

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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1 & 2 August 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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,



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

Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Boutros (Peter) Estephan, Anna Meneguzzo,
Nunziata (Nancy) Di Mascio, Jenny Pedavoli,
Nathan Madden,

Anniversaries:

Nina Ciaccia, Clare McMahon, Golds Family,
Reynaldo & Maria Pamalias, Peter Lawrence
Mockler, Keith & Mary McCormick, Tuini
Lea'Kina Fatu, Malia Tololesi Taginoia, Lamia &
Kalil Mourched, Arturo Enriquez, Benedict Le,
Hien, Francis Xavier Le, Hoang Nguyen,
Mr. Peter Court, Julian Attard, Gaetano Di Carlo,
Danielle Lee Abaquita, Abaquita & Pamalia
Families, Michael Barakat, Marie Santa Maria,
Norman Cordeiro, Lucy Frois

Deceased:

Joseph Tannous, Elias & Julia Georges, Baby
Faith Tannous, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala
Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family,
Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katalina Tuini
Lea'Kina Fatu & Family, Peter & Janette Majed,
Rima & Bassima Hanna, Abiwahab & Bechara
Families, Gwendaline Vogt, Sebastian Lobo,
All those who have passed in Mazrat El Toufeh,
Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen Thi Xuyen, Giuse
Luu Minh Ngoc, Modesta Padillo, Arquipo
Padillo, Jason Hermosa, Jeanette Love, 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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:8-9, 15-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

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

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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alone, but on every word
that comes from the
mouth of God.**

PARISH NOTICES

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP: This year, the Solemnity falls on Saturday, 8 August. However, so our Primary School can join us to celebrate St. Mary's feast day, all are invited to the 9:15am Mass on Friday, 7 August in the church. St. Mary has a special place in our parish history, as the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart taught in our school from 1910 until the early 2000s. The Josephite Sisters lived in the parish until 2008.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on Saturday, 15 August at 9:15am in the church. This is a Holy Day of Obligation (same as Sundays). Remember the (five) Precepts of the Church? "The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n 2042). And "The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day." (CCC n 2180).

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass today.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Nunziata (Nancy) Di Mascio will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Friday, 14 August at 10:30am**. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

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.

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY PRAYER DINNER: The Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner is an annual gathering of people united by a shared commitment to prayer for our community. This special event brings together local churches, civic leaders and community members to reflect, give thanks and seek God's guidance for our region. Through heartfelt prayers and meaningful fellowship, we aim to strengthen the bonds of Christian unity and hope within the Cumberland area. We invite you to join us on 7:00pm, Tuesday, 25 August at Merrylands RSL Club Swan Room with our Guest Speaker Jude Simion from Philoi Global. — "Building Bridges: Celebrating Our Neighbours". **Tickets:** \$55.00 per person including two-course meal and soft drinks. RSVP and dietary requirements by 12 August. **More information:** www.cumberlandchurches.org/prayer-dinner. **Tickets are available from:** www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2026-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner. Please see flyer on Church noticeboard.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ANNUAL WALK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION - 15 AUGUST: Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St. Michael's, Baulkham Hills, and St. Monica's, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approximately 6:00pm. Banners and statues are welcome and you may join the walk at any point. **For enquiries, contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office on 9629.2595.**

HOLY CROSS PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF THE ASSUMPTION - 14 AUGUST: On Friday, 14 August, on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Cross Parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day. Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00pm the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church. **For enquiries, contact Holy Cross Granville Parish Office on 0497 190 444.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS - SPUR ON OUR CITY2SURF TEAM AND HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS: This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarians will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on **Sunday, 9 August**. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations. **Spur them on with a donation at:** tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. **If you feel called to the priesthood, visit:** parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 LAUNCH - 12 AUGUST: Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July–11 August 2027), themed "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church and enjoy fellowship with other young people. **Date:** 12 August 2026. Doors open at 6:30pm. **Venue:** Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown **Register today at:** parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/. We look forward to welcoming you!

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS - VATICAN CORRESPONDENT GERARD O'CONNELL AND ELISABETTA PIQUE - 26 AUGUST: Bishop Vincent, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, warmly invites all to a special public lecture featuring two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists, Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Piqué. Hear their insider's account of the historic transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV. Wednesday, 26 August, 6:00pm–8:00pm, at St. Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. All are welcome. **Register at:** parracatholic.org/oconnellpique.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS'S EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION: Designed by St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it comes to Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, from 9-23 August. Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are required. **To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit:** <https://parracatholic.org/iec2028/>.

FROM STORIES TO SOLIDARITY – A TABLE TALK ON HOMELESSNESS - 9 AUGUST: Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. *What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place?* **What to Expect:** Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome! **Please register at:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>.



BE THE WITNESS — THE MUSICAL: Over the past few months, the chorus of **Be The Witness** has visited parishes across the Diocese, sharing a glimpse of this powerful Catholic musical. Now the full production is coming to **Riverside Theatres Parramatta from 10–13**

September 2026. **Be The Witness** brings the story of Jesus to life through the eyes of St. Peter, using music, drama and storytelling to create a moving encounter of faith, hope and witness. Groups of 50 receive around **20% off standard tickets**, plus one complimentary ticket for the Parish Priest. Bring your parish group, ministry, family or friends. Scan the code to book your group.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Sacramental Co-Ordinator – St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

NEW BOOK – FREE TO FLOURISH: Free to Flourish, Father Stephen Onyekwere's warm new book on healing, marriage and faith, gently guiding people from surviving to flourishing. Written with our Bishop's blessing and subsidised at just \$20.00. **For copies, call Mary Queen of the Family Parish Office on 9622.1125 or email sonyekwere@mqofblacktown.org.au.**

VESPERS OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP WITH DIOCESAN AWARDS - 7 AUGUST: You are warmly invited to join us for the annual Diocesan Awards and Vespers of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop on Friday, 7 August at 7:00pm, to be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This special evening begins with Vespers (a liturgy of evening prayer) in the Cathedral and celebrates the outstanding contributions and dedication of individuals and communities within our Diocese. **You can read more about the Awards on the Diocese of Parramatta website:** parracatholic.org/papal-diocesan-awards/.

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY COMMUNITY GROW IN FAITH PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - 10 AUGUST: The Neocatechumenal Way Community from Baulkham Hills Parish will be hosting a new series of Catholic talks every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm, starting Monday, 10 August. These evenings are open to everyone aged 14 and above—for those who have been practising their faith for years, those who have drifted away from the Church and anyone simply curious about the Christian faith. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Baulkham Hills in the Parish Hall (underneath the church). **For more information, call Lucas 0428 813 256.**

