

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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19 & 20 September 2026
25th 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

Anniversaries:

Wadih Younan, Amelia D'Silva, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Anna Meneguzzo, Evette & Emile Tayoun, 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

Deceased:

Younan & Barakat Families, Edith Frois, Darrell Cordeiro, Julita Barliso, Basiledes Barliso, Felix Gonsalves, 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, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katalina E'Tuini Fatu, 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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Response: The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words
of your Son.**

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 2026: Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised \$2,209.85 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. **If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit:** parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank 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.

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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS - KIM DANIELS ON 'AI, POPE LEO AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY': 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

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.

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/9cbyafAiumdgVW1dA> - **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

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS - 28-30 SEPTEMBER: The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St. Carlo Acutis will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St. Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome. **Find the full program on:** parracatholic.org/events/relic-exhibition-st-carlo-acutis.

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/

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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Secretary – St. Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst
Paralegal & Compliance Support – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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.

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.

