

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Est. 1933

Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish Priest

Sr. Helen Cunningham OP

Pastoral Associate

32 Calliope Street

Guildford NSW 2161

Phone: 9632.2672

Email:

admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au

Website:

www.guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au



**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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr. Steven Jones

Phone: 8728.7300

Email:

stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au

Website:

www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

**7 & 8 September 2019
23rd 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:

Jean Breeze, Concettina Di Cecco, Antonio Borgese, Esther & Peggy Lee, Marie Brettell, Erlinda M. Datu, Des Golds, Frances Zammit

Anniversaries:

Amelia D'Silva, Aronne Borg, Georgette Harb, Graeme Mansour, Yvonne Coorey, Giuseppina Lizzi, 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

Deceased:

Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Tran & Nguyen Families, Michael Grima, Members of Haber Family, Giuseppe Vespa, Domenico Mancini, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Les Romero, Chris Grima, Paul Zahra, Hanna & Majed Families, Gabriel Naggar, Naggar, Yammine Family, Youssef Melhem Senior and Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C



1ST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

2ND READING: PHILEMON 1: 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Jesus says:
Anyone who
does not carry
their cross and
come after me
cannot be my
disciple.

PARISH NOTICES

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER: The new roster is due at the end of September. It will cover the period from October into December. If you are intending to be away during this period, **please let me know by Friday, 13 September**, 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*

LAUNCH OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE PARISH will formally take place on Sunday, 22 September from 12 Noon to 4:00pm in the parish hall. This decision was taken by the 16 young people who met last Sunday for an introductory meeting to plan future events. I am very grateful to those who attended and to those who volunteered to be youth leaders to guide the initial stages. I am also very grateful to Ms. Qwayne Guevara, Local Engagement Leader, Catholic Youth Parramatta, who is helping us over these next few months in establishing once again a youth ministry in the parish. All young people between the ages of 16 to 35 are welcome to participate. Parents and parishioners, please encourage your adolescents and young adults to be a part of an exciting new venture in the parish. Let us all pray for God's blessings on all young people of our parish.

~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

PARISH ASSEMBLY: Will take place this 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING: The next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 11 September at 6:30pm** in the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate. 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 we can send a receipt. Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2020. Thank you for your generosity.

REQUIEM MASS: A Requiem Mass for Concettina Di Cecco will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Thursday, 12 September 2019 at 10:15am**. All welcome to attend.

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

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.

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

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2019 - 8 SEPTEMBER: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GIFTS IN WILLS CAMPAIGN - WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

During Include A Charity Week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to your Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations.

For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - 27 OCTOBER:

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday, 27 October at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage and Family Office on 8838.3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to What the Spirit is Saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process.

Access the report at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

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.

GERMAN CATHEDRALS AND OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE 2020:

Fr. Chris Dixon is leading a pilgrimage titled "German Cathedral Pilgrimage and the Passion Play at Oberammergau" for 13 days leaving 25 August 2020 and returning 6 September 2020. For more information and further details, contact Fr. Chris at annangrove@hotmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY PRAYER SESSION

- 15 SEPTEMBER: St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, is hosting an intercessory prayers session on Sunday, 15 September from 3:00pm in the PMR1 Room. People of all backgrounds are welcome to unite as God's family and pray. For more information, please contact Steffi Sequeira on 0436 395 763 or steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com.

ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA FEAST DAY - 22 SEPTEMBER:

Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio at St. Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park on 22 September. The procession will start at 9:30am, followed by the feast day Mass, veneration and blessing by St. Padre Pio's Holy Relic and other festivities. A Triduum will precede the feast day from 19 to 21 September. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4737.9735.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAULKHAM HILLS GOLDEN JUBILEE - 12-13 OCTOBER:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Baulkham Hills South is celebrating its Golden Jubilee (1969-2019). Celebrations will commence with Mass at 6:00pm on 12 October, followed by a social gathering at 7:00pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass at 9:30am on 13 October with a luncheon to follow. For more information, or to assist, contact Louise in the Our Lady of Lourdes office on 9639.8385 or olol@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or speak to co-ordinator Bernie on bryall@joeys.org or 0419 925 404.

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019/20:

The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World,' ahead of Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Order the Statement online at bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. For further details about the Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call 8306.3499.

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.