

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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15 & 16 February 2020
6th 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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PS 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court.

But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.

Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell.

And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.

But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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



**Be my protector,
O God
a mighty stronghold
to save me.
For you are my rock,
my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of
your name.**

PARISH NOTICES

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE WHEN THERE IS A FUNERAL MASS: The Church's official Ritual for funeral Masses is called *The Order of Christian Funerals* (1989). Regarding the participation of a parish community in the funeral, it quotes St. Paul, 'If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all members suffer with that member' (1 Cor 12:26). It then says, 'So too when a member of Christ's Body dies, the faithful are called to a ministry of consolation to those who have suffered the loss of one whom they love. The Church calls each member of Christ's Body to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn' (cf Mt 5:3). With this in mind, and following consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided that, when a funeral is scheduled, the normal weekday Mass will be cancelled so that all parishioners may attend the funeral Mass if possible. Furthermore, the Church recommends that priests celebrate one Mass only per day except for special pastoral considerations. There have been numerous days when I have celebrated the scheduled weekday Mass followed almost immediately by a funeral Mass. This is not what the Church expects both for the priest involved and for the integrity of the Eucharist. From a practical angle, an announcement will be made as soon as possible after receiving notification of a funeral Mass so that parishioners are aware of that day's Mass being cancelled.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney & Sr. Helen Cunningham OP

PARISH NOTICES

SILENCE IN CHURCH: "Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be [observed at the designated times](#). Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus, within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts".

Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner. [General Instruction of the Roman Missal].

Given the high participation by various persons in our liturgy these days, some low noise level is acceptable when ministers need to clarify matters before Mass begins. However, the time before Mass is not for socialising but for praying or otherwise being reflective – in silence. During the Mass, too, I have noticed a level of chat, especially when the collections occur, which I find a distraction and many others would as well. Please consider others who prefer to pray in silence before Mass.

May I suggest talking is to be kept at a whisper, for a very brief time and preferably not at all, both before and during Mass. Many thanks in anticipation.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS: Parents of children going into High School in 2021 may need Fr. Peter Blayney to sign their enrolment forms. These forms can be signed after the following weekend Masses: **Saturday Vigil 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am.**

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

DIVINE MERCY AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, GREYSTANES: The monthly Divine Mercy Mass will no longer take place from February 2020 at OLQP Greystanes. We have celebrated the devotion for the past eight and a half years, but with the shortage of priests, we can no longer keep this going. Thanks to Anne David and her family for co-ordinating this over the years. So, there will be **no** Divine Mercy Mass going forward from 1 March 2020. However, we will continue celebrating The Divine Mercy Mass as an **annual** celebration only on the Sunday after Easter (this year the 19th of April). On that day the Divine Mercy Mass will begin at: 3:00pm with Reconciliation and Devotion; 3:45pm Divine Mercy Mass - concelebration with Fr. Chinonye and Fr. Paul.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH AND LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST invites you to a Formation Talk - "The Gospel of John". **Presenter:** Fr. Robert Bossini. **Date:** Friday, 28 February. **Time:** 7:30pm. **Venue:** Cloister Function Room, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Please bring your Bible. Parking entrance is in Victoria Road.

CERDON COLLEGE, MERRYLANDS - ASPIRE TO GREAT HEIGHTS - OPEN DAY: Tuesday, 3 March - Come along anytime between 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Sherwood Road, Merrylands. **Phone:** 8724.7300. Enrolment Packages available for Year 7 2021 and 2022.

ST. PAULS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, GREYSTANES - OPEN DAY: Sunday, 1 March - 11:30am-3:00pm. College Tours; Lesson Demonstrations; Parents and Friends Association; Staff and Students available to answer your questions. **Phone:** 8868.3700. www.stpaulsgreystanes.catholic.edu.au. **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/stpaulsgreystanes2145

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE, PARRAMATTA - OPEN DAY: Sunday, 8 March 2020 - 10:00am-2:00pm. You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020. Discover how OLMC is transforming learning by touring the College, meeting with staff and students and seeing our Mercy Values in action. Principal's Welcome at 10:00am and 12:00pm. Bookings can be made by visiting the College website: www.olmc.nsw.edu.au. *A work of the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta since 1889.*

CATHERINE MCAULEY, WESTMEAD - STRIVE FOR HIGHER THINGS: Enrolling now for 2021 - Applications close 27 March 2020. Open Evening Wednesday, 4 March 2020 - 4:00pm-7:00pm. Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead. www.mcauley.nsw.edu.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

Anniversaries:

Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino) Maria Palombit, Matthew Joseph Lane, Stjepan Ulbrich, Josip Ulbrich, Enrico (Ric) Di Carlo, Uncle Victor & Cousin Victor Golak, Ana Golak

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, George Boutros, Ghassoub & Layla Mardini & Deceased Family Members, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Remaili, Alves, Moniz & Remaili Families, 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, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Patricia Bessani, 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.