

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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3 & 4 October 2026
27th 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:

Trish Trinkle, Santina Lentini, Lasaro Tekuleka Rabosea, Sriyani Asuntha, Seletute Vea, Lusie Gaetau Hautaupa'ao, Tavake Fonua, Maketalena Iloai, Lafaele Vaikuamoho, Delphine Fernandes, Melesete Kilama

Anniversaries:

Eric Crowley, Eileen Crowley, Wadih Younan, Amelia D'Silva, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Anna Meneguzzo, Evette & Emile Tayoun, Frank Saffioti, Aronne Borg

Deceased:

Justiano Pamalias, Silveria Pamalias, Len O'Riordan, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katalina E'Tuini Fatu & Family, Emelio Regis Nive Tokotuu & Family, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Younan & Barakat Families, Edith Frois, Darrell Cordeiro, Julita Barliso, Basileides Barliso, Felix Gonsalves, Wadih Younan, Youseff Maroun Younan, Esther Younan, Dib Barakat, Salam Barakat, Michael Barakat, Teresita Lucero, Teresita Mabuto, Edgar Montclar, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, 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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The vineyard of the Lord
stretches out its
branches to all God's people.**

PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC MISSION – ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION – 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 17-18 OCTOBER: In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr. Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival. Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. **To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to:** catholicmission.org.au/united.
Freecall: 1800 257 296 – catholicmission.org.au/united.

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — 4 OCTOBER: We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea today and on the following first Sundays. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

THE LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary invites you to join us. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Office after the 9:15am Mass. If you would like any information, please call Tina on 0432 043 365 or Jo at the Parish Office on 9632.2672. If no answer, please leave a message and we will contact you.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW | SEASON OF CREATION AND SPRING EDITION 2026: The latest *Catholic Outlook* magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating the Special Year of Saint Francis, our Papal and Diocesan award winners, why St. Francis' message is right for our time, a profile on the new Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains ... and much more. **Pick up a copy or read online at:** catholicoutlook.org/e-edition.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.**

PARISH NOTICES

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

DESIGN THE CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE FRONT COVER FOR CHRISTMAS 2026! We're inviting *you* to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Submit your entry by **Friday, 6 November 2026** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp.

CHURCHES CRICKET COMPETITION - STARTING 17 OCTOBER: There are two Catholic teams in this year's Churches Cricket Competition – the Catholic Cricket Club (Papal Bulls) and the Sri Lankan / Indian Churches Team. All new players welcome. Standard is competitive but social played in a spirit of fellowship and fraternity. Games around Strathfield, Parramatta and Ryde, Saturdays 1:00pm-4:00pm (maximum 3 hours). Season starts 17 October. **EMAIL NOW for more information and to register:** papabullscricket@gmail.com.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS - KIM DANIELS ON 'AI, POPE LEO AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY' - 13 OCTOBER: Join us on 13 October at 6:00pm to hear from one of the Church's foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence. A lawyer by training, Ms. Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026 and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and co-ordinator of the study group that focused on the Church's mission in the digital age. **Registration is essential, visit:** parracatholic.org/kim-daniels

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST TO BE A STALL HOLDER OR PERFORMER AT LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT 2026! Be part of a vibrant evening filled with music, dance, activities, food and community fun hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta on **Saturday, 24 October**, within the precinct of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We invite local performers, small business and organisations to express their interest via the links below! **Expressions of Interest close Sunday 20 October 11:59pm. Stall Holder EOI:** <https://forms.gle/9cbyafAiumdgWW1dA> - **Performer EOI:** <https://forms.gle/cza7pTd48eNL9MxM6>.

2026 LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT - 24 OCTOBER: All are welcome to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 24 October for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6:00pm followed by festivities in the forecourt. Encounter the variety of talent and passion of Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, with live performances, inflatable games, small businesses, adoration and more. **Register by visiting:** parracatholic.org/lifted-live.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORLD ROSARY HOUR AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION, WINSTON HILLS - 13 OCTOBER: The parish of Saint Paul the Apostle invite you to join us as we pray the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, 13 October at 7:00pm. This also includes Our Lady of Fatima procession around the Church grounds (40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills) and will be livestreamed. **To know more visit:** worldrosaryhour.com or contact our Parish Office on 9639.6516.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 15 NOVEMBER: Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday, 15 November at 2:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. **If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via:** parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass **by 6 November.**

WYD27 SONGWRITING COMPETITION - SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 16 DECEMBER: Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. **Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website:** parrawyd.org.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS - NEXT ON 15 OCTOBER: 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:** 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.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING FORMATION COURSE - 17 OCTOBER: Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday, 17 October from 9:30am–2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch provided. **For more information and to register before 14 October at:** parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation/

ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KELLYVILLE - 10 OCTOBER: The Marian Procession is a special parish celebration honouring Our Lady of the Rosary, the Patroness of our parish and community. Following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 10 October 2026, parishioners will process from Our Lady of the Rosary Church to the Shrine of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, praying the Rosary and singing Marian hymns.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHOLIC CARE, SPRINGWOOD ON MONDAYS (FORTNIGHTLY): 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.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC AT CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON EVERY THURSDAY: 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.

THE FAITHFEED ECHO - 6 NOVEMBER: Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided! Doors open at 7:00pm with live music from a 7:30pm start. **Register via:** parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo.

PUBLIC TALK ON NURTURING AN AUSTRALIAN SPIRITUALITY – PRE-COLONISATION, COLONISATION AND WALKING TOGETHER - 1 NOVEMBER: Join Aboriginal Catholic leader **Evelyn Parkin** as she explores the meeting of Aboriginal and Christian spirituality, the impact of colonisation, and pathways for walking together. This presentation is part of a series titled the Stockton Conversation, named after the late Fr. Eugene Stockton, STD, LSS, who was its inspiration and patron. **Sunday, 1 November 2026, 2.00pm, Mavis Wood Hall, Mid-Mountains Community Centre, 7 New Street, Lawson. All welcome.**

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT IN NATURE: Relax, reflect on your journey, rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit in the serene Jamberoo Abbey. **Friday, 30 October (from 3:00pm for 6:00pm start) to Sunday, 1 November (2:00pm finish).** Jamberoo Abbey, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Young Adults (aged 18 to mid-30's). **Cost:** \$400.00 early bird (shared cottage/own room); \$550.00 early bird (Private Hermitage); After 22 August prices \$440.00 and \$590.00. **Inquiries:** admin@grailaustralia.org.au.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL: Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit: www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close 31 October 2026. Send us an enquiry:** www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.