

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Est. 1933

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Peter Blayney
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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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**5 & 6 September 2026
23rd 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:

Francis Sebastian, Malieta Mosa'ati, Therese & Nicolas, Arthur Patrick Ernest Bridge (Fr. Arthur Bridge's Father), Malia Tamolevai Masei

Anniversaries:

Graeme Mansour, John Mathew Gonsalves, Chris, Paul & Simon Grima, Daniel Tui, Laurence John Mockler, Anthony Brendan Mockler, Haangata O'Hihifo Ahio, 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

Deceased:

Jenny Pedavoli, Benita Barliso, Roman Barliso, Deceased Members of Dibiamaka Family, Deceased Members of Rodrigues Family, Deceased Members of Frois Family, Jeanette Love, Sebastian Lobo, Sarkis Kerbage & Family, Danielle Jan Abaquita, Nelida Abaquita, Rima & Bassima Hanna & Family, Peter & Janette Majed & Family, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katalina E'Tuini Fatu, Joseph Tannous, Elias & Julia Georges, Baby Faith Tannous, Gomes Family & Deceased Members, Deceased Members of Cordeiro Families, Mona Otayek, Rida Nohra, Ernest Vogt, Phillip & Jamilla Salhab, Jawad & Wadad Samrani, Salhab & Samrani Families, Felix Gonsalves, Nonilon Padillo, Danilo Abaquita, Abiwhab & Bechara Families, 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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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PARISH NOTICES

FAREWELL FR. TREESSEN SILVA: Fr. Treesen's appointment as Sri Lankan Chaplain and Assistant Priest at Guildford has come to an end. On behalf of Sr. Helen, and all parishioners, I thank him very much for his ministry here since February 2023. He is a credit to the Church in Sri Lanka and his family. He has been singular in his commitment to parish ministry here, both sacramental and pastoral. He has shown exceptional personal skills in enhancing relationships within our community, a very good asset for a priest. He has taken the load off my shoulders over these few years, given my commitment to the Tribunal and my various diocesan roles for Bishop Vincent. Let us pray for him as he continues his priestly ministry.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PASTOR'S ANNUAL LEAVE: I'll be on leave during September. We are fortunate that Fr. Terrance arrived in August so he can cover for me whilst I'm away. As he is new to the parish, he'll be getting used to the way we do things here. So, make him welcome. See you in October.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PARISH PRE-SCHOOL PROPOSAL: Unfortunately, plans for a pre-school have had to be cancelled. Community Ventures (diocesan agency managing the pre-school) advised the Parish Finance Committee that our investment in this project would not be economically viable in the future. The reasons are mainly twofold: the increasing costs of design, planners and building materials as well as the rapid increase of for-profit pre-schools in our immediate area. The loan with the Diocesan Development Fund has been cancelled.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

SISTER HELEN CUNNINGHAM OP is currently on sick leave. It may be some weeks before she is able to return to parish ministry. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – HONOUR A LIFETIME OF FAITHFUL SERVICE – 5-6 SEPTEMBER: We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. **Please give generously at: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal.** Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

NO MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER: Please note that Morning Tea will not be held after the 10:00am Mass today.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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.**

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:

Parish Secretary – St. Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst

Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is hosting the Holy Shroud Exhibition featuring a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin. **Date:** Sunday, 6 September–Sunday, 13 September. **Time:** 9:00am–6:00pm. From **Thursday, 10 September – Sunday, 13 September**, the exhibition will have extended opening hours from **9:00am – 10:00pm daily** and will be located in the Chapel. **Parking:** Available via Victoria Road. Everyone is warmly invited to visit this special exhibition and learn more about the history and significance of the Shroud of Turin. **For more details please contact: coordinator@stpatrcathedral.com.au.**

'BE THE WITNESS' MUSICAL - 10-13 SEPTEMBER:

The performances are on Thursday 10 @ 7:30pm; Friday 11 @ 7:30pm, Saturday 12 @ 2:30pm and 7:30pm; Sunday 13 @ 2:00pm at the Riverside Parramatta and is being done in conjunction with the Holy Shroud Exhibition in the Cathedral Hall. Special discounts available for group bookings for all sessions. Single tickets are now \$60.00. **This is the link: <https://riversideparramatta.com.au/whats-on/be-the-witness-the-musical>.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK - 6–12 SEPTEMBER 2026: National Child Protection Week runs from 6 to 12 September 2026, with the theme Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action. National Child Protection Week is Australia's national campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens. Led by NAPCAN for over 30 years, it brings together individuals, families, communities, organisations and governments to build safe, supportive environments where children and young people can thrive. You can explore the free 2026 Webinar program, downloadable resources and community events via the NAPCAN website. **Find out more:** <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-2/>.

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

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.

SACRED HEART MT. DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE - 13 SEPTEMBER: Fun for all family. Food, chocolate wheel, games for children, facepainting, show bags and much more. Yearly, fun raising activity for the parish. Please join us on Sunday, 13 September at Sacred Heart School, entrance from Edith Street from 10:00am till 3:00pm.

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/

AT THE WELL GATHERING – HALF-DAY RETREAT - 19 SEPTEMBER: Centred on the theme "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song," we will explore the hope at the heart of our faith and what it means to carry that hope in our everyday lives. Whether you're looking for community, creativity or formation, this Half Day Retreat has something for you. \$35.00 per person. Limited spots are available. **Register at:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/at-the-well-retreat/> to secure your place!

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.