

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

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8 & 9 December 2018
2nd 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:

Audrey Morna King, Monika Vakalepu Lakalaka, Rita Galea, Gizela Fekter, Malia Lami Nau, Brigitte Helard, Helen Brooks Campton

Anniversaries:

Joe Nasr, Rosie Watts, Alberto Ramundi

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, James Phillip Tattam & Family, Victor D. Mitchell & Family, Alfred Xuereb, Albert Vella, Tony & Fadala Aflak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Carmen Theuma, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Morgan Family, Friends & Neighbours, 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C



1ST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125

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

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6. 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.

God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1- 6

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S RETREAT: As I will be on Retreat this coming week **THE RITE OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE MASS (COMMUNION SERVICE)** will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11/12 at 7:30pm, Wednesday 12/12 at 9:15am, Thursday 13/12 at 9:15am and Friday 14/12 at 9:15am.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make a Christmas offering.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER: The new Altar Society Roster for January 2019 to March 2019 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

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).

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.

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2018

Christmas Eve - Monday, 24 December

6:00pm Children's Vigil Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day - Tuesday, 25 December

8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHRISTMAS 2018

Tuesday 18 December
6:15pm-7:15pm

Saturday 22 December
9:30am-10:15am and
5:00pm-5:45pm

NO WEEKDAY MASS, CONFESSIONS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BETWEEN WEDNESDAY, 26 DECEMBER AND SATURDAY, 29 DECEMBER.

NORMAL WEEKEND CONFESSIONS AND MASS TIMETABLE RESUMES AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAY, 29 DECEMBER.

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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES: Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN MARSDEN PARK - 14 DECEMBER: All Welcome! Join our Catholic Faith community, in conjunction with St. Luke's Catholic College on Friday, 14 December 6:00pm-8:00pm for Christmas Carols and a Nativity play. There will be LIVE animals, BBQ food and drinks available for purchase, and a possible visit from Santa (if he's not too busy!) Entry via Frontier Avenue carpark. **For further details email:** marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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. **For updates and to follow the journey see:** 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.**

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO - 23 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - 29 DECEMBER: The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite family and youth (age 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday, 29 December 2018 at 3:00pm. Join us also for pizza at 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. RSVP to Sr. Paula by 27 December via vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

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

Tickets via: www.brandenburg.com.au/

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

'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. Please see flyer on Church noticeboard.

GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE: This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held 26-31 May 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0478 599 241. **For more information visit:** www.griefftograce.org

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

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How then, may we pray and reflect throughout Advent? One way is to take time each day to pray and reflect on the Advent Mass readings. Another way, for those of us who have access to the internet, is to use sites that help us to journey through Advent.

There are a number of sites, two are listed below:

Sacred Space - Your Daily Prayer Online:

This is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits

<https://www.sacredspace.ie>

Advent Resource - Whispers of God - Sunday Readings:

A ministry of the Columban Mission Institute, Sydney

<https://www.columban.org.au>

Let us pray for one another and for our world during this time of Advent as we remember the first coming of Jesus the Christ and look forward, in hope, to his second coming.

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 4th 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.