

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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27 & 28 April 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter - 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:

Miguel Calpito Sison, Shirley Mackay, Mary Khoury, Maria Vinh Thi Nguyen (Aunty of Bishop Vincent Long), Nora Thackerey, Yvette Ikafolau, Emilio Tokotuu, Marie Pierre Uai, Edgar Montclar

Anniversaries:

George Mansour, Julie Cutcliffe, Ante Cindric, Marko Radovnikovic, Annie Josephine Badcock, Max Lane, Joan Turner, Ferruccio Palombit, Maureen Therese Oliver, Vincent Gabriel Keogh, Amelia D'Silva

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Therese Safadi, Maria, Stiv & Ilonka Demerac, Hanna & Majed Families, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros & Annie Boutros, Gusa Biggerstaff, Joe & Yvonne Saleh, Jozefina, Simo & Dina, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck & Family, Jakeb & Salwa Nasim, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlailaty, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4, 22-27

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R.**

2ND READING: REVELATION 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING: The next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8 May at 6:30pm** in the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER: The new roster is due to begin on Trinity Sunday (16 June 2019) and concludes on Sunday, 29 September 2019. If you are unavailable for any of these dates, please let the Parish Office know by Friday, 17 May 2019, by email (admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au) or telephone (9632.2672), the dates you **will not be available to minister at our Sunday Masses** 6:00pm (Saturday), 8:00am and 10:00am. Thank you ~ **Sr. Helen**

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2019): Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,705.00.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish for their kindness and prayers we received on the loss of our daughter, Natalie and sister to Vicki, Joanne, Andrew and Damian. It was a great comfort. God's blessings to all.

~ **Frank and Judith Bourke**

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or sharepack envelopes during Lent, would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

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**. Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

LEGION OF MARY — PARISH VISITATION: Anyone who would like the Legion to call on them or if you know of anyone you think might appreciate a visit by our Legion Ladies, please call Tina on 0432 043 365 or the Parish Office on 9632.2672.

LEGION OF MARY: If you would like the Rosary statue in your home, please call Tina on 0432 043 365 or the Parish Office on 9632 2672.

PARISH OUTREACH TO THE ELDERLY AND SICK: I am sure we all know some parishioners who, through no fault of their own, can no longer get to Mass to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. It may be that they are ill, or it may be that they are older parishioners and cannot get around as well as they used to. If you know of any people that can no longer get to the sacraments, could you please notify Father and he will arrange for an Acolyte or a Minister of Holy Communion to visit once a week and bring Holy Communion to them. In so doing, we can keep the parishioners within the reach of the parish and also make sure that, should the occasion arise, we can arrange for them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

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

RAISING LAZARUS RETREAT DAY - 7 MAY: The Marist Association of St. Marcellin Champagnat and the Institute for Mission present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr. Bonnie Thurston on *Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living and Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life*. Held at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 10:00am to 2:00pm. BYO Lunch. **To register, please contact:** mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

EXPLORING LAUDATO SI - 24 MAY: CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend a presentation by Sr. Valda Dickenson RSM that explores aspects of Pope Francis' Letter on Our Common Home – *Laudato Si*. Held on Friday, 24 May at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please register with Maree on 8838.3486 and BYO lunch.

JOIN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR: St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit stpatscathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION - 11 MAY: The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. For further information, visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION AT GREYSTANES

- **28 APRIL:** The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Commencing at 3.00pm and includes: Chaplet; Confessions; Benediction and Mass. Fellowship will follow at the conclusion of Mass. Bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

INTERFAITH RELATIONS AFTER CHRISTCHURCH

- **10 MAY:** CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev. Dr. Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday, 10 May, 10:00am-12 Noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 8838.3486 and bring your lunch.

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.

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB: Are you interested in Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Ski Trips? Apply for Membership with the CBC via website www.cbcnsw.org.au or contact Adriana on 0422 688 332.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP - 25TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. **Cost:** \$3,575.00-\$4,390.00 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685.00 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr. Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr. Annie Bond rsj on 8912.4818.

ROD DREHER TALK - 18 MAY: Campion College Australia will host bestselling author of *The Benedict Option* Rod Dreher in Australia for the first time. He will speak about his revolutionary book and the issues facing Christianity in today's world at St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall in Parramatta on 18 May from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. **RSVP by 10 May to foundation@campion.edu.au.**

PREPARE TO REACH BEYOND: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!** **Come for Global Mission Info:** Sunday, 26 May at 10:30am, Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, Sydney.

1 MILLION ROSARIES - 3-5 May: The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

OZ ROSARY - 24-26 MAY: Oz is happening again! 24-26 May. On the weekend of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Pray for Australia and its protection. This year we are praying in particular also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of our church, our Cardinals, Bishops and Priests. **To register:** [facebook.com/OZROSARY53](https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53) or ozrosary53@gmail.com or contact Jane on 0476 535 595.



'My Lord and my God!'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** is for anyone over **55**. We have been functioning for 40 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 on 9721.1875 or Trips Officer Jim Newell on 9632.5049.