

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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**6 & 7 April 2019
5th Sunday of Lent - 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.

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:



Maria Vinh Thi Nguyen (Aunty of Bishop Vincent Long), Nora Thackerey, Yvette Ikafolau, Emilio Tokotuu, Marie Pierre Uai, Edgar Montclar, Maree Belcher, Natalie Hood-Bourke, Yvonne Wisbey, Doumit Hanna Nakhoul

Anniversaries:

Ferruccio Palombit, Maureen Therese Oliver, Vincent Gabriel Keogh, Amelia D'Silva, Habib, Bassame, Najah, Nadia & Katia Al Khouri, Ceferina Guerzon Sison, Ida Dialoisio, Eric Dunn, Doris Borg, Rita & Dominic Gonsalves, Debbie Abrahams, Medardo Tungul Senior

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Jakeb & Salwa Nasim, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Michael & Paul Grima, Emilia Apap, John Canjuga, Franciska Jakubin, Alfred Xuereb, Members of Muscat Family, Fadalal & Tony Aflak, Joseph Gittany, Edward Frois, Jane & Ann Matheus & Families, Vincent Johnsos & Family, Adolph, Fluri & Ida & Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125

Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

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 3:8-14

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOEL 2:12-13

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ?

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ?

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Woman,
has no one
condemned you?'**

'No one, Lord.'

**'Neither shall I
condemn you.'**

**From now on,
sin no more.'**

PARISH NOTICES

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING: The next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 10 April at 6:30pm** in the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11 April at 6:00pm** in the Parish Office.

PALM SUNDAY – 14 APRIL: We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 19 APRIL: We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in **“The Way of the Cross”** held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet behind the Church in the school grounds by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: On the Thursdays of Lent, we will get together in the Parish Office to reflect on the themes of Lent through the Sunday gospels for Year C. Two one-hour sessions will be offered each Thursday, at 10:00am and 7:00pm (a repeat of the 10:00am session). The sessions will be led by myself, Sister Helen, Julie Gorman and Deacon Richard Mulheron, taking each session in turns. In previous years, we have relied on set programmes from other dioceses. Last year, we wrote our own programme which we felt was relatively successful. So, again this year, we're leading the sessions ourselves and creating our own reflections. Please consider attending these sessions as part of your Lenten discipline. This does not have to be hard or a sacrifice. There are various forms of “penance” we can do. Everybody is welcome.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

THE EASTER TRIDUUM: The Easter Triduum takes its meaning from the Latin word for three. The Easter Triduum celebrates three events in the life of Jesus - the Last Supper, Jesus dying on the cross and his rising from the dead. These events are not separated - they form one long day. The Triduum opens with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes at Easter. It is good to take time to reflect on these events. There will be an opportunity to reflect together on the Triduum. **When: Tuesday, 16 April at 6:00pm [before the 7:30pm Mass]. Where: Parish Office.** This time of reflection together is a way of preparing us to enter more fully into the mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus. Let us continue to pray for one another as we enter into this holy time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Tuesday night following the 7:30pm Mass throughout Lent up to and including Tuesday, 16 April of Holy Week.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent, at the 10:00am Mass, the third of three Scrutinies will take place. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. [RCIA 128] The Scrutinies involve the whole community. We need to take seriously the profound love of God. The Scrutinies help us to become more sensitive to the barriers that keep this love from transforming and recreating life.

Let us pray with and for Lili as she journeys towards and prepares for her entry into our Catholic Community at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray also for Kayla, Vaiinupo and Ashlee who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are joining our Catholic Community at the Vigil.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ST. PATRICK'S ENROLMENTS: Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments have commenced. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:15am and 3:30pm from the school office or are available via the school website: www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au (enrol now).

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS: Parents of children going into High School in 2020 may need Fr. Peter Blayney to sign their enrolment forms. These forms can be signed after the following weekend Masses: **Saturday Vigil 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN); founded in 1947 by Fr. Werenfried van Straaten, and operating in Australia since 1965, **ACN is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians.** Raising \$200 million annually, ACN supports around 5,300 projects each year in those places where **the Catholic community is unable to sustain itself.** Some of our **works** include the formation of seminarians, existence help for religious, Mass offerings for poor priests, training of catechists, construction and reconstruction of churches, transport for pastoral care and media support for the propagation of the faith. We are seeking to grow awareness of (a) our **brothers and sisters** who suffer for their Catholic faith and (b) the mandate of ACN as a **spiritual and pastoral charity** which shares their stories, prays for them and supports them. In 2011 ACN was raised to the level of a **Pontifical Foundation** as a result of the Church's desire to demonstrate increased solicitude for those who suffer out of their love of Christ. **The work of ACN is not directed or funded by Church or State,** but from the private offerings of 360,000 Catholics via our 23 global offices (of which Australia is one).

EASTER 2019

Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta - Wednesday, 17 April at 7:30pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 18 April

(No 9:15am Morning Mass)

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday, 19 April

10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7:30pm Vigil at the Tomb
10:00pm Good Friday Night Walk to
St. Patrick's Cathedral



Holy Saturday, 20 April

6:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 21 April

8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 13 April

9:30am-10:15am
5:00pm-5:45pm

Wednesday, 17 April

5:00pm-6:30pm



PLEASE NOTE: No Mass or Communion Service
on Tuesday, 23 April or Wednesday, 24 April.

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 NOTICES

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION - 14 APRIL: The
annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process
with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to
St. Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass
and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm.
Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE - 15 APRIL: The Office of
Tenebrae 2019 is part of Holy Week celebrations with
a reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting
and motets. Tenebrae will be held at St. Patrick's
Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm on 15 April 2019 and
will be led by Bishop Vincent Long.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK - 19 APRIL: Join over
1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from
10:00pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection'
from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish,
through five parishes to St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. **More
details at:** parracatholic.org/cyp

**BACH AT ST. FINBAR'S ON GOOD FRIDAY -
19 APRIL:** The traditional candlelight Good Friday
service from 7:30pm at St. Finbar's, Glenbrook will be
a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Featuring the
music of JS Bach and sacred readings, the Blue
Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City
Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as
well as perform several Bach works on the organ.
RSVP to Judy on 4754.1780.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
Sacramental Coordinator - Glenwood-Stanhope
Gardens Parish
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western
Sydney and the Blue Mountains
More details at: ccss.org.au

ANNUAL SEMINAR - MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Each year CatholicCare
Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic
Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on
Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The
evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining
a greater understanding of the Annulment Process.
Date: Tuesday, 7 May. **Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm. **Venue:**
St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta
(on-site parking via Victoria Road). **No
charge.** Donations welcome. **Registration
Essential:** Telephone: 8843.2575 or Email:
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION - 28 APRIL: Divine Mer-
cy Sunday Devotions will be held at St. Nicholas of
Myra Parish, Penrith. Starts at 2:30pm on 28 April and
includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image; Chaplet
of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross; Homily and
Benediction; Reconciliation until 4:00pm; After-
noon tea 4:15pm-5:15pm; Divine Mercy Mass at
6:00pm.