

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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23 & 24 May 2026
Pentecost Sunday — 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:

Lolesio Tini, Soana Hautaufaao, Hendrua Gunawan, Martin D'Souza, Nisie Lavelua Vakalepu, Daw Theim Shwe, Surinder Kaur, Gabriel Saliga, Mikaele Vahai Sosaia

Anniversaries:

Frane & Marija Marcic, 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

Deceased:

Mansour Ayroul & Family, Danilo Abaquita, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Grga Vulic, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette, Eid, Katia & George Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Gwen Vogt, Doris Salerno, Phyllis Fimognari, 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

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The love of
God has
been
poured
into
our hearts
by the
Holy
Spirit
who has
been given
to us.**

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.** 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

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

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

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION AT WHALAN RESERVE - 9 JULY: Join us for NAIDOC Day 2026 at Whalan Reserve as we celebrate **50 Years Deadly!** Hosted by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and Holy Family Parish, Mt. Druitt and supported by Blacktown City Council, Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Care WSBM. All welcome to this free community event. **Please register your interest as a volunteer or stallholder:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-celebration-9-july/>.

RELIQS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA IN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA - 6-7 JUNE: The relics of St. Anthony of Padua will be in two parishes on 6 and 7 June 2026. **Details below:**

Saturday, 6 June: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville, Fr. Christopher Shorrocks OFM Conv PP. **9:30am** Mass followed by Devotions. **4:00pm** First Holy Communion followed by Devotions. **6:00pm** Vigil Mass followed by Devotions.

Sunday, 7 June: St. Padre Pio Church, Glenmore Park, Fr. Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS PP.

7:30am Devotions. **8:00am** Mass. **8:45am–9:45am** Devotions. **10:00am** Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession. **11:30am–4:00pm** Devotions.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC – CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON: Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every Thursday from 11:00am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and Traffic Offences. Bookings are recommended – call 8843.2500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

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/.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION AT MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, QUAKERS HILL - 4 JUNE:

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:** parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES, SEVEN HILLS - 2 JULY:

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. An hour with Jesus in prayer and adoration followed by a fellowship at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Seven Hills. All are warmly welcome.

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.**

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - 4 JUNE:

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday, 4 June at 6:00pm. **If you would like to get involved or learn more information about the event, contact: Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.**

POSITIONS VACANT:

Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park
Parish Secretary – St. Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout May at several 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

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 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. **For more information, please contact the Office for Worship:** 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.

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS – AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION – UNTIL 19 JULY:

Experience the *Sistine Chapel: Revelations* Immersive Exhibition at St. Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (16 May–19 July 2026). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. **Book tickets at:** sistinechapelsydney.com.au.

