

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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4 & 5 July 2026

14th 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,
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:

Emma Rosell Ponla, Katherine & Harry Tha, Wilhelmina Vanderdeyl (Janmaat) Jenny Taubhorn, Angelita Cataquian Gueyarra, Jenny Pedavoli, Antonios Kouzoukas, Rita Ippolito, Oliva Muliakaaka, Robert Chambers

Anniversaries:

Calvin Cordeiro, Quan Tang, Michael D'Silva, Patricia Fernanees, Filliop & Phyllis Fimognari, Calvin, Norman & Baby Cordeiro, James Barrett, Ernest Mitchell, Jack & Georgette, Kamil & Georgette, Nellie Dunn, Luisa Accatino

Deceased:

Eleuterio Abaquita, Estepania Abaquita, Michael d'Souza, Diane & Joyce Cordeiro, Sebastian Lobo, Felix Gonsalves, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Rima Hanna & all those who have passed in Mazrat el Toufeh, Bernabe Ponla Senior, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Katalina Lea'Kina Tuini Fatu & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, 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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

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.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:9, 11-13

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

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Come to me,
all you who labour
and are heavy-burdened,
and I will give you rest.
My yoke is easy
and my burden light.**

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.

2026 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: On 5 July 2026, Catholic communities across Australia are invited to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – a sacred moment to give thanks for the enduring faith, culture and spiritual wisdom of our First Nations sisters and brothers. This year carries special meaning. We mark 40 years since Saint Pope John Paul II stood on Country in Alice Springs and spoke words that still resonate today.

“The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — 5 JULY: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Wilhelmina Vanderdeyl (Janmaat) will be held at **St. Margaret Mary's Church, Merrylands** on Wednesday, 8 July at 11:00am. All welcome to attend.

THE 9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will resume on Tuesday, 7 July.

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 with our Guest Speaker Jude Simion from Philoi Global. **Tickets available from:** www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2026-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner.

1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION COUNTER'S ROSTER: The new roster for the 2026/2027 financial year is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES: The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2026/2027 financial year are available in the foyer of the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office during office hours (9632.2672) and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW: The latest *Catholic Outlook* magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating 40 years as a Diocese, Catholic entrepreneurs providing hospitality and welcome, Giving thanks for our new Deacons, Hospitality in our Parishes ... and much more. **Pick up a copy or read online at:** catholicoutlook.org/e-edition.

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

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH RAFFLE - PRIZES DRAWN 15 AUGUST: Our Online Parish Raffle to help raise funds towards the construction of a new presbytery for our priest, together with a two-storey residence that will be leased to help ease some of the parish's ongoing financial commitments. This important project will provide suitable accommodation to support the long-term pastoral and spiritual care of our parish community. Funds raised will also contribute towards essential maintenance and improvement works throughout the parish, helping preserve and strengthen our facilities for future generations. **Drawn online:** 12:00pm, Saturday, 15 August. **Purchase tickets here:** <https://www.raffletix.com.au/stthomasaquinas>. Every ticket purchased helps support the future mission and ministry of our parish. We sincerely thank you for your generosity, prayers and support.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES



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. **Special parish group offer available until Friday, 10 July:** 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 QR code to book your group.

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/>.

RCIA SEMINARS FOR PARISH CO-ORDINATORS - 29 JULY & 5 AUGUST: The Office for Worship team is hosting two seminars for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) co-ordinators to come together to learn and ask questions about how to run an RCIA program in their parish. These workshops will be held on Wednesdays 29 July and 5 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown at 7:00pm. **For more information and to register please see the website:** <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=rcia> **or contact:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

MUSIC WORKSHOP ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT - 21 JULY: Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come on 21 July to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre and learn all about your requirements for reporting music used at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have. **Register:** parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship.

MET NATURAL FERTILITY | BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® INITIAL INSTRUCTION - 7:30PM — 7 JULY: Track your fertility cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to achieve pregnancy. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately. The session will be via Teams. **For more information and to register, please visit:** parracatholic.org/natural-fertility.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Secretary – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

ROSARY WORKSHOPS IN JULY 2026: 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. There are multiple workshops hosted throughout June. **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.

KENTHURST PARISH DINNER DANCE – FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER: All are welcome to attend the St. Madeleine's Dinner Dance on Friday, 18 September at 6:30pm at the Dural Club, 662A Old Northern Road, Dural. Cost is \$130.00 and includes a three-course dinner. **To enquire about tickets or how you can donate to the silent auction (goods, services or monetary contributions), please contact Sally Coppini on:** stmadsdinnerdance@gmail.com.

BETHANY PILGRIMAGE FOR WOMEN - 29 AUGUST: The theme for 2026 is "Totus Tuus" ("Totally Yours"). There will be a decade of the rosary, reflection and personal prayer at each church. Adoration and Confession will be available at times also. This event is perfect for active women who would like to spend a day in prayer whilst pushing themselves physically in order to pray for themselves or family. Water, snacks and light lunch provided. **Registration is essential** - \$20.00 - www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560. **For more information call Victoria on:** 0494 173 359 or email: bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com

MET NATURAL FERTILITY SEMINAR – INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE - 8 JULY: Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy — www.fccau.org — **on Wednesday, 8 July - 7:00pm-8:00pm via Teams (online)**. This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them. **To register visit:** parracatholic.org/natural-fertility.

SING A NEW SONG – MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN - 14 JULY: Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. **When:** Tuesday, 14 July 2026, 9:30am-2:00pm. **Where:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday, 19 July at 6:00pm. **Register here:** parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/.