

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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**14 & 15 December 2019
3rd 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:

Alfred McNamara, John D'Silva, Regina (Bonny) Taylor, Mary Ann Mercado, Anthony D'Silva

Anniversaries:

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

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlaity, Joseph Antaki, Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Maria & Dominic, Mariana, Vicente, Adelina & Jaime, Deceased Members of the Palmano, Palombit, Skordilis & Di Michiel Families, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary, Holy Souls in Purgatory





LITURGY OF THE WORD

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:6-10

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

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ISAIAH 61:1

(LUKE 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'Courage!
Do not be
afraid.**

**'Look your
God is
coming,
he is
coming to
save you.'**

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S VIGIL MASS - CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All primary school aged children are invited to attend St. Patrick's Christmas Vigil Children's Mass [at 6:00pm](#) on Christmas Eve. Children will be seated on the floor at the front of the church, fully supervised by the Children's Liturgy teachers. At this Mass we will attempt to include as many children as possible in the ceremony. So that we are able to allocate jobs for the night we would ask you to text 0404 369 542 to let us know that your child(ren) is/are attending this Mass. Please indicate your child's age so that we know which jobs will be appropriate for them, e.g. reading, carrying candles, etc. **PLEASE NOTE: If your child is allocated a job on the night you will be informed by text message.** Children who are allocated jobs on the night will be required to be at the church [at 5:15pm](#) for costumes and practice. If you do not hear from us regarding jobs then please be at the church [by 5:45pm](#). All children are encouraged to come dressed as shepherds or angels. This will add to our Christmas celebration.

THANK YOU to those who generously contributed to the Manning Foundation collection at the Christmas Carols on Wednesday night. Your contribution will be put to very good use in our community. Many blessings be with you during this Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make a Christmas offering.

CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE - 9-20 DECEMBER: There will be no Mass or Communion Service on Tuesday, 17th December. We welcome and thank Fr. Joe Thomas for celebrating Masses this weekend and on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December. Mass schedule will resume as usual from Saturday, 21st December at 9:00am. I'm taking the last eleven days of my annual leave.

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.**

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.

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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

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.

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

ANNUAL RED MASS - 28 JANUARY 2020: Bishop Vincent Long and Fr. Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on Tuesday, 28 January at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to 8839.8411 or events@stpatscathedral.com.au.

UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATIONS - 19 JANUARY 2020: St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains is celebrating the feast of Santo Niño at St. Canice's Church, Katoomba. Mass will be held on Sunday, 19 January at 12:00pm, with refreshments served afterwards. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on (02) 4782.2804 or mmparishubm@gmail.com

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.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES: The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838.3456 or anne.alimangohan@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 2020 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 and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage.

POSITIONS VACANT:

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

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Help vulnerable 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. Contributions can be made to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via:
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

LALOR PARK PARISH 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.

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.



ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** will be closed from Monday, 9 December 2019 and will resume on Monday, 3 February 2020. We wish you all a merry and holy Christmas and happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.