

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney
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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

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Closed Daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am - 3:00pm

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15 & 16 August 2026
20th 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:

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

Anniversaries:

Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Reuben Jacob, Carina Aguiman, Phyllis Santa Maria, Dominic Gonsalves, Sebastian D'Silva, Dominic D'Silva, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Heneliko Tokavahua, Elias Greige, John Badoui 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

Deceased:

Mona Otayek, Rida Nohra, Ernest Vogt, Phillip & Jamilla Salhab, Jawad & Vadad Samrani, Salhab & Samrani Families, Felix Gonsalves, Nonilon Padillo, Danilo Abaquita, Abiwhab & Bechara Families, Sebastian Lobo, 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, 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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Son of David
take pity on me.**

***With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.***

PARISH NOTICES

A FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR FATHER TREESSEN will be held on Sunday, 30 August after the 10:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All welcome to come along and thank Father Treesen for his ministry in our parish over the past four years. Please bring a plate to share.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – 5-6 SEPTEMBER: This Appeal supports the retired and unwell priests of our Diocese, our spiritual fathers, who have devoted their lives to serving God and His people. Please give generously to this appeal.

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - LIVING THE GOSPEL IN TIMES OF SOCIAL DIVISION: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference launched the latest Social Justice Statement "*Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*" on Friday 7 August. The statement explores recent developments in Australia including the Bondi Beach attack of December 2025 as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism. **An electronic version of this statement is available at:** catholic.au.

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.

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.**

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.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Senior Development Manager – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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

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/>.

BE A STRONGER YOU – FREE EMPOWERMENT COURSE

FOR WOMEN: Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has partnered with Survivor Voice Australia to run a free six-week empowerment program for women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. The program will be held in the lower Blue Mountains on Wednesday mornings. To find out when the next program starts, contact Catholic Care on 8843.2500 or Survivor Voice Australia on 0422 876 700.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC – CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON:

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every Thursday from 11:00am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and Traffic Offences. Bookings are recommended – call 8843.2500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE CATHOLIC GP MINI EXPO: Courageous Catholic Medicine in a Secular World. The Catholic Medical Association is hosting a GP Mini-Expo on Saturday, 12 September, at which I will be on the panel discussing the issues facing good Catholic GPs today. Parishioners interested in finding out how to identify good Catholic GPs for their care are especially invited to come along. Also invited are our Youth interested in Healthcare as a profession on leaving school. **Where:** Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. **When:** Saturday, 12 September 2026 – 2:00pm-4:30pm. **RSVP via our email: admin@catholicmedicine.org by Friday, 11 September** If you have any questions for our panelists, please email them with your RSVP. Please see flyer on Church noticeboard for more information ~ **Deacon Dr. Michael Tan**

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026 - 29 AUGUST: 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 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.**

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS - 10 SEPTEMBER: All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's new upcoming music workshop on 10 September at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Mr. Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for weddings and funerals and will be present to answer any questions you may have. **Please register via: parracatholic.org/music-workshop**

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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH, VAILANKANNI AT MARY IMMACULATE PARISH QUAKERS HILL-SCHOFIELDS - 5-7 SEPTEMBER: The parish community warmly invites all parishioners and families to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. Triduum Novena Masses 5–7 September 2026. **Rosary:** 6:30pm. **Mass:** 7:00pm. Feast Day Mass Tuesday, 8 September 2026 7:00pm Come and honour Our Lady of Vailankanni, seeking her intercession for good health, healing and blessings for our families and communities. All are welcome to join in prayer and fellowship. "Our Lady of Good Health, pray for us."

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: parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/**

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2027 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well. **Applications close 31 October 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au**

SCHOENSTATT SISTERS OF MARY CENTENARY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT MOUNT SCHOENSTATT, MULGOA: Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. **Date:** Sunday, 13 September. **Time:** Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10:00am start. The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3:00pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. **To RSVP and for more information visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au**

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING – SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER: This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific. **9560.5333 / 0422 472 567; www.simplicityseptember.org.au**