

# 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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**7 & 8 December 2019**  
**2nd 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:**

John D'Silva, Mary Ann Mercado, Anthony D'Silva, Tom Casey, Patricia Tierney

### **Anniversaries:**

Fayez Khattar, Alberto Ramundi, Tina Conti, Rosa Mancini, Dalzotto Family, Maria Guisa, Maria Terrisi, Carmen Desira

### **Deceased:**

Joseph Antaki, Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, 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

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails:  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God.

And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## PARISH NOTICES

**CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE - 9-20 DECEMBER:** There will be no Mass or Communion Services on Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no Mass on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> in the mornings. There will be Communion Services on these mornings. We welcome and thank Fr. Joe Thomas for celebrating Masses on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Mass schedule will resume as usual from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9:00am. I'm taking the last eleven days of my annual leave.  
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**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

**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).

**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

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal last weekend. If you wish, you can donate to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

**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. **You need to bring your own chair (not of the four legged variety). Please see images below. The first two are correct. The last chair in red cannot be used on the artificial turf as it will damage it.** 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.



**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.

**MORNING TEA - SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER:** This will replace the normal 3rd Sunday Cuppa after the 10:00am Mass and will be held in the Hall. Therefore, we will not be having a cuppa on Sunday, 15 December after the 10:00am Mass.

## 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



**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**  
**GUILDFORD**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2019**

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24 December**

6:00pm Children's Vigil Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December**

8:00am and 10:00am

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS 2019**

Saturday 21 December  
9:30am-10:15am and  
5:00pm-5:45pm

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**NO WEEKDAY MASS, CONFESSIONS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BETWEEN THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER AND SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER.**

**NORMAL WEEKEND CONFESSIONS AND MASS TIMETABLE RESUMES AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER.**



**A voice cries  
in the  
wilderness:  
Prepare a way  
for the Lord.**

***How do I  
prepare a way  
for the Lord?***

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**POSITIONS VACANT:**

Facilities Maintenance Officer - Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 16 December  
Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**GLENBROOK PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT -**

**22 DECEMBER:** St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's tradition Christmas concert will be held on Sunday, 22 December at 7:30pm. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Entry via donations – families \$34.00 and individuals \$15.00. Bring family, friends and neighbours. For enquiries, please contact 4754.1780.

**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.

**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).

**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.