

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act  
Like Jesus**

## **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm  
Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

**Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm**

## **St. Patrick's Primary School**

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**1 & 2 December 2018**  
**1st Sunday of Advent - Year C**

## **WEEKLY TIMETABLE**

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
8:00am and 10:00am

### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday: 7:30pm  
Wednesday: 9:15am  
Thursday: 9:15am  
Friday: 9:15am  
Saturday: 9:00am

### **Confessions:**

Saturday: 9:30am to 10:15am  
5:00pm to 5:45pm

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

- ◆ Every Saturday following the 9:00am Mass until 10:30am, including Prayer for Priests (Vocations).
- ◆ Every 1st Sunday of the month from 11:00am to 12:30pm.



**Baptisms:** Please contact the Parish Office to arrange. Baptisms, held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism preparation is held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. **Booklets need to be obtained from the Parish Office prior to the preparation.**

## **Parish Ministries**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Meet bi-monthly on a Thursday evening (6:00pm-8:00pm) in the Parish Office.

**Social Justice Group:** Meet monthly on a Wednesday evening (6:30pm) in the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** For enquiries, please call the Parish Office on 9632.2672.

**Music for Worship:** Meet once a month at 10:00am in the Parish Office.

**Welcome Committee:** Meet Bi-Monthly on a Monday at 9:30am in the Parish Office.

**The Manning Foundation:** Meet 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the Parish Office - Mobile Number: 0497 973 311.

**Catechists:** Meet 2nd Tuesday of each term at 9:30am in the Parish Office.

**Children's Liturgy:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, during the 10:00am Mass, except during school holidays or when otherwise advised.

**Legion of Mary:** Meet every Wednesday (after the 9:15am Mass) in the Parish Office.

**Sacred Heart Society:** Meet 1st Sunday of each month at the 8:00am Mass.



## **Mass Intentions**



### **Recently Deceased:**

Rita Galea, Gizela Fekter, Malia Lami Nau, Brigette Helard, Helen Brooks Campton, Abraham Boustani

### **Anniversaries:**

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Alfred Xuereb, Albert Vella, Tony & Fadala Aflak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Carmen Theuma, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Morgan Family, Friends & Neighbours, Hanna & Majed Families, Ernest Bernard Dorn, Dominic & Mary, Michael Nhiem Huang, Ludovica Nguyen Thi Ninh, Felicitas C. Sison, Christino Grima, Sheila, Bede & Maureen Oliver, Margaret & Hugh Munro, Palombit Family, Palmano Family, Skordilis Family, Dimichiel Family, Luca Family, Veselko Luburic, Members of the Muscat Family, Alma & Semaan Azar and their Deceased Family Members, Ghazwan Koreal, Francis Anthony Fernandes, Raymond Kady, Ray Kady Jnr, Tomazia M. & Joao M. Alves, Holy Souls in Purgatory



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C



### 1ST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14

**Response:** For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28. 34-36

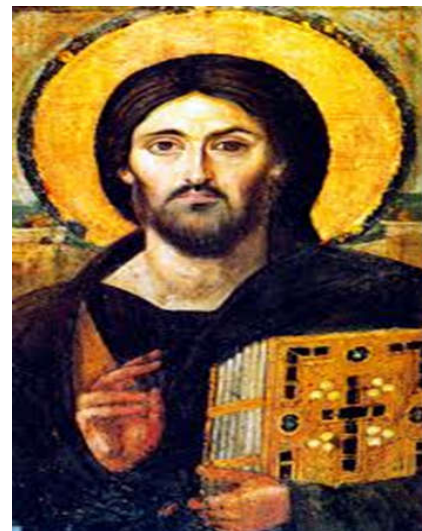
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



*Jesus said to his disciples*

*and says to us:*

*'Stay awake!'*

*'Your liberation is  
near at hand.'*

## PARISH NOTICES

**BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 1-2 DECEMBER:** This year Bishop Vincent will be inviting our community to generously donate to Parramatta Catholic Foundation to help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service care for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers fleeing domestic violence, and dealing with homelessness and poverty. Each year Houses to Homes helps over 100 disadvantaged and abused young mums or mothers-to-be in greater western Sydney to gain safety, shelter, parenting and life skills to build a better, more secure life for themselves and their children, and find independence, improved wellbeing and joy.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 6 December at 6:00pm** in the Parish Office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER:** The new roster for all liturgical ministries has been emailed. There are copies in the sacristy for those who require a printed copy.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN OUR PARISH:** On **Wednesday, 5 December**, our Parish School will be hosting Christmas Concert/Carols in the parish hall. **Time: 6:00pm.** There will be a designated area for those wishing to sit on picnic blankets along with areas of actual seating. While there will be some chairs provided, it is advisable to bring your own chair if you wish to guarantee a seat. During the evening there will be an opportunity to support our Parish Charity, The Manning Foundation. Members of the Foundation will be present with collection boxes. Your donations will help support those in need within our parish area. It would be great to see members of our Parish community join with our School for this special event as we prepare to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES, WESTMEAD AND HOUSE OF WELCOME, EAST GRANVILLE:** Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is our opportunity to help others who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass on the Sundays of Advent and placing them in the baskets under the Christmas Tree. Over the last few years these donations have been for our parish Manning Foundation. Fortunately, due to your generosity and the diligent work of the Manning Committee, the needy in our parish are this year well-cared for with Christmas hampers etc. Some examples of food items are: weet-bix, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, spaghetti, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.** *"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you"* (Luke 1:28).

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 30 OCTOBER-13 NOVEMBER 2019:** Steven Green, travel agent from Olive Tree Travel, Melbourne, will be here in the parish on Saturday evening (after Vigil Mass) 8 December to speak about the pilgrimage and answer all your questions. Even if you are unsure about doing the pilgrimage, you are welcome to attend. His presentation will be especially helpful to those who have already signed up or are about to.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS - CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** All primary school aged children are invited to attend St. Patrick's Christmas Vigil Children's Mass **at 6:00pm** on Christmas Eve. Children will be seated on the floor at the front of the church, fully supervised by the Children's Liturgy teachers. At this Mass we will attempt to include as many children as possible in the ceremony. So that we are able to allocate jobs for the night we would ask you to text 0404 369 542 to let us know that your child(ren) is/are attending this Mass. Please indicate your child's age so that we know which jobs will be appropriate for them, e.g. reading, carrying candles, etc. **PLEASE NOTE: If your child is allocated a job on the night you will be informed by text message. Children who are allocated jobs on the night will be required to be at the church at 5:15pm for costumes and practice. If you do not hear from us regarding jobs then please be at the church by 5:45pm.** All children are encouraged to come dressed as shepherds or angels. This will add to our Christmas celebration.

**PARISH WORKERS CHRISTMAS THANK YOU GET TOGETHER - FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER:** Due to the success of last year's change of time and day, our Parish Workers Christmas Thank You Get Together will be held on Friday, 7 December at 6:30pm in the church then down to the hall for refreshments. All our parish helpers, e.g. Collectors, Altar Society members, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Ministers, Manning Foundation and all Parish Advisory Committee members, Catechists and Legion of Mary members plus those previously mentioned together with your families are invited to come along. **For catering purposes could you please let Jo know the numbers that are coming by Monday, 3 December - Parish Office 9632.2672.**

**CAR PARKING FOR MASSES:** The building company renovating the school buildings has recommended that it would be unsafe to continue using the school playground behind and next to the church for parking on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. The alternative for car parking will be the teachers' car park behind the school, adjacent to the pipe line. This car park is bigger than the current space. Drivers will need to park in the marked areas parallel to the fences on either side of the available space. When entering and leaving the car park (western side of new school admin block) from Calliope Street please be careful of the yellow steel pole with the keypad. This does not need to be used as the electronic gates will be open for ingress and egress.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SUSTAINING FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY WITH THANKS TO YOU:** Parramatta Catholic Foundation thanks parishioners for their kind-hearted, generous support which raised \$1.2 million in the last year for vital ministry and works of Faith, Hope and Charity. Annually, the Diocese of Parramatta contributes over \$3.6 million to sustain the charitable works of CatholicCare, Holy Spirit Seminary, special religious education in schools, and Ephpheta Centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Thanks to your support, we can more widely proclaim and teach the gospel; and help, heal and serve those most in need.  
[www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au)

### POSITION VACANT:

Chaplaincy Manager - CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains.

**More details at:** [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

**THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL MASS - 7 DECEMBER:** Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr. Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr. Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7:30pm - St. Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

**For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622.1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).**

**THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE - THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI:** The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and an outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and join parishioners in daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis and fellowship. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).  
**For updates and to follow the journey see:**  
[www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](http://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

**CHRISTMAS AT ST. FINBARS, GLENBROOK - 16 DECEMBER:** *Music and Readings for Christmas*, a major outreach celebration at St. Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook, will take place on Sunday, 16 December. This includes St. Finbar's organ played by Amy Johansen with opening and closing prayers by Father Jolly. Service commences at 7:30pm. 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a request for donations (\$15.00/\$35.00 Families).  
**For more information please call 4758.6067.**

**CONCERT AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA - 17 DECEMBER:** Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert.

**Tickets via:** [www.brandenburg.com.au/](http://www.brandenburg.com.au/)

**More details at:** <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

**ST. ANTHONY RELIC PROCESSION AND NOVENA - 4 DECEMBER:** All are welcome to a candle light procession with the first class relic of St. Anthony of Padua, 'The Miracle Worker' every first Tuesday at 7:00pm, followed by "bread blessing" and social gathering. St. Anthony of Padua Church, 7-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie. **Other Dates:** 4 December (2 December), 5 February (3 February) etc.

**NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO - 9 DECEMBER:** Rev. Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr. Akamadu telephone 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

**'PALMS AUSTRALIA - MAKE AN ENCOUNTER IN 2019:** Timor Leste - April and September; Samoa - June and Myanmar - November. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters). Please see flyer on Church noticeboard.

## ADVENT

The journey we make in Advent --- which means, of course, approach or coming --- is a patient descent into the depths to discover the "hidden seed" that has already yielded so much fruit in the "soil" of women and men.

The "hidden seed" -- how do I find that within myself?

In Advent we celebrate the hope of a whole people. Liturgy is, after all, never an individual activity. In that celebration, however, we may, like our ancestors exiled on the banks of the rivers of Babylon, "sit down and weep" [see Psalm 137:1].

"Hope" --- how is this gift of God part of the fabric of my daily life?

The way in the Bible becomes narrower and narrower the more closely it approaches its end, Jesus. This is because Jesus comes closest to the poor in the heart of the desert.

Do I recognise that there are times when I am in the desert?

How do I make this desert fertile within me?

## ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** is for anyone over **55**. We have been functioning for 39 years and new members are always welcome. We meet in the School Hall next to the Church every Monday at 10:00am, except for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday which is our day bus trip. Bingo, Bowls and Cards are some of our activities. For general information please ring President, Shirley Fenton - 9721.1875 or Trips Officer, Jim Newell - 9632.5049.