Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act Like Jesus

11 & 12 May 2019 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

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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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	
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7:30pm 9:15am 9:15am 9:15am 9:00am

Confessions:

Saturday: 9:30am to 10:15am 5:00pm to 5:45pm

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.**







Recently Deceased:

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, Jocelyne Siaga Manukula, Gill Alves, Miguel Calpito Sison

Anniversaries:

Robert D'Souza, Rita & Annie Gonsalves, Zeljko Trogrlic, John D'Souza, George Mansour, Julie Cutcliffe, Ante Cindric, Marko Radovnikovic, Annie Josephine Badcock

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Majed & Hanna Families, Fahed & Hasna Zakka, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Michael Grima & Haber Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Papiola Pooi Family, Tchong Ninda, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Remaili, Anthonio Meco, Alves & Moniz Families, Remaili & Wager Families, Rique A. Amakal, Abau Alves, Fernando dos Reis, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Therese Safadi, Maria, Stiv & Ilonka Demerac, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros & Annie Boutros, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



1ST READING: ACTS 13:14, 43-52 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,

so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

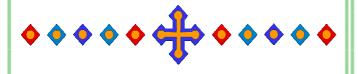
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 99:1-3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**.



2ND READING: REVELATION 7:9, 14-17 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than

anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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



I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and mine know me.

> No one will ever steal them from me.

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PARISH NOTICES

JEAN VANIER (1928-2019): Jean Vanier, who died on 7 May in Paris, was the founder of L'Arche in 1963. L'Arche (The Ark) is a community for people with and without intellectual disabilities. Jean's approach to being in solidarity with the poor is summed up in his statement: "The most important thing is not to do things for people who are poor and in distress, but to enter into relationship with them, to be with them and help them find confidence in themselves and discover their own gifts." Today L'Arche has 154 communities in 38 countries, including Australia. There are 3 houses in Sydney: Merrylands, Burwood and Campsie. His deepest desire was to follow Jesus, from whom he received his inspiration and support, and to live the gospel radically and faithfully. Having given up the search for impact and status, he encountered people with intellectual disabilities, and discovered a fullness of life and joy in the littleness of daily life with them. "I strongly believe that God is hidden in the heart of the smallest of all, in the weakest of all, and if we commit ourselves to him, we open a new world." May he rest in peace.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

ACCESS TO AND FROM SCHOOL CAR PARK: From now on access through the gate to and from the school car park directly to the church will no longer be available for the 6:00pm Vigil Mass only. The reason is that adequate lighting cannot be put in and that within a few months, access will be totally blocked day and night due to the next stage of the school building programme. Therefore, may I suggest that you park towards the end of the school car park (western end) and walk around to the church via Calliope Street.

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

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.

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 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

BISHOP VINCENT'S FEDERAL ELECTION PASTORAL STATEMENT: Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election that will be held on Saturday, 18 May. **The pastoral statement can be found at:** parracatholic.org/election2019

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 12 MAY: Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and seminary life in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations.

WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS - 12 MAY: Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

SRI LANKAN MEMORIAL MASS - 19 MAY: The Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in the recent Sri Lankan terrorist attacks targeting Catholic Churches and hotels. This Mass will be celebrated at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith on Sunday, 19 May at 10:00am.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

ST. PHILOMENA MASS AND DEVOTIONS -25 MAY: Mass and Devotions for St. Philomena will be held on Saturday, 25 May at St. John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12 Midday. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples – 0423 154 463 or epeoples9@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC MISSION - AMBASSADOR EVENING -28 JUNE 2019: Sr. Stan Therese Mumuni is the founding director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children based in Sang, Ghana. Her work involves rescuing and caring for orphaned and abandoned children with disabilities who are vulnerable as they face rejection, and the very real possibility of being harmed. This year Catholic Mission will be sharing about Sr. Stan's work in parishes across Australia. You are invited to meet Sr. Stan and hear about her life-saving work. Find out how you can help her and support and celebrate the work of missionaries like Sr. Stan here and overseas by becoming a Catholic Mission Volunteer Ambassador. Special Guest: Sr. Stan Therese Mumuni. Date: Friday, 28 June 2019. Time: 7:00pm start with dinner. Place: Catholic Mission National Office, 19 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. RSVP: rvukovich@catholicmission.org.au or call Roza on 0415 075 878.

THE MALTESE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES: Invites you to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of The Maltese Uprising of Seventh June 1919 known as "Sette Giugno" at the Maltese Bicentennial Monument Civic Park, Pendle Hill on Sunday, 2 June at 11:00am. All welcome. For more information contact Emanuel Camilleri on 9822.0228.

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 or ozrosary53@gmail.com or contact Jane on 0476 535 595. PALMS INFORMATION SESSION - 26 MAY -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 or www.palms.org.au for more information.

HOLROYD NEW LIFE CHURCH - BUSH DANCE -18 MAY: Join Holroyd New Life Church for a bush dance on Saturday, 18 May at 6:30pm at Greystanes Community Centre, 734 Merrylands Road, Greystanes. \$10.00 per person (maximum \$30.00 per family) including light refreshments. All profits go to Sparrows Nest Orphanage in Mozambique. RSVP Sunday, 12 May on telephone 9896.2514 or newlife@hnlc.org.au.

ANNUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2019: At Mt. Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa - 10:30am Holy Mass, 2:00pm Eucharistic procession from the valley to the Shrine with Benediction. Hot food stalls available or BYO lunch. **Enguiries:** (02) 4773.8338.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to: https://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au or contact us at: bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org.

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.