

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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1 & 2 February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord - Year A

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00pm

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:

Carmel Collins, Reginald George Luhr, Richard Siale, Dean Lane, Alfred McNamara, John D'Silva, Regina (Bonny) Taylor

Anniversaries:

Maria Palombit, Matthew Joseph Lane, Stjepan Ulbrich, Josip Ulbrich, Enrico (Ric) Di Carlo, Uncle Victor & Cousin Victor Golak, Ana Golak, Felice Sposari, Joe Nasr, John Ellson, Rose Watts, Tom Adams, Edna Adams, Dante & Serafina Letta, John Lane, Joseph Mizzi, Joseph Portelli,

Deceased:

Dominic Tran Dinh Tin, Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, Wadih Tannous, Simon, Mary & Janet Younes, Hanna & Majed Families, Michael & Paul Grima, Emilia Apap, Haber Family, Albert Gray & Dawson Family, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Tony & Fadallah Aflak, Guza Fanali, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Patricia Bessani, Raymond, Therese & Ray Jnr. Kady, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Joseph Antaki, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A



1ST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23:7-10

Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULES: Last November proposed changes to the times of the Saturday Vigil Mass and Tuesday evening Mass were suggested. The reason was that a number of parishioners had suggested these changes, namely, that the Vigil Mass be moved forward to 5:30pm and the Tuesday evening Mass be moved forward to 7:00pm. Quite a few parishioners responded with most supporting the Vigil Mass change and everyone who contacted me in favour of the 7:00pm new time. A minority spoke against the change to the Vigil Mass time being moved. The reason is that this minority often work on Saturdays and find the 6:00pm time fits in well with work. It is likely that if the Mass were at 5:30pm they could not get to Mass. For the sake of the minority view, I think the best thing is to leave the Vigil Mass at 6:00pm. As there were no objections to moving the Tuesday night Mass forward to 7:00pm, then from next Tuesday, 4 February, the Mass will be at 7:00pm and not 7:30pm.

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

CATECHIST'S COMMISSIONING MASS: Will take place at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 9 February. Let us pray for them in this special ministry of taking the Good News of Jesus to the children in our State Schools.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased.** Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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.

PARISH OUTREACH TO THE ELDERLY AND SICK: I am sure we all know some parishioners who, through no fault of their own, can no longer get to Mass to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. It may be that they are ill, or it may be that they are older parishioners and cannot get around as well as they used to. If you know of any people that can no longer get to the sacraments, could you please notify the Parish Office and it will be arranged for a Minister of Holy Communion to visit once a week and bring Holy Communion to them. In so doing, we can keep the parishioners within the reach of the parish and also make sure that, should the occasion arise, we

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



Jesus,
the light
of all nations,
shine in our
hearts.
Shine in your
Church
throughout
the world.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
Office Manager – Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW and ACT), Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 February**
General Manager, Early Years Education & Care – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) – **Applications close 4 February**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DIOCESAN SESSION - 6 FEBRUARY: You are invited to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Discernment session on 6 February from 10:30am to 1:00pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. At this session, you will have the opportunity to select and explore one of the six Themes for Discernment. Morning tea will be provided. **To RSVP, please contact:** tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

HONOURING THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - 8-9 FEBRUARY: Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives, with millions of people forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On the weekend of 8 and 9 February, we celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

PASTORAL PLANNING ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP - 9 FEBRUARY: The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday, 9 February from 9:30am to 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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS - 11 FEBRUARY: A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10:30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on 8838.3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org to assist with seating and catering.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BAULKHAM HILLS COMMENCING FEBRUARY 2020: CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program at St. Michael's for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. It will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm, beginning 13 February to 26 March 2020. There will be an Information session and Overview of the Program for anyone interested in attending on Thursday, 6 February from 10:00am-11:00am. **For further information / Registration Essential:** Call Rita on 8843.2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au. Please see flyer on Church notice board.



STEPPING BEYOND - SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: CatholicCare Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way through a difficult separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. Our First gathering for the year will be held on Tuesday, 28 January. **Venue:** 13 Buller Street, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration Essential:** Call Rita on 8843.2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au. Please see flyer on Church notice board.

LIFTED LIVE FEATURING GEN BRYANT - 13 FEBRUARY: Youth, young adults and families are invited to a celebration of our local Church 'alive and brilliant' at CYP's LIFTED 2020 Launch on Thursday, 13 February at WEST HQ, Rooty Hill from 7:30pm to 10:00pm. Live music, worship and plans unveiled for young people and acclaimed Catholic singer-songwriter from Melbourne Gen Bryant on-stage. **Register your interest now at:** <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SYMPOSIUM - 4 MARCH: The Implementation Advisory Group (established by ACBC and Catholic Religious Australia) are hosting a symposium on 'Shaping the Future of the Catholic Church' with three international experts on Wednesday, 4 March from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The experts will address numerous topics including the Ecclesiology of Vatican II; Theology and the Sexual Abuse Crisis; and Participative Engagement and Structures in a Missionary and Synodal Church. RSVP, tickets and event details can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=584298&>.

REACH BEYOND: BECOME SIMPLY RICH....: All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422 472 567 or email palms@palms.org.au.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS

Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** is for anyone over 55. We have been functioning for 41 years and new members are always welcome. We meet in the 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.