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

17 & 18 October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Greita Mansour, Joan Margaret Noon, Sesilia Lolesio Gatehau, Trish Trinble, Santina Lentini, Lasaro Tekuleka Rabosea, Sriyani Asuntha, Seletute Vea, Lusia Gaetau Hautaufa'ao, Tavake Fonua, Maketalena Iloai, Lafaele Vaikuamoho

Anniversaries:

Silvio Crosarial, Ron Cartwright, Carmen Peiry, Eric Crowley, Eileen Crowley

Deceased:

Rima & Bassima Hanna, Peter & Janette Majed, Sebastian Lobo, 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, Elias, Tony, Peter & Tony & Family, Younan & Barakat Families, 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
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1ST READING: ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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



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: This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St. Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. **Use the provided appeal envelope or visit:** catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today. **Freecall:** 1800 257 296.

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.

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.

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.**

PARISH NOTICES

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**.**

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 20 October 11:59pm**. **Stall Holder EOI:** https://forms.gle/9cbyafAiumdgWW1dA - **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CARDINAL GILROY VILLAGE OPEN DAY – FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2026: On behalf of Southern Cross Care NSW & ACT, I would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming **Cardinal Gilroy Village Open Day on Friday, 30 October 2026**. Cardinal Gilroy Village, located in Merrylands, offers a welcoming retirement living community where residents can enjoy an independent lifestyle, meaningful connections and a strong sense of belonging. The Open Day will be an opportunity to explore our village, view our available accommodation and learn more about retirement living options and the support available to older members of our community.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS - 26 OCTOBER: Catholic Theological College would like to invite you to our **online information session** on Monday, 26 October at 7:00pm (AEDT). In this session, you will meet our course advisors and learn about study options at CTC, including the wide range of courses and units that can be undertaken online and/or face-to-face. Interested participants may register via Google Forms. Registration is essential.

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.

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.

GOT YOUR WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL? How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. **For further information visit our website:** www.engagedencounter.org.au. **Choose any of the coming weekends:** 14-15 November, 13-14 February and 22-23 May.