

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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8 & 9 August 2026

19th 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 Parish Office.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Potapu Leone Ulikefoa, Pedro Estil, Elaine Barbara Newbold, Fr. Eugene Stockton, Boutros (Peter) Estephan, Anna Meneguzzo, Nunziata (Nancy) Di Mascio

Anniversaries:

Elias Greige, John Salhab, Nina Ciaccia, Clare McMahon, Golds Family, Reynaldo & Maria Pamalias, Peter Lawrence Mockler, Keith & Mary McCormick, Tuini Lea'Kina Fatu, Malia Tololesi Taginoa, Lamia & Kalil Mourched, Arturo Enriquez, Benedict Le, Hien, Francis Xavier Le, Hoang Nguyen, Mr. Peter Court

Deceased:

Jeanette Love, Marcus, Karimey, Saidey & Lina Nasr, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Ffamily, 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, Holy Souls in

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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 84:9-14

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus said
to the
disciples
and says
to us
today:**

**'Courage!
It is I!
Do not
be afraid.'**

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FATHER TERRANCE PRASANGA who is joining us this week. He is the new Chaplain for the Sri Lankan Community and is appointed to Guildford as Assistant Priest. Fr. Treesen will be here for another month before he leaves to return to ministry in Sri Lanka. Please welcome Fr. Terrance as he settles into ministry in the Diocese.

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).

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION — FRIDAY, 14 AUGUST: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15am Mass on Friday, 14 August.

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.

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.

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.**

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. 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

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!

POSITIONS VACANT:
Administration Assistant (Part-Time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Mount Druitt South
Senior Development Manager – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSIC FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION WORKSHOP - 20 AUGUST: All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's new upcoming music workshop on 20 August. Mr. Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the Sacraments of Initiation. **These include:** Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmations. It will be held on Thursday, 20 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7:00pm-8:30pm. **Please register via the link:** parracatholic.org/events/music-for-the-sacraments-of-initiation-workshop or contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS: 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. **The craft evening will be held on the following days:** 20 August, 10 September, 23 September, 15 October, 5 November. Costs are \$5.00 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). **To register and for more information, please visit:** parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

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.**

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.

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.**



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.

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.**

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/>.

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 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:** parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

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.