

# 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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**15 & 16 December 2018**  
**3rd 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, Brigette Helard

### **Anniversaries:**

Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros & Annie Boutros, Dante & Serafina Letta, John Lane, Rosie Watts, Alberto Ramundi

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Mother Maria Nguyen, Hanna & Majed Families, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Leah, Sononefa & Keletaona Families, Doris Kikanoi, James Phillip Tattam & Family, Victor D. Mitchell & Family, Alfred Xuereb, Albert Vella, Tony & Fadala Aflak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Carmen Theuma, 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C



#### 1ST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ISAIAH 12:2-6

**Response:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among  
you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;  
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your  
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very  
near. There is no need to worry; but if there is  
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we can understand, will  
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ISAIAH 61:1 (LUKE 4:18)

##### Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

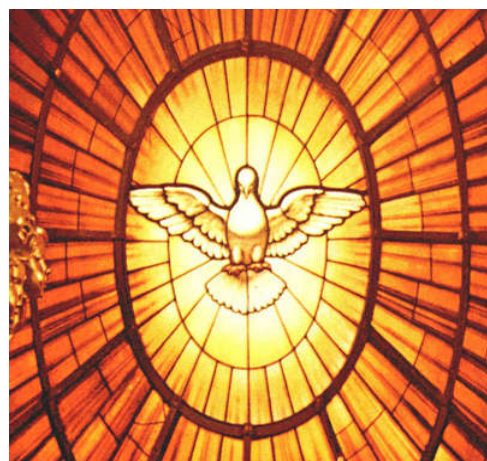
#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?'  
he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share  
with the man who has none, and the one with  
something to eat must do the same.' There were tax  
collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to  
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them,  
'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked  
him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'  
He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion!  
Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,  
who were beginning to think that John might be the  
Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you  
with water, but someone is coming, someone who is  
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the  
strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to  
clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into  
his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will  
never go out.' As well as this, there were many other  
things he said to exhort the people and to announce  
the Good News to them.

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



**He will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire.**

***How do I live my baptism  
each day?***

## PARISH NOTICES

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

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, during the 10:00am Mass, except during school holidays or when otherwise advised.

**CUPPA IN THE HALL:** Will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:00am Mass.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH GUILDFORD

### 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

**THANK YOU FOR SHOWING THE COMPASSIONATE FACE OF CHRIST TO HOMELESS YOUNG MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS:** Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and Houses to Homes thank you for supporting the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Thanks to your kind-hearted generosity, Houses to Homes can provide more homeless mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills programs they desperately need. Please pray for the wellbeing of all mothers and children in Houses to Homes' care. **If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit:** [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**ST. PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP:** St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10:00am–3:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. **For more information visit:** <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH GRANVILLE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER:** Join us for a Solemn evening of carols and readings of sacred scripture as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord. Friday, 21 December from 8:00pm. Holy Trinity Church – corner Randle Street and Bennalong Street, Granville.

**CHRISTMAS AT ST. FINBARS, GLENBROOK - SUNDAY, 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.**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" **To make a submission or to find out more visit:** <https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

**CONCERT AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA - MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER:** Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert.  
**Tickets via:** [www.brandenburg.com.au/](http://www.brandenburg.com.au/)  
**More details at:** <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

**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.

**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)

### ADVENT REFLECTION

*One way of really enriching our Advent journey is to keep in mind the three comings of Jesus, and how they relate to one another.*

Jesus was born into our history - at a fixed point in time in the past. Jesus come to us now, in a whole variety of ways. Jesus promised that he will come again in glory, at the end of time.

Blessed be he who in his love stooped to redeem mankind!

Blessed be the King who made himself poor to enrich the needy!

Blessed be he who came to fulfil

.....the types and emblems of the prophets!

Blessed be he who made creation rejoice

.....with the wealth and treasure of his father!

Blessed be he whose glory the dumb sang with hosannas!

Blessed be he to whom little children sang new glory

.....in hymns of praise!

Blessed be the new King who came

...that new-born babes might glorify him!

Blessed be he unto whom children brought faltering songs

.....to praise him among his disciples!

St. Ephraem the Syrian, 306-373

## ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

**Hello everyone!** St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club will be closed from 10 December and resumes on 4 February. We wish you all a merry and holy Christmas and happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.