

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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12 & 13 September 2026
24th 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:

Delphine Fernandes, Melesete Kilama, Francis Sebastian, Malieta Mosa'ati, Therese & Nicolas, Arthur Patrick Ernest Bridge (Fr. Arthur Bridge's Father)

Anniversaries:

Evette & Emile Tayoun, Wadih Younan, Frank Saffioti, Aronne Borg, Graeme Mansour, John Mathew Gonsalves, Chris, Paul & Simon Grima, Daniel Tui, Laurence John Mockler, Anthony Brendan Mockler, Haangata O'Hihifo Ahio, Felicia Mary Subramanian, Elias Hanna, Zeike Greige, Nicola Mastrippoli

Deceased:

Wadih Younan, Youseff Maroun Younan, Esther Younan, Dib Barakat, Salam Barakat, Michael Barakat, Teresita Lucero, Teresita Mabuto, Edgar Montclar, Abiwahab & Bechara Fafmilies, 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, Falao & 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, 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 27:30 — 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 9-12

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The Lord is
kind and
merciful;
slow to
anger
and rich in
compassion.**

*How do I
show mercy
to others?*

PARISH NOTICES

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: 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.

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.**

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

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>.

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: 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**

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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.

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!

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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/

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 – 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.

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.

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.

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.**

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE - WALKING WITH CHRIST: The journey to Eucharist28 has begun! In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives. **To discover more, visit:** eucharist28.org.

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.

MGL SISTERS CREATIVE HEALING RETREAT – 16-18 OCTOBER: Handmade: Creative Healing Retreat 16-18 October, Carmel House, Varroville. In his hand is the life of every creature" Job 12:10. Come away for a weekend of reflection on how carefully God has made and upheld your life through different creative prayer experiences. This retreat is for both men and women. Hosted by the MGL Sisters. **Registration link:** www.trybooking.com/DIDCB.

ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT – SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER: From 1:00pm–5:30pm - Rosary + Praise and Worship + Talk + Prayer of Empowerment + Fellowship. **Speaker:** Marina George, Catholic preacher, who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, Love of God the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Venue:** St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 11 Walz Street, Rockdale (Parking Entry at Parker Street). Booking Essential - Afternoon Tea provided. **Enquiries:** Helen - 0433 455 114; Esperance - 0407 749 182. **Email:** jlowcommunity@gmail.com.

LIVE-IN CARER OPPORTUNITY: Our beautiful 97 year old father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. Food, board and remuneration package is negotiable. If you **would like more information, please contact Jason on:** jason@jjmail.me or 0414 987 206.