

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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11 & 12 July 2026

15th 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:

Jenny Pedavoli, Nathan Madden, Emma Rosell Ponla, Katherine & Harry Tha, Wilhelmina Vanderdeyl (Janmaat) Jenny Taubhorn, Angelita Cataquian Gueyarra

Anniversaries:

Julian Attard, Gaetano Di Carlo, Danielle Lee Abaquita, Abaquita & Pamalia Families, Michael Barakat, Marie Santa Maria, Norman Cordeiro, Lucy Frois, Calvin Cordeiro, Quan Tang, Michael D'Silva, Patricia Fernanees, Phillip & Phyllis Fimognari, Calvin, Norman & Baby Cordeiro

Deceased:

Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen Thi Xuyen, Giuse Luu Minh Ngoc, Modesta Padillo, Arquipo Padillo, Jason Hermosa, Jeanette Love, 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, 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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 64:10-14

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower.**

**Listen, anyone who
has ears!**

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.

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 available from:** www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2026-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner. Please see flyer on Church noticeboard.

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Secretary – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park
Sacramental Co-Ordinator – St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 2026: There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout July 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

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/>

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 story-telling 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 QR code to book your group.

ANNUAL AFRICAN MASS 2026 - 27 SEPTEMBER:

The African Catholic communities of the Diocese of Parramatta, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Migrant Chaplaincies and the Nigerian and Ghanaian Chaplaincies, warmly invite you to the African Mass 2026. Join us on Sunday, 27 September from 1:00pm–5:00pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St. Patrick's Church), 51–59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH MASS AND BLESSING OF FOUNDATION STONES OF PARISH HALL AND OFFICES - 19 JULY:

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for the laying of the Foundation Stone for the new Parish Hall and Offices, to be blessed and laid by Bishop Vincent Long. **Date:** Sunday, 19 July 2026. **Time:** Following the 10:30am Mass. **Location:** St. John XXIII Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens. This significant milestone marks an important step in the growth and future of our parish community.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Held on Saturday, 29 August, 9:30am–2:00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided. 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 St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. **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 or 0460 037 795.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP:

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Saturday, 8 August**. Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses: **8:00am and 6:00pm** – Chapel; **10:00am and 1:00pm** – Glen Roy Green (Outdoors). The **10:00am and 1:00pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted** and the **10:00am Mass will be livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY – MGR. JOHN BOYLE PRESENTS ON THE CATHEDRAL FIRE — 19 JULY:

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00pm on Sunday, 19 July. **The Topic:** Parramatta Cathedral Fire. **Presenter:** Mgr. John Boyle. Members, their guests and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos are on the website: <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>.