

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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26 & 27 September 2026
26th 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:

Santina Lentini, Lasaro Tekuleka Rabosea, Sriyani Asuntha, Seletute Vea, Lusie Gaetau Hautaufa'ao, Tavake Fonua, Maketalena Iloai, Lafaele Vaikuumoho, Delphine Fernandes, Melesete Kilama, Francis Sebastian

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

Deceased:

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, Abiwhab & Bechara Fafamilies, 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, 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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

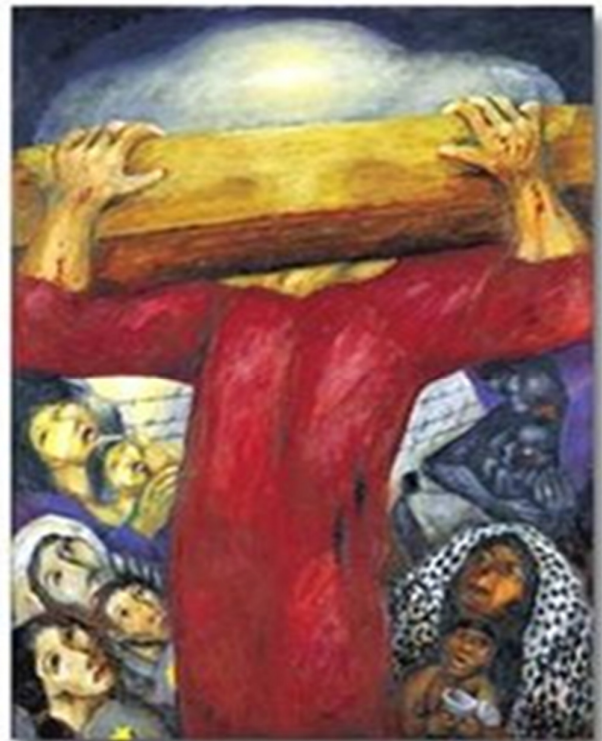
THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**By this we came to know
the love of God:
that Christ laid down his
life for us;
so we ought to lay down our
lives for one another.**

PARISH NOTICES

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY:

We would like to invite everyone to join us for morning tea next Sunday. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share. Kids corner! **When:** After the 10:00am Mass. **Where:** At the Parish Hall.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving begins in NSW on **Sunday, 4 October** when clocks are turned forward one hour at 2:00am.

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.

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 over \$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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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 coordinator 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/9cbyafAiumdgVW1dA> - 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

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

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: 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

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/

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.

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.

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.