

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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10 & 11 October 2026
28th 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:

Cecilia Lolesio Gaetau, Trish Trinble, Santina Lentini, Lasaro Tekuleka Rabosea, Sriyani Asuntha, Seletute Ve, Lusie Gaetau Hautaufa'ao, Tavake Fonua, Maketalena Iloai, Lafaele Vaikuamoho

Anniversaries:

Ron Cartwright, Carmen Peiry, Eric Crowley, Eileen Crowley, Wadih Younan, Amelia D'Silva, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Anna Meneguzzo

Deceased:

Delphine Fernandes, Edgar Montclar, Abiwahab & Bechara Families, Justiano Pamalias, Silveria Pamalias, Len O'Riordan, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Katalina E'Tuini Fatu & Family, Emelio Regis Nive Tokotuu & Family, 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, 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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF EPHESIANS 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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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.

CATHOLIC MISSION – ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION – 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 17-18 OCTOBER: For Yamikani, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr. Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. **To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to:** catholicmission.org.au/united. **Freecall:** 1800 257 296 – catholicmission.org.au/united.

THE LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary invites you to join us. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Office after the 9:15am Mass. If you would like any information, please call Tina on 0432 043 365 or Jo at the Parish Office on 9632.2672. If no answer, please leave a message and we will contact 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.

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

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

FAITH IN ACTION – THE RADICAL LOVE STORY OF DOROTHY DAY - 19 OCTOBER: You are invited to an evening of conversation with Martha Hennessy, peace activist and member of the Catholic Worker Movement, co-founded by her grandmother Dorothy Day: Monday, 19 October 2026, 5:30pm–8:00pm, at Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Registration is essential. **Please register online at:** tinyurl.com/dorothyday-parra.

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.

CHURCHES CRICKET COMPETITION - STARTING 17 OCTOBER: There are two Catholic teams in this year's Churches Cricket Competition – the Catholic Cricket Club (Papal Bulls) and the Sri Lankan / Indian Churches Team. All new players welcome. Standard is competitive but social played in a spirit of fellowship and fraternity. Games around Strathfield, Parramatta and Ryde, Saturdays 1:00pm-4:00pm (maximum 3 hours). Season starts 17 October. **EMAIL NOW for more information and to register:** papalbullscricket@gmail.com.

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 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

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

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.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CANTORS - 15 OCTOBER: All Cantors and solo musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's new upcoming music workshop. Mr. Eric Grella will focus this workshop on tips and skills for those who are beginners and also advanced cantors. It will be held on Thursday, 15 October at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7:00pm-8:30pm. **Please register via:** parracatholic.org/music-workshop.

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>.

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 15 OCTOBER: 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.

MEN'S RETREAT – NEW PROGRAM - A DAY TO QUIET THE NOISE, RECONNECT WITH FAITH AND FIND STRENGTH FOR WHAT'S NEXT: Men's Retreat is a new day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills, offering men space to step back from the pressures of daily life. Through honest reflection, small group conversation and practical prayer, reconnect your faith with your purpose. Facilitated by Nehme Khattar, Head of Mission at Catholic Healthcare. Saturday, 17 October, 9:30am–3:30pm. \$198.00 including GST. Morning tea and lunch provided. **Learn more:** www.mmsm.org.au/retreats/mens-retreat

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.

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.

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/.

WORLD ROSARY HOUR AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION, WINSTON HILLS - 13 OCTOBER: The parish of Saint Paul the Apostle invite you to join us as we pray the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, 13 October at 7:00pm. This also includes Our Lady of Fatima procession around the Church grounds (40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills) and will be livestreamed. **To know more visit:** worldrosaryhour.com or contact our Parish Office on 9639.6516.

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.

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.

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.