

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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2 & 3 May 2026
5th Sunday of Easter — 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:

Daw Theim Shwe, Surinder Kaur, Gabriel Saliga, Mikaele Vahai Sosaia, Deirdre Brown, Sadie Johnson, Alejandro Onez, Telesia Toluafe, Mikaela Tuilalo Mailagi

Anniversaries:

Amelia D'Silva, George Mansour, Peato Tui, Zeljko Trogrlic, Anoir Khoury, Ferruccio Palombit, Anne Tran, Thi Vinh, Elizabeth Le, Thi Phung, Maria Nguyen, Thi Loan, Chris, Paul & Simon Grima, Lay Wan Yin, Eduardo Pangalila, Ida D'Aloisio, Tan Giok Ing, Amos Tannur & Fang, Felix Gonsalves, Roque Correa

Deceased:

Jure Trogrlic, Jeanette Love, Juliette El-Khoury, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family, Romula Savellon, Vita Luego, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Barrett & Donnelly Families, Patria Araneta, Vicenta Araneta, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Nonilon Padillo, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros, Deceased Members of Nasr & Boutros Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu & Family, 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 OF EASTER – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

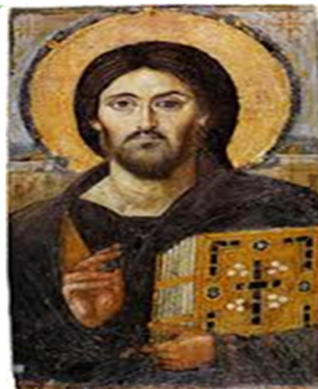
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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



**I am the Way,
the Truth and
the Life,
says the Lord;
no one comes
to the Father,
except through
me.**

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL — 9-10 MAY:

The Bishop's Good Works Appeal will be held 9-10 May and will run for six weeks. Please give generously to this appeal.



PROJECT COMPASSION:

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to Project Compassion during Lent. The total amount collected by our parish was \$2,233.95.

THE 9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will resume on Tuesday, 5 May 2026.

40 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA:

On Trinity Sunday, please join His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia and Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta for a special Mass to celebrate 40 Years of the Diocese of Parramatta. Together, let's celebrate and give thanks for the growth, development and many blessings that have shaped our faith and Catholic community over four decades. **Sunday, 31 May 2026 – 2:00pm – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. (Note: No access to heating or cooling). Please see poster on Church noticeboard.



MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM

MASS — 3 MAY: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner! **When:** After

the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES



EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – RENEWAL HAS

BEGUN! The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship,

prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes. Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith – pews filled, hearts renewed. It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter. The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist! **For more information and regular updates, please register on the website:** eucharist28.org.

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"
— **Pope Saint John Paul II**

SAFEGUARDING EDUCATION DAY: Please diarise Saturday, 9 May 9:30am-4:00pm - St. Oliver's Parish Hall. In preparation for a parish safeguarding audit by the Government in June, our parish (and all parishes in the Diocese and our Parramatta Deanery) need to be safeguarding compliant. Anyone who works directly with children - such as Acolytes, Leaders of Children's Liturgy and those working with children in sacramental preparation and SRE need to obtain an up-to-date Working with Children Check. Even if you do not work with children, you may be working with vulnerable adults and the 9 May date is an opportunity to become informed about the protocols a parish needs to be compliant with to honour recent Safeguarding Legislation. This will be led by the Safeguarding Office of the Diocese. **Please RSVP to Lilia at the Parish Office harrisark@parracatholic.org by Tuesday, 5 May if you are attending.** Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.

POSITION VACANT:

Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



EUCCHARIST28

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence
in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly
and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave
yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God
and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need,
especially the defenceless and homeless,
the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become
what we have received, the Body of Christ.
Amen.

