

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Est. 1933

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

Parish Office Hours:

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

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

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22 & 23 August 2026
21st 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:

Arthur Patrick Ernest Bridge (Fr. Arthur Bridge's Father), 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:

Felicia Mary Subramanian, Elias Hanna, Zeike Greige, Nicola Mastrippolito, 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:

Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony, Gomes Family & Deceased Members, Deceased Members of Cordeiro Families, 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, Joseph Tannous, Elias & Julia Georges, Baby Faith Tannous, 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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Response: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and or him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.
I will give you the keys of
the kingdom of heaven.**

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

BE A WITNESS TO THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - 6-13 SEPTEMBER: An extraordinary opportunity to encounter the mystery and history of the Holy Shroud of Turin. Show in the Chapel St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6–9 September 2026 — Open all day. 10–13 September 2026 — Open till late. And while you're there, experience *Be the Witness*, a powerful musical exploring the life of Jesus through the eyes of Peter from 10–13 September 2026 at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

PARISH FEAST DAY TRIDUUM AND CELEBRATION AT ST. PADRE PIO PARISH - 17-20 SEPTEMBER: All are welcome to join St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday, 17 September and Friday, 18 September, at 7:00pm and on Saturday, 19 September at 5:30pm. On Sunday, 20 September, a procession will start at 10:00am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. **For any enquiries:** 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CARE WSBM – FREE LEGAL CLINIC – FORTNIGHTLY STARTING 7 SEPTEMBER: Access FREE legal advice on matters including Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, Traffic offences. When: Every second Monday from 11:00am starting 7 September. **Where:** Catholic Care, 3/163 Macquarie Road, Springwood. **To make a booking call 8843.2500 or 8843.2545. Walk-ins welcome.**

CATHOLIC CARE WSBM – SUICIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE - 10 SEPTEMBER: Catholic Care WSBM, together with White Lady Funerals, invite you to a memorial service to remember loved ones who have died by suicide or tragically lost their lives. Join us on 10 September at 11:00am at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. The service will include the opportunity to plant a rose bush in our Garden of Remembrance, followed by light refreshments. **Free to attend, please RSVP by 7 September to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.**

CATHOLIC CARE WSBM – PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL DAY AT MAMRE HOUSE AND FARM - 13 OCTOBER: Catholic Care and White Lady Funerals will be holding a memorial service followed by the opportunity to place a plant in memory of your lost loved one in our Garden of Remembrance. **Where:** Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. **Free to attend, please RSVP by 8 October to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.**

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

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**

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

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: 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

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."

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 0494173359 or email:** bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com.

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**