

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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8 & 9 February 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.**

CORONAVIRUS

As we know, the virus is gaining momentum and the World Health Organization has now declared a public health emergency. As a result of this declaration and also advice from the NSW Department of Health, Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, has issued the following directives in the celebration of Mass in the Diocese until further notice:

1. In those parishes and communities in the Diocese where Holy Communion is distributed in Both Kinds, this practice will cease. Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only.
2. For the time being priests/deacons are not to invite parishioners to exchange the Greeting of Peace.
3. All ministers of Holy Communion (both Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to use hand sanitizers before the distribution of Holy Communion commences.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



LITURGY OF THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 111:4-9

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

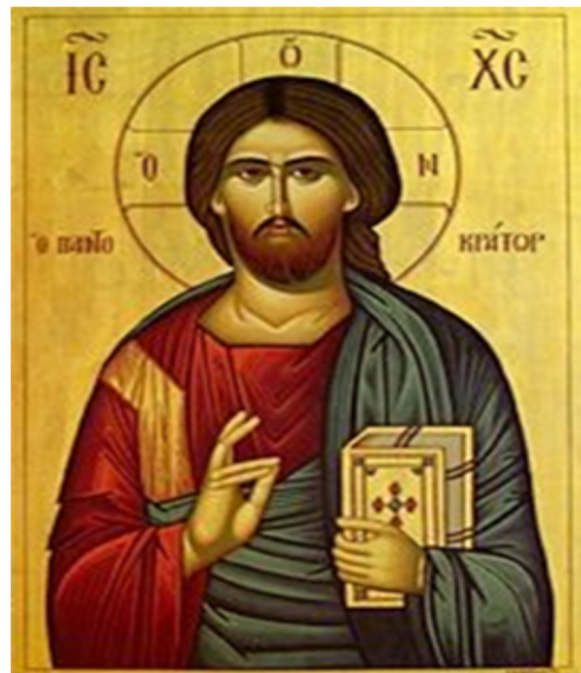
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**I am the light of the world,
says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.**

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, the Mass will now be at 7:00pm and not 7:30pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER: The new roster for all liturgical ministries has been emailed. There are copies in the Sacristy for those who require a printed copy.

CATECHIST'S COMMISSIONING MASS: Will take place at the 10:00am Mass this 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 can arrange for them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives. Whether they are women in electronics, children on cocoa farms or men in bonded labour on construction sites, millions of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint 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.

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

CANCELLED - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS - 11 FEBRUARY: Due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass scheduled for 11 February has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION THEMES OF FAITH — STARTING 2 MARCH: The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on 2 March. To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr. Paul on 9296.6369 or donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au or paul.roberts@ifm.org.au.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DIOCESAN SESSION - 13 FEBRUARY: You are invited to attend a Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Discernment session on 13 February from 6:30pm to 9:00pm 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. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org.

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/>.

CATHOLIC CARE FAMILY SPIRIT INFORMATION EVENING - 18 FEBRUARY: Can you picture yourself as a foster carer? Family Spirit is looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need. To find out more, please join us for an information night on Tuesday, 18 February, 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Marist 180, 36 First Avenue, Blacktown. A light meal will be served. To secure your place, please call 13 18 19 or email connect@familyspirit.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY PROJECT COMPASSION DIOCESE LAUNCH - 26 FEBRUARY: Please join us for the launch of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion in the Diocese on Ash Wednesday, 26 February, at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mass will be held at 7:30pm, with the launch to follow. International Speaker, Florida Senis Rafer will be joining us. Hear her story and ask her questions about the life-changing program she works on in the Philippines. To RSVP by 19 February, contact marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org or telephone 8838.3461.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM - STARTING 10 MARCH: If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday, 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr. Grace on 9296.6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

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:

George Joseph Hanna, Colleen Thompson, Carmel Collins, Reginald George Luhr, Richard Siale, Dean Lane

Anniversaries:

Maria Palombit, Matthew Joseph Lane, Stjepan Ulbrich, Josip Ulbrich, Enrico (Ric) Di Carlo, Uncle Victor & Cousin Victor Golak, Ana Golak, Felice Sposari

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Dominic Tran Dinh Tin, 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, Falao & Faupala Families, Patricia Bessani, Raymond, Therese & Ray Jnr. Kady, Joseph Antaki, Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.