

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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24 & 25 August 2019
21st 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:

Esther & Peggy Lee, Marie Brettell, Erlinda M. Datu, Des Golds, Frances Zammit, Theresa Fuchs, Latu Fatu, Youmna Daaboul, Joseph Tannous

Anniversaries:

John Ho Van Hoang, Tito Mancini, 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 Mastrippolito, Julia Georges, Antoun Azar & Deceased Family Members, Concetta Saffioti, Alfred Xuereb

Deceased:

Gabriel Naggar, Joseph Naggar, Yammine 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 116

Response: Go out to all the world;
and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

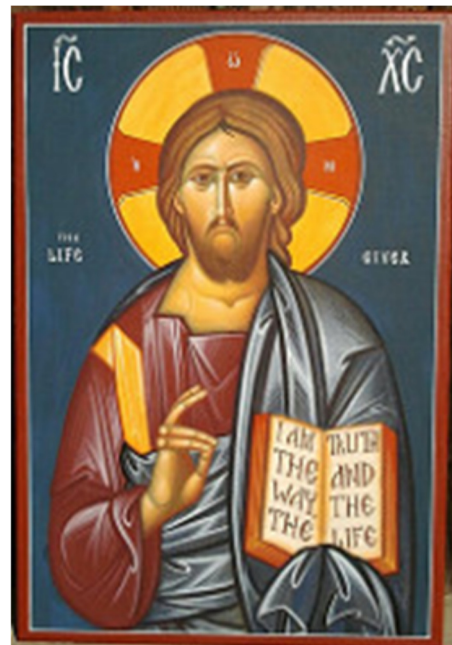
'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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the life, says the Lord,
no one comes to the Father,
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PARISH NOTICES

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK: There will be no Mass or Communion Service at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 27 August as I will be attending the Holroyd Combined Churches Community Prayer Dinner. There will be no 9:15am Mass on Friday, 30 August or 9:00am Mass on Saturday, 31 August as I am away for chaplaincy duties with the Catholic Bushwalking Club. There will be the Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass (Communion Service) on both days. There will be Eucharistic Adoration as usual on Saturday morning but there will be no Confessions on Saturday morning.

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**

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. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of 31 August – 1 September. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes are available this 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.

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.

SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2019 IS WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Max L. Davis AM DD, has written: "In the Holy Father's Message for our observance of the World Day of Migrant and Refugees 2019, Pope Francis challenges us to reflect deeply on our deep spiritual relationship with all involved in this pilgrimage. He constantly says "it is not just about migrants" to urge us to see that it really is about all of us in our own journey of spiritual fulfilment to be God's people. In so many ways migration and seeking refuge are a common and engaging experiences that all of us share. It is in comparing our own attitudes and reactions to others experiencing that journey that we can be enlightened about our own progress in our response to God's call to intimacy with Him. If we accept that the Lord Jesus continues to enliven us with the values of His Good News then we can more realistically assess how genuinely we accept those values and apply them in our own journey by examining our own attitudes, reactions and actions to migrants and refugees. In other words, we can judge our own progress by assessing how we judge those who are migrants or seeking refuge in our midst".

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.

CUPPA, GARDENING AND EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION: There will be no cuppa, gardening or Eucharistic Adoration after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 1 September 2019.

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

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.

GO OUT INTO THE DEEP - BECOMING THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS US TO BE:

"Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep." That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday, 13 July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process. View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.



**MESSAGE FROM MOST REVEREND VINCENT
LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV DD STL**

BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA

21 August 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The case involving Cardinal Pell on historic child sexual abuse crimes has again dominated the media and public discourse following the appeal decision that was handed down today.

We respect that decision and the process of law.

We know that for some, this case has reopened existing wounds and past traumas. I want to reiterate our support to the victims of abuse and to all those who are hurting.

As the Bishop of Parramatta with responsibility for the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I remain absolutely committed to protecting children in our care from harm.

I am determined to enable survivors of abuse to have a voice and are responded to in a caring, practical, and meaningful way.

Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Parramatta have support mechanisms in place to help those in need.

At a parish level, I would encourage you to reach out to your parish priest for help.

At a diocesan level, we strongly encourage anyone who has been affected by abuse from within the Catholic Church to contact the Diocese of Parramatta via our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838.3419 or safeguarding@parracatholic.org.

Any concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

For more information about safeguarding support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta please contact the Child Protection Information Line on 1300 661 015.

Safeguarding information and support contacts are available on our safeguarding website at safeguarding.org.au.

During this period of continued crisis and deep darkness, as the Catholic Church, let us pray for the survivors of abuse, their families and all those affected.

May we all - as a community of disciples - accompany one another on the journey towards justice, healing and restoration of trust.

Yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**