

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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1 & 2 June 2019

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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 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:

Sister Joan Harrison RSJ, Rosa Modina, Felice Sposari, Barry Avery, Mary Butler, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Fr. John Pearce CP (grew up in Guildford), Marie Williams, Ivan Gavranovic (Brother of Fr. Zvonimir Gavranovic), Monica De Mello (Mother-in-Law of Deacon Roque Dias), Atelea Kaihea, Feleti Kaihea, Josephine Nakhoul

Anniversaries:

Santan Baptista, Anna Maria D'Souza, Tuoi Tai Hong, Frane & Marija Marcic, Marta & Miyo Buntic, Leaha Falakiko Keletaona, Serafina & Dante Letta, Francis Lobo, Stanley Fernandes, Louiza Maria D'Souza, Belinda Avagliano, Robert D'Souza, Rita & Annie Gonsalves, Zeljko Trogric

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Majed & Hanna Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Alma Azar & Deceased Family Members, Nayef El Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, Antonios & Leila Amine, Nabil & Bahie Maroun, All those who have passed away in Australia and Lebanon, Mary Saule & Family, Marie & Elizabeth Carroll & Families, Josep Moore & Family, Ellen & Marjorie Grew & Families, Giuseppe Vespa, Antonia Vespa, Rose Mancini, Edgar Montclar, Fahed & Hasna Zakka, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
 cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
 great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,
 sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God is king over the nations;
 God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich

glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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



**You will receive
 power when the
 Holy Spirit
 comes on you,
 and you will be
 my witnesses...
 not only in
 Jerusalem but
 indeed to the
 ends of the earth.**

PARISH NOTICES

HOLROYD COMBINED CHURCHES' PENTECOST SERVICE will be held at St. Patrick's, Guildford, on **Sunday, 16 June at 6:00pm**. The Holroyd Christian Ministers' Fellowship, of which I am the President, and Sister Helen a member, celebrates major feasts of the Christian year in various churches throughout our district. This is the first year our church has been available to host such a service. All parishioners are invited to join the congregations of our other Christian churches as we all remember and celebrate the wonderful event of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early Church's missionary endeavour. The liturgy will not be a Mass but a Service of the Word in prayer and song. As host church, we shall offer hospitality in the parish hall after the service. Please bring a plate for a light supper. I would be delighted if as many parishioners as possible can attend. "For us as Christians, walking together is not a ploy to strengthen our own positions, but an act of obedience to the Lord and love for our world. Let us ask the Father to help us walk together all the more resolutely in the ways of the Spirit. Whenever we say 'Our Father', we feel an echo within us of our being sons and daughters, but also of our being brothers and sisters. Prayer is the oxygen of ecumenism," (Pope Francis, World Council of Churches, Geneva, 21st June 2019).

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, 9 JUNE:

At our Masses the Intercessions are prayed in different languages. Most prayers have come into the Office to be put into the computer for each Mass. However, there are some which, hopefully, are still on their way. Please put the English prayer you will be praying with your translation in a Word document attached to the email. They need to be emailed to the Office by Wednesday morning so they can be transferred to the Church computer. Thank you.

~ Sr. Helen Cunningham OP

PENTECOST REFLECTION GROUPS will be held on Thursdays, 6, 13 and 20 June 2019 in the Parish Office at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The leaders are Sister Helen Cunningham OP, Deacon Richard Mulheron and Mrs. Julie Gorman. The format will be something like that of the Lenten Groups which were well-attended and of great interest. Given that Pentecost is such a significant time in the liturgical calendar, we felt it timely to provide an opportunity for deeper reflection. All welcome! ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING: The next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12 June at 6:30pm**. We will be watching a film *Human Flow* which is a documentary film about the current global refugee crisis. In the film the viewer is taken to over 20 countries to help us understand both the scale and the personal impact of this massive human migration.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 13 June at 6:00pm** in the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERDS APPEAL – 1-2 JUNE: When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA thanks St. Patrick's Guildford for hosting the Pilgrims' Walk from here to our Cathedral on Good Friday night. A framed photograph of the event has been placed in Our Lady's shrine.

REQUIEM MASS: A Requiem Mass for Felice Sposari will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 4 June at 10:30am**. All welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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

REST AND INSPIRATION FOR THE JOURNEY RETREAT DAY - 8 JUNE: Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection present a Pentecost Retreat Day on Saturday, 8 June from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Mt. Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share. **Registrations are essential by 4 June with indicated dietary needs.** Register at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/42849>, call Sr Louise McKeogh 8838.3460 or lmckeogh@parracatholic.org.

EMMAUS PRAYER COMMUNITY PENTECOST CELEBRATION - 9 JUNE: Join us at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. We will be praying that this Pentecost will be a time for the Holy Spirit to fill us with hope and trust and power in the face of the challenges facing our Church and our world. We start with prayer and praise at 11:30am followed by concelebrated Mass at 12 Midday with Fr. Tony Alex MGL. Fr. Tony will be reflecting on the command of Jesus: "He instructed them that they take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belt." (Mark 6:8). After a BBQ lunch there will be teaching, adoration, Benediction and prayer for healing until 5:30pm. For enquiries, please contact Barbara Stenning on 0413 055 511 or mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL, PERTH - 7-11 DECEMBER 2019: ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. **For more information and to register visit:** www.catholicyouthparramatta.org.

SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM: Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the legal system, which can benefit those experiencing a marital breakdown. **Topics Addressed:** How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with lawyers to minimise your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and estates. **Date:** Tuesday, 4 June. **Venue:** 13 Buller Street, North Parramatta. **Time:** 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start to 9:00pm. **Cost:** \$10.00. **Registration Essential** via telephone 8843.2530 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant - Office for Worship
Fundraising Campaigns Executive - The Catholic Foundation
Parish Coordinator of Ministries (Part-Time) - Parish of Richmond
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY TRIDUUM - 11-13 JUNE:

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is hosting a Triduum in honour of St. Anthony of Padua between 11 and 13 June. There will be Mass, Novena and Fellowship from 7:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be Mass and all-day veneration from 9:30am and Mass, Novena and a procession with the Relic of St. Anthony from 7:00pm. For enquiries, contact the Parish Office on 9631.3316.

40 HOURS WITH THE LORD JESUS IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" – Matthew 26:40.

Event Schedule:

Friday, 21 June: 10:00am to 12 Midnight - 1st day of Vigil, St. Margaret Mary's, 5 Chetwynd Road, Merrylands.

Saturday, 22 June: 1:00am to 12 Midnight - 2nd day of Vigil, St. Margaret Mary's, 5 Chetwynd Road, Merrylands.

Sunday, 23 June: 1:00am to 7:00am - 3rd Day of Vigil, St. Margaret Mary's, 5 Chetwynd Road, Merrylands.

Sunday, 23 June: 2:00pm - Feast of Corpus Christi procession. Fellowship at 4:30pm, St. Margaret Mary's, Merrylands.

Enquiries: Annie on telephone 0414 652 479 or email divinemercyteam3@hotmail.com

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - 20-22 JUNE

2019: Venue: Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Avenue, Fairfield. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – what women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2019?
Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com
Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com
Phone: 1300 734 880

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.