

# 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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**18 & 19 April 2026**  
**3rd 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:

Sadie Johnson, Alejandro Onez, Telesia Tokotuu Toluafe, Mikaela Tuilalo Mailagi

### Anniversaries:

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:

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

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ACTS 2:14,22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**Response:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,  
and the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason — so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?'

Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, the Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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



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## PARISH NOTICES

**ANZAC DAY MASS:** To honour those who served our country, Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, 25 April, Anzac Day, at 9:15am.

**HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2026):** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,731.00.

**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.

**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.**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS ARCHBISHOP RYAN JIMENEZ - 21 APRIL:** Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana 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](http://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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**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](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

# DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2026 PAPAL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS:** Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals – both religious and lay – who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. **For more information or to submit a nomination, visit: [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](https://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/).**

**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](mailto: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](https://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops) or [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](https://parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses) to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact: [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:J.clark@houseofwelcome.org.au).**

**CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION AT MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, QUAKERS HILL:** On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed between their Sunday Masses: following the end of the 7:30am Mass to the start of the 5:30pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to come especially between 1:15pm to 5:15pm as the church will be open and quiet for personal reflection. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9626.3326 or email on: [parishoffie@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffie@maryimmac.org.au).**

**POSITIONS VACANT:**  
Catholic Chaplain – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains  
**More details at: [parracatholic.org/jobs](https://parracatholic.org/jobs).**

**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](mailto: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.**

**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](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.**