

# 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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**16 & 17 May 2026**

**The Ascension 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:**

Hendrua Gunawan, Martin D'Souza, Nisie Lavelua Vakalepu, Daw Theim Shwe, Surinder Kaur, Gabriel Saliga, Mikaele Vahai Sosaia, Deirdre Brown

### **Anniversaries:**

Serge Niclasse, Rita Gonsalves, Annie Gonsalves, Joseph Tukana, Felix Gonsalves, Louiza Maria D'Souza, Rita Michael, Michael Thomas, Robert Jerry D'Souza, Filomena Ponla, Bernabe Ponla Jnr., Imelda Lie, Brendan William Mockler, Kusitino Sea, Amelia D'Silva, George Mansour, Peato Tui, Zeljko Trogrlic

### **Deceased:**

Doris Salerno, Phyllis Fimognari, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Irene Ponla, Beryl Edwards, Checko Puthoor, Nessie Gomes & Deceased Members of the Gomes Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Deceased Members of the Frois Family, Jure Trogrlic, Jeanette Love, Juliette El-Khoury, 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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

**Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### 2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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



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disciples of  
all nations,  
and I am  
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## PARISH NOTICES



**FIRST COMMUNION:** The Church teaches that children should be prepared to receive Holy Communion as soon as possible after their coming to the age of reason or discretion, i.e. about the age of seven. *It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as*

*it is the duty of the Parish Priest, to ensure that children who have reached the age of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible.* [Code of Canon [Church] Law, Can. 914].

**Parents may collect an Enrolment Form for First Holy Communion, after Sunday Masses – Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am.** The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. Let us pray for each other and especially for the families who will be preparing our young parishioners to receive Jesus, for the first of many times, in Holy Communion.

**BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL:** Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. **Please give generously at: [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal).** Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.

**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](http://eucharist28.org).**

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

**40 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA:** On Trinity Sunday, please join His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia and Most Rev. Bshop 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).

**ANNUAL LAUDATO SI' WEEK – SUNDAY, 17 MAY –SUNDAY, 24 MAY:** Join the Catholic Church across Australia and Catholics around the world in celebrating Laudato Si' Week. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to nurture "seeds of hope" for our suffering planet. Can we also continue to pray as Pope Leo XIV encourages us to offer "a prayer to the Lord who conquered death without weapons or violence." **You can find more ideas for contemplation and action, resources, and events in the following sections:**

**Laudato Si:** [LaudatoSiWeek.org](http://LaudatoSiWeek.org)

**Caritas:** <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/laudato-si-week-parish/>

# 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.

