning the Blessed Virgin after the Resurrection; as if she, who was too pure and holy a flower to be more than seen here on earth, even during the season of her Son's humiliation, was altogether drawn by the Angels within the veil on His Resurrection, and had her joy in Paradise with Gabriel who had been the first to honour her, and with those elder Saints who arose after the Resurrection, appeared in the Holy City, and then vanished away.” (Cardinal John Henry Newman, 1801-1890, Parochial and Plain Sermons, No. 23, *Keeping Fast and Festival*).



LITURGY OF THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

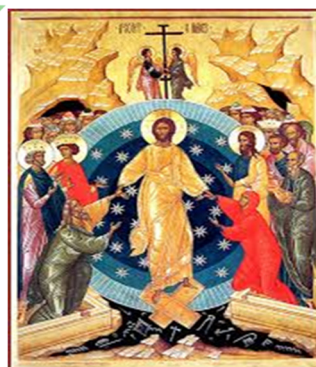
THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus is risen
Alleluia!**

**This is the
day the Lord
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.**

PARISH NOTICES

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 5 APRIL: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass today.

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB is for anyone over 55. We meet every two weeks on a Monday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. All welcome. **For more information, please contact Keith on 9632.5379.**

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.

EASTER REFLECTION

We understand that life is not all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain.

We know Jesus has conquered sin and he went through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection.

We live in the light of the Paschal Mystery — the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising.

'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'

This quote has been attributed to St. Augustine.

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



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Doreen Butterfield, Maria Deolinda Sarmiento, Maryann Callaghan, Amina Toma, Simione Gaetau, Losa Tuanoa Munanoa

Anniversaries:

Eric Dunn, John D'Silva, Rita Gonsalves, Rose Merlino, Dolores Borg, Dominic Gonsalves, Patricia Fernandes, Francis McCormick, Margaret Florence Mockler, Josephine Frois, Francesco Ramundi, Soane Kikanoi, Felix Gonsalves, Laura Santa Maria

Deceased:

Mary McCormick, Jeanette Love, Sonia Cabuenas, Angel Pesirla, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter, Tony & Family, Antoun Yazbeck, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Fred & Charbel Chabchoul, Nehme & Wife, Edgar Montclar, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Tuini Fatu & Family, Peato Daniel Tui & Family, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2027 – BELONG TO SOMETHING GREATER: Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese has 80 welcoming schools delivering excellence in education for today's students. Our caring teachers get to know every student to understand their needs, interests and abilities. We teach children to become responsible, caring and productive young people. **Visit: parra.catholic.edu.au to find a school near you.**

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 or call 8843.2500.**

FREE WEEKLY LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON: Every Thursday from 11:00am at Catholic Care (11 Emert Parade, Emerton) you can visit for FREE legal advice on matters including: Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates and Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are welcome. To make a booking 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.

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. **To learn more, visit: Be The Witness – The Musical or email: info@bethewitness.com.au.**

WINBOURNE RETREAT CENTRE LABYRINTH REFLECTION DAY - 15 APRIL: The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a Labyrinth reflection day on Wednesday, 15 April from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Focussing on "finding peace despite turmoil", the retreat will be a mainly quiet reflection day with an introduction to labyrinth walking for those who are unfamiliar. **For more information or to book, contact 4773.5555 or email: info@winbourne.org.**

POSITIONS VACANT:

Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs.

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

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS OF MARY CELEBRATIONS - 6 APRIL:

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia and 60 years of the Schoenstatt Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter Monday, 6 April 2026 from 1:30pm–5:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Parallel children's program will also be available. RSVP Shirley Hall 0417 153 930; movtoffice@schoenstatt.org.au.



After a day's silence, during which the Church, as it were, held her breath, a thrilling joy breaks out. Jesus has trampled death underfoot.

On the third day he rose again ... None of the Gospel writers describe the emergence of Jesus from the tomb.

They are suggesting a mystery rather than reporting news. It is the 'Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God...'

Where do I stand at the empty tomb....?