

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 & 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Doreen Butterfield, Maria Deolinda Sarmento, 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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

OF THE LORD – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
 let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
 I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone,
 my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
 and praise you where they are assembled.
 'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
 all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
 Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

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



**'Blessings
 on him who
 comes in
 the name of
 the Lord!**

**Hosanna in
 the highest
 heavens!'**

PARISH NOTICES

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass next Sunday.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 5 April**, when clocks go back one hour at 3:00am.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make an Easter offering.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 3 APRIL: We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in **"The Way of the Cross"** held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

PARISH SECRETARY — ANNUAL LEAVE: Ms. Jo Cartwright, Parish Secretary commenced annual leave on Friday, 13 March and will return on Tuesday, 7 April. During this period the Parish Office will not be manned **during all of the normal office hours**. Please be patient!

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - 3 APRIL: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3 April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

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.**

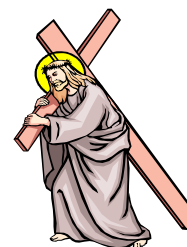
EASTER 2026

**Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta - Wednesday, 1 April at 7:30pm**

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 2 April
(No 9:15am Morning Mass)
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

Good Friday, 3 April
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion



Holy Saturday, 4 April
7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5 April
8:00am and 10:00am

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.

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 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT MOUNT

SCHOENSTATT - 3 APRIL: Join us on Good Friday 3 April at 10:00am (beginning in the valley) for Stations of the Cross. **Address:** Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. All welcome.

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.



In biblical times palm branches symbolised victory, peace and kingship. Jesus did not come as a conqueror. He rode on a donkey. He came as one who wished to bring peace, hope, love and joy to the people. A profession of faith is acted out.

It proclaims that in going to his death Jesus began his return in glory to the Father.

Where do I stand at this moment in time?