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

31 October & 1 November 2026
All Saints Day — Year A

Parish Office Hours:

Closed Daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am - 3:00pm

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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:

Clara Markoulis, Clelia Di Carlo, Barbara Norris, Grieta Mansour, Joan Margaret Noon, Sesilia Lolesio Gatehau

Anniversaries:

Vincenzo D'Elia, Norman Cordeiro, Gaetano Di Carlo, Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao Marques Alves, Michael Kahill Remaili, Noeleen Remaili, Silvio Crosarial, Ron Cartwright, Carmen Peiry

Deceased:

During the month of November, only Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will be listed.

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
ALL SAINTS DAY – YEAR A

1ST READING: REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23:1-6

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord?
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3
A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen

PARISH NOTICES

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Parish at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, 21 November 2026, the Feast of Christ the King. Parents who wish their children to be confirmed are invited to come to the Parish Office to collect an Enrolment Form for your child, complete it at home, and return it by hand to the Parish Office and collect the preparation material for the family who will share in the prayerful preparation of the child who is to be confirmed. Let us pray for these young parishioners and their families in this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Parish Office hours:** Monday to Thursday – 8:30am to 3:00pm.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Clelia Di Carlo will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on Tuesday, 10 November at 11:00am. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

MORNING TEA AFTER 10:00AM MASS — 1 NOVEMBER: 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.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD: During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. **November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please PRINT names clearly on envelopes.** The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the Altar.

CATHOLIC MISSION – ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION – 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity. Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit: catholicmission.org.au/united to lend your support today. To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world. **Freecall:** 1800 257 296; catholicmission.org.au/united.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

EUCHARISTIC 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

GENUINE DIALOGUE – A PATH TO PEACE - 3 NOVEMBER: In a world that cries out for cohesion across our diverse communities, the Jubilee Year of St. Francis deepens our Gospel call to be people of peace and fraternity. St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook at the foot of the Blue Mountains, is hosting Fr. Patrick McInerney and members of the diocesan Interfaith Commission to share insights and reflections with us. Tuesday, 3 November - 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Centre, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Fr. Patrick is Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Consultor with the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. **Please register your interest via:** secretary@stfinbars.org.au. An opportunity not to be missed! All welcome!

ENTRIES CLOSING SOON! 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**.

SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP - 14 NOVEMBER: A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre on Saturday, 14 November 2026 from 9:30am-3:00pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. **Topics covered:** Basic structure of the Mass: including how various rites can be inserted into the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. **Please register by 9 November at:** parracatholic.org/events/ofw.

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY 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.

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.**

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS - NEXT ON 5 NOVEMBER: 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: 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.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR ADVENT - 5 NOVEMBER: All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's upcoming music workshop on 5 November. Mr. Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the liturgical season of Advent and will be present to answer any questions you may have. It will be held on Thursday, 5 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7:00pm-8:30pm. **Please register via:** parracatholic.org/music-workshop.

CHRISTMAS FETE AT BODINGTON WENTWORTH FALLS - 4 DECEMBER: Catholic Healthcare is raising funds to help our residents tick off their bucket list wishes — every contribution makes a difference! **Date:** 4 December 2026. **Time:** 4:30pm–7:00pm. **Location:** 6 Bodington Drive (off Tableland Road), Wentworth Falls. Enjoy local stalls, a toy raffle, refreshments, BBQ, and festive fun for all. Come celebrate community, joy, and the spirit of giving!

MARONITE YOUTH AUSTRALIA SPRING FESTIVAL IN BASS HILL - 20-21 NOVEMBER: Raising funds for the South Lebanon Appeal, proceeds will support families and help rebuild lives in communities affected by the ongoing conflict along the border. **Details:** Friday, 20 November, 6:00pm–11:00pm; Saturday, 21 November, 4:00pm–11:00pm at 703 Hume Highway, Bass Hill. Entry is free and open to everyone. Guests can enjoy viral foods and desserts from local vendors, live music, rides and games, and market stalls from Sydney's faith-inspired makers such as Project Sainthood, Linked By Faith and Little Saints by Norma.

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.

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST - 17 NOVEMBER: You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer or share your talent by hosting an activity table. **Find out more and express your interest at:** parracatholic.org/streetfeast.

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.

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.

MGL SISTERS "ALIVE" FAMILY RETREAT DAY - 14 NOVEMBER: The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the "Alive" Family Retreat Day to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. **When:** 9:00am–4:00pm on 14 November 2026. **Where:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Hall. **Why:** *Your family has been carefully chosen and put together by God and has an important mission entrusted only to you. Discover as a family the power of the Holy Spirit to live with boldness and love!* This is an interactive retreat, beginning with the 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Varroville and then moving over to the Parish Hall for a day of inputs and activities that all ages in your whole family can enjoy. As it can be difficult to cater safely for dietary needs and preferences these days, we ask that you bring your own lunch and snacks that you know your own family will enjoy. **Further information and Registration:** trybooking.com?DIDCJ.

PALMS TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER – 10-23 MAY 2027: Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there. An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture and the importance of relationships in sustainable development. In a small (maximum 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation. **Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here:** palms.org.au/encounters. **Volunteers Needed!** Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. **Email:** palms@palms.org.au; **Web:** www.palms.org.au.