

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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18 & 19 July 2026

16th 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 Fernandes

Deceased:

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, Eleuterio Abaquita, Estepania Abaquita, Michael d'Souza, Diane & Joyce Cordeiro, Felix Gonsalves, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Masses for the Deceased

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?"

"Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it.

Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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PARISH NOTICES

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN AND THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:

Recently, Bishop Vincent wrote to all the parishes of the diocese inviting them to a session on this topic. In part he wrote: 'As you know, both the local Church in Parramatta and the universal Church have converged on the path of synodality. Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Final Report of the Synod on Synodality have galvanised us. As we continue to journey together, we have been invited by the General Secretariat of the Synod to reflect, celebrate and renew our own efforts towards becoming a more synodal Church. This invitation is timely as we approach the midpoint in the life of our own Diocesan Pastoral Plan. In response our diocese will be bringing parishes together in local clusters to reflect on and recognise the ways in which we are already living out the themes and priorities of the Pastoral Plan and share these fruits with one another. In a spirit of prayer, we will also consider these themes again through the lens of each local parish, its gifts and its needs, to consider how the Spirit is calling us to grow further as a co-responsible, synodal community. These gatherings will not be formal deanery events but will make use of the deanery boundaries to gather local church communities together'. The closest venue for our area is at the Diocesan Chancery, the Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street (corner of Harold Street), North Parramatta, on next Tuesday, 21 July, 6:30pm-8:30pm. All parishioners are 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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN 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.

EUCCHARISTIC SEMINAR – THE RESURRECTION AND THE EUCHARIST - 25 JULY:

Join Fr. Matthew Dimian on Saturday, 25 July from 4:00pm–5:30pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Marys, for a seminar on the topic 'The Resurrection and the Eucharist', held as part of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition, running until 26 July. **RSVP at:** parracatholic.org/eucharisticseminar2026.

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.**

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

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!

MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT – REFLECT, RENEW AND RECONNECT - 5 SEPTEMBER: Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, *Reflect, Renew and Reconnect*, on Saturday, 5 September 2026 at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. The day runs from 8:30am–4:30pm and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch. Couples will explore topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. Cost is \$45.00 per couple. Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential. **Register now at:** <https://parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/>.

BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH GROW IN FAITH PROGRAM FOR ADULTS - FROM 10 AUGUST: The Baulkham Hills Parish community 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.**

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.

EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU: 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. **For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to:** eucharist28.org/resources.



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.

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.

OTHER WAYS TO CELEBRATE MARY'S FEAST:

WALK WITH MARY IN HOPE AND WONDER – ONLINE NOVENA - 30 JULY–7 AUGUST — 7:30PM –8:00PM (AEST) | VIA ZOOM: Wherever you are, you're invited to make an online pilgrimage through Mary's life. Across nine evenings, we'll journey through the significant moments that shaped her faith, courage, and hope, discovering how her story can inspire our own pilgrimage of life. Whether you're joining from interstate, overseas, or simply unable to travel, all are warmly welcome! Join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>.

CARE CART APPEAL: Inspired by Mary's call to "never see a need without doing something about it," support our Care Cart Appeal for the Aboriginal Women's and Children's Crisis Service. Donations of new, unopened women's toiletries, sanitary products, blankets, children's books, toys, and reusable water bottles can be placed in the Chapel until 8 August. You will see the Care Cart inside the Chapel with a love heart on it.

PRAYER AND ADORATION – HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Before the **6:00pm Feast Day Mass**, join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from **4:30pm–5:45pm**. Take time to step away from the busyness of life and rest in prayer, silence, and the presence of Christ.

For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit: www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact: ministries@mmp.org.au.