

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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17 & 18 August 2019
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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:

Des Golds, Erlinda M. Datu, Frances Zammit, Theresa Fuchs, Latu Fatu, Youmna Daaboul, Joseph Tannous

Anniversaries:

Mary Jane Axiak, Tina Conti, Terry Golds, Dominic F. Gonsalves, John Mathew Gonsalves, Simon Hoang, Semaan & Bahos Azar and Deceased Family Members, Margaret Lane, Rex Lane, Nicola Matrippolito, Julia Georges, Antoun Azar & Deceased Family Members, Concetta Saffioti, Alfred Xuereb, Angelo Palombit, Therese Safadi & Safadi Family, Clare McMahon

Deceased:

Yamine Family, Youssef Melhem Senior and Family, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Benny Thomas, Susan Dhann, David, Edgar Montclar, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Remaili, Hanna & Majed Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Muscat & Xuereb Family Members, Frank Gauchi, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 39:2-4, 18

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them,
and they follow me.**

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FROM MICHAEL TAN: I would like to extend my thanks and deepest appreciation for the warm welcome extended to me by both Fr. Peter and other parishioners since my arrival in the Parish as part of my formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Parramatta Diocese. I look forward to working with Fr. Peter, the various Parish Groups, and other parishioners in the months ahead as we continue our journey into becoming the parish that God is calling us to be in today's world. Blessings to all! ~ **Michael**

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY: A representative of Catholic Youth Parramatta will join us for the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 25 August and will meet after Mass in the Parish Office with those young people who have already indicated an interest in forming a Youth Ministry

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY: The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000.00 each year through this appeal. Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000.00 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. **This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of 31 August - 1 September.** Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend. If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via EFT to BSB 067-950 and Account No. 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

PARISH ASSEMBLY: This will take place on **Sunday, 8 September at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.** This assembly will last no longer than one and a half to two hours. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss present and future planning issues. A member of the Finance Committee and representatives of various ministries in the parish will present a brief sharing about their ministries and how they are relevant to our parish life. All are welcome. A cuppa will be available before the meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: A special welcome to our young parishioners who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Let us pray for them, their families and our parish as we continue our journey through life with Jesus.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NO. 69: Would the parishioner who has Planned Giving Envelope No. 69 please contact the Parish Office on 9632.2672.

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 ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS: The 1st Sunday of each month will be held at the community garden and the 3rd Sunday of each month will be held at the hall.

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

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA CONVENT CRAWL - 7 SEPTEMBER: Catholic Youth Parramatta are organising a 'Convent Crawl' – an opportunity for young women to experience a day-long journey glimpsing the life of consecrated women. Join CYP as they visit four religious communities across the Diocese of Parramatta. 7 September from 6:00am to 8:30pm.

To register, please visit:

parracatholic.org/conventcrawl

For inquiries, please contact:

qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

2019 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR - 30 AUGUST: American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday, 30 August at St. Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7:30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 8838.3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING ONGOING FORMATION - 14 SEPTEMBER:

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday, 14 September at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2:00pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on telephone 8838.3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

STAND FOR LIFE RALLY AGAINST PROPOSED ABORTION LAWS:

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, 20 August.

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

Date: Tuesday, 20 August.

Where: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side).

Time: 6:00pm until 9:00pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament).

Under this Bill:

Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy; Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortion attempts were defeated; There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability; Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life.

This Bill was ambushed in Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash.

This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill.

A Facebook event group has also been set up:
<https://business.facebook.com/events/362100514466868/>

The event is being supported by the Archdiocese of Sydney, a number of Maronite organisations and Right to Life NSW.

PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAININGS SESSIONS DISCERNMENT PHASE 2: These sessions will explain how our Diocese is seeking to "Go out into the Deep", with Bishop Vincent Long inviting us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Monday, 19 August - Parramatta Cathedral Hall (1 Marist Place, Parramatta) – 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Thursday, 22 August - Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown) – 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, 28 August - Institute for Mission (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown) -10:30am to 1:30pm

Saturday, 31 August - Emu Plains Parish Hall (15 Troy Street, Emu Plains) – 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Saturday, 7 September – St. Thomas Aquinas School Hall, Springwood (168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood) – 9:00am to 12 Noon

** Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Tanya at tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org ASAP with your preferred session, date and time.

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN - SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER - 9:30AM TO 3:00PM: Theme:

"Give me the living water, that I may never thirst again." Jn4:15. **Speaker:** Sr. M. Isabell Naumann. **Cost:** \$25.00 / BYO Lunch, tea and coffee provided. Please register by calling 4773.8338 or by emailing: info@schoenstatt.org.au.

DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION: How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to build local capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how Blue Mountains couple **Lukas and Kristina** increased and expanded services for people with disabilities in Dili, Timor Leste, and how **sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery.** Qualified medics, teachers, trades, business and admins are always required. **Palms Meet and Greet:** Sunday, 1 September at 10:30am, The Heritage Terrace Café, Westfield, 585 High Street, Penrith; www.palms.org.au.

OLMC PARRAMATTA 50 YEAR REUNION - 21 SEPTEMBER:

Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or attend any year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969, or your SC in 1967? It's OK if you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion! **Contact Jennifer Newton:** Email fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019).

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.