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

24 & 25 October 2026
30th 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:

Clelia Di Carlo, Barbara Norris, Grieta Mansour, Joan Margaret Noon, Sesilia Lolesio Gatehau, Trish Trinble

Anniversaries:

Norman Cordeiro, Gaetano Di Carlo, Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao Marques Alves, Michael Kahill Remaili, Noeleen Remaili, Silvio Crosarial, Ron Cartwright, Carmen Peiry, Eric Crowley, Eileen Crowley

Deceased:

Carmen Minoza, Jocelyn Santillan, Carlos Maria Moniz, Alves & Moniz Families, Wager and Remaili Families, 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
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1ST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26
A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 17:2-4, 47, 51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

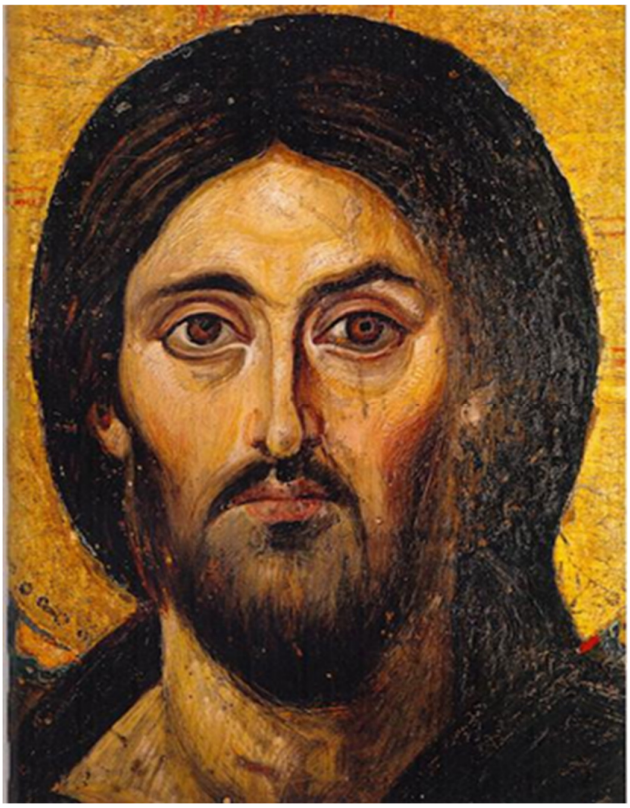
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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



All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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 Barbara Norris will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on Tuesday, 27 October at 10:30am. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

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 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.

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: Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers. **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.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

LIGHT NIGHT AT PLUMPTON PARISH - 30 OCTOBER: Ready for a night of faith, fire and fellowship? Join us at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, 6:00pm–9:00pm for live music/praise and worship, testimonies, Adoration, and a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit. Young people – bring your mates! **Registration:** https://www.trybooking.com/DOXEN.

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!

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.

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.