

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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11 & 12 April 2026
2nd 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:

Alejandro Onez, Telesia Tokotuu Toluafe,
Mikaela Tuilalo Mailagi

Anniversaries:

Ida D'Aloisio, Tan Giok Ing, Amos Tannur &
Fang, Felix Gonsalves, Roque Correa

Deceased:

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, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, 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

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials;

so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'My Lord
and
my God!'**

**Happy are
those
who have
not seen
and yet
believe.**

PARISH NOTICES

THE 9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass has been cancelled for the month of April.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS ARCHBISHOP RYAN JIMENEZ - 21 APRIL:

Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agaña in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 21 April in Cloister Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." **To register, please visit:** parracatholic.org/jimenez.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY 2026:

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on 2 May at St. Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. **Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:** <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 12 MAY:

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extraordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 12 May 2026 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7:00pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7 May. **To register please contact:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026:

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday, 29 August, 9:30am–2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40.00 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, 1 September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral.

Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday, 18 August, 2026. **For more information, please contact the Office for Worship:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSIC WORKSHOP 'EXPLORING MUSIC FOR THE SOLEMNITIES' - 5 MAY: Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday, 5 May at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. **Please RSVP by 1 May via:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. **For enquiries, please contact:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

ROSARY WORKSHOPS IN MAY: Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The evening will be held on the following days: Tuesday, 5 May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm. Wednesday, 20 May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7:00pm. **Cost:** \$5.00 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). **To register and for more information, please visit:** parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES - 3-24 JUNE: Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. **Please register via:** parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. **For enquiries, please contact:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

YARD MAINTENANCE ROLE WANTED FOR HOUSE OF WELCOME VOLUNTEER ROLE: House of Welcome is seeking a volunteer for general yard maintenance (lawn mowing, whipper snipper, weeding, pruning) in South Granville on a weekly basis. House of Welcome provides personalised support for people seeking asylum and refugees. Through transitional housing, trauma-informed casework, employment assistance, emergency support and advocacy, we meet essential needs and empower our clients to rebuild their lives. **For further information:** Jacqui Clark - J.clark@houseofwelcome.org.au.

BE THE WITNESS - CASTING, CHORUS AND SEPTEMBER PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCED: *The Witness – The Musical*, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Rehearsals are underway with a 60 member chorus and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatre, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open. **Email:** twsydau@gmail.com or [register @bethewitness.com.au](https://bethewitness.com.au).

A CONVERSATION WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH ON HOMELESSNESS - 23 APRIL: In partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us for an hour-long conversation on Zoom at 5:00pm on Thursday, 23 April to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. If you would like to participate in this conversation, **please register by Wednesday, 20 April:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/>.

VINNIES FREDERIC OZANAM MASS AND COMMISSIONING - 30 APRIL: Vincentian members and staff are invited for a special Mass and the commissioning of Central Council President Leon Ross, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long. Thursday, 30 April at 12:30pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. **RSVP by Friday, 24 April to Earnest Henry:** 0466 564 022 or Earnest.Henry@vinnies.org.au.

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.**

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. Focusing 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:** (02) 4773.5555 or email: info@winbourne.org.

"MOZART MASQUERADE" CONCERT - 18 APRIL: Experience some of the most beautiful, dramatic and hilarious moments of disguise and deception in this lively musical selection from Mozart's famous operas. Join us for a classy night at the opera! On 18 April at 7:00pm-9:00pm, Campion College, "Great Hall". **Tickets:** \$35.00 — <https://www.trybooking.com/DKMQU>. Complimentary drink and mask on entry. Come a little early and sip champagne while you peruse the beautiful Sacred Art Exhibition (open from 5:00pm-9:00pm – free entry).

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® SHORT COURSE — 15 AND 16 MAY: Are you a Doctor or other Health Professional interested in the science underpinning the Billings Ovulation Method®? This short course will give participants sufficient knowledge to give women an overview of this method of natural fertility regulation. **Call: 1800 335 860 for further information email to:** jennykelly@thebillingsovulationmethod.org.