Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act Like Jesus

7 & 8 November 2026
32nd 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:

Adriana Sebastani, Clara Markoulis, Clelia Di Carlo, Barbara Norris, Grieta Mansour, Joan Margaret Noon

Anniversaries:

Stephen Richard Dennis, Fr. George Wehbe, Jeanette Love, Vincenzo D'Elia, Norman Cordeiro, Gaetano Di Carlo, Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao Marques Alves, Michael Kahill Remaili, Noeleen Remaili, Silvio Crosarial

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
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1ST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16
A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:2-8

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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



Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

So stay awake.

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.

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL – 14-15 NOVEMBER: Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness. This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. **Please give generously at: parracatholic.org/appeal.** Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY: We are having a parish clean-up on Saturday, 5 December at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to come along and lend a helping hand! If you are able to attend, please bring along any gardening or cleaning equipment. Tools such as: shovels, rakes, leaf blowers, etc. The clean-up will take approximately 2 hours. **For more information, please contact Peter Nediar on 0411 272 778**. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support!

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 APPEAL: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Catholic Mission Appeal on 17-18 October. The total amount collected by our parish was $2,662.25.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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.

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

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY AND THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING MASS - 22 NOVEMBER: Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 22 November at 11:00am for Mass celebrating Local World Youth Day and the Feast of Christ the King. Give thanks for our youth leaders and celebrate the commissioning of 2027 leaders. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

RED NOVEMBER MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS - 25 NOVEMBER: Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, join us on Wednesday, 25 November at 7:30pm. A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **Learn more:** www.rednovember.org.

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.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2026: There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout November at several parishes. **Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:**
https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training.
For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

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.**

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.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY - 11 NOVEMBER: An online information session is being held on Wednesday, 11 November at 8:00pm, for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta. Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Profession Gerard Moore, BBI Taite Principal and Course Co-Ordinator. **Register here:** parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=theology.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION WITH DR. MICHELE CONNOLLY RSJ - 21 NOVEMBER: Prepare for Advent with a guided Scripture reflection led by Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ on Saturday, 21 November, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains. Hospitality from 2:30pm. All 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.

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.

RED NOVEMBER – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. During this Red November, we invite you to pray, support and act in solidarity with 388+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia and New Zealand, over 20 Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. **Visit:** www.rednovember.org to learn more.

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.

INNER HEALING RESIDENTIAL RETREAT - 13 NOVEMBER: A grace-filled weekend of prayer, renewal and spiritual enrichment, featuring: Praise and Worship, Inspirational Talks, Holy Mass, Healing Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Quiet Time of Prayer and Reflection, Personal Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Hosted by the Vincentian Fathers of DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. **Registration:** 0451 318 173; drcretreatrego@gmail.com.