

# 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**

## **St. Patrick's Primary School**

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**30 November & 1 December 2019**  
**1st Sunday of Advent - Year A**

## **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:**

Mary Ann Mercado, Anthony D'Silva, Tom Casey, Patricia Tierney, Erlinda M. Datu

### **Anniversaries:**

Tina Conti, Rosa Mancini, Dalzotto Family, Maria Guisa, Maria Terrisi, Carmen Desira

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Maria & Dominic, Mariana, Vicente, Adelina & Jaime, Deceased Members of the Palmano, Palombit, Skordilis & Di Michiel Families, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Emile & Evette Tayoun, Michael & Paul Grima, Emilia Apap, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Ivy Rice, Fadalah & Tony Aflak, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Maria Alves, Michael Remaili, 12 November Students in East Timor, Hanna & Majed Families, Saide & Joseph El Khoury, Suzanne Abou Sleiman, Nicholas & Laurice Remaili, Ada Sclosa, Alfred Xuereb, Members of the Xuereb & Muscat Families, Albert Vella, Ben Colecliffe, Nayef El-Khoury, Jriege Jlalaty, Holy Souls in Purgatory



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

**Response:** For you O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
 'Let us go to God's house.'  
 And now our feet are standing  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
 the tribes of the Lord.  
 For Israel's law it is,  
 there to praise the Lord's name.  
 There were set the thrones of judgement  
 of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
 'Peace be to your homes!  
 May peace reign in your walls,  
 in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends  
 I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
 For love of the house of the Lord  
 I will ask for your good. **R.**

### 2ND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light.

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
 and grant us your salvation.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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



**Jesus said to  
 his disciples  
 and says to us  
 today:**

**'Stay awake!'**

**Salvation is  
 near at hand.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**SUGGESTED CHANGES OF MASS TIMES:** Some parishioners have asked whether the Tuesday evening Mass could be moved forward from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. Sr. Helen and I are in favour of this change. However, we would like to hear your view on this possible change. If there is to be any change, it would not begin before January 2020. Also, some have asked whether changing the Saturday Vigil Mass time from 6:00pm to 5:30pm is possible. We have no objection to this but, again, would like to hear from you. A few years ago I canvassed this change to the Vigil Mass but since there was hardly any response for or against, the time remained at 6:00pm. You might want to be more forthcoming with your views this time please.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney & Sr. Helen Cunningham OP

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is this weekend at all Masses. Help people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES, WESTMEAD AND HOUSE OF WELCOME, EAST GRANVILLE:** Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is our opportunity to help others who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass on the Sundays of Advent and placing them in the baskets. Some examples of food items are: weet-bix, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, spaghetti, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. **Due to health regulations please NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.**

*"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you" (Luke 1:28).*

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN OUR PARISH:** On **Wednesday, 11 December**, our Parish School will be holding their Christmas Concert/Carols on the new green area between the Parish Office and the School Office. **Time: 6:00pm.** This event will be doubling as the Parish Christmas Carols and all parishioners are most welcome to attend. There will be a designated area for those wishing to sit on picnic blankets along with areas of actual seating. While there will be some chairs provided, it is advisable to bring your own chair if you wish to guarantee a seat. During the evening there will be an opportunity to support our Parish Charity, The Manning Foundation. Members of the Foundation will be present with collection boxes. Your donations will help support those in need within our parish area. It would be great to see members of our Parish community join with our School for this special event as we prepare to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## PARISH NOTICES

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER:** The new roster is due on Sunday, 5 January 2020. This roster will cover the period from Sunday, 5 January 2020 to Sunday, 23 February 2020. If you are intending to be away during this period, please let the Parish Office know by Monday, 9 December 2019, by email ([admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au](mailto: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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 5 December at 6:00pm** in the Parish Office.

**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 the month will be held at the community garden and the 3rd Sunday of the month will be held in 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 AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**BISHOP VINCENT PNG VISIT PUBLIC FORUM - 4 DECEMBER:** Bishop Vincent will speak on his recent visit to Papua New Guinea as part of a public forum organised by the Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Wednesday, 4 December 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start at The Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. **The event is free, but registration is essential via:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>.

**KELLYVILLE PARISH MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - 28 DECEMBER:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on Saturday, 28 December at 11:00am. Fr. David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available and please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 9629.2595.

**PASTORAL PLANNING ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP - 9 FEBRUARY 2020:** The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday, 9 February, 9:30am–4:30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. **To register, and for more information, please contact:** Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838.3497 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org).

**THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE:** The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on Thursday, 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. **Registration and details at:** [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage).

**ORDER OF MALTA ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS - 7 DECEMBER:** The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday, 7 December at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed. For more information, or if you need assistance, please contact 9331.8477, [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au) or [macolmi@bigpond.net.au](mailto:macolmi@bigpond.net.au).

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - 17 DECEMBER:** To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah* for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 17 December at 7:30pm. **For information and to purchase tickets, visit:** <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

**ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS:** St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St. Bernadette and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au).

**POSITION VACANT:**  
Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**BACH AKADEMIE AUSTRALIA CONCERT - 30 NOVEMBER:** Bach Akademie Australia will present its Cantatas for Christmas – Comfort and Joy, including Part 2 of the Christmas Oratorio and BWV 191 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 30 November at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the Box Office: 1300 785 377 or <https://cantatasforchristmas.floktu.com/>. Parishioners can access a 20% discount by using the code STP20. For more information please visit: [www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au](http://www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au) or call 1300 785 377.

**NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO:** The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian Chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu via the Parish Office on 9631.8135 or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA - SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER:** Warmly invites you and your family to join a special Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those we have lost during 2019 and in past years. With music performed by Artes Christi. **Where:** St. Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney. **Date:** Sunday, 15 December. **Time:** 7:30pm. [www.catholiccemeteries.com.au](http://www.catholiccemeteries.com.au).

## 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 Hall next to the Church every Monday at 10:00am, except for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.