

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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**22 & 23 February 2020
7th 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.**

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:

Francisco Januario Sarmiento, Wayne Sing, Blino Sakr, George Joseph Hanna, Colleen Thompson, Carmel Collins, Reginald George Luhr, Richard Siale

Anniversaries:

Germano, Joanico & Norberta, Rita Gonsalves, Carlos Younes, 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, Boutros & Annie Boutros, Joe, Taleb & Rose Nasr, Sabatino Mancini, Nello Vespa, Norm Timpson, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, 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, 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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 JOHN 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus said, you must be
perfect just as your
heavenly Father is perfect.**

**O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love.**

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY begins the Season of Lent on 26 February. There will be two Masses, the first at 9:15am with the Primary School children attending; and 7:00pm.

DAYS OF PENANCE: Abstinence means not eating meat. Abstinence applies to everyone from age 14. Fasting means having one main meal and two lighter meals. Abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

SPIRIT OF PENANCE: The reason for various practices of penance is expressed well by the Prophet Joel (2:12-13): "Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping mourning. Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent". External observances such as abstinence and fasting only have value for us if they remind us to change ourselves within. This change is called conversion to the Lord at a deep level. Furthermore, the Church deems it sensible and reasonable not to impose fasting on those over the age of 60. The spirit of penance also means that those with certain health conditions, children under 18 and the frail aged are not bound to fast.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: On the Thursdays of Lent, we will get together to reflect on the themes of Lent through the Sunday gospels for Year A. Two one-hour sessions will be offered each Thursday, at 10:00am and 7:00pm (a repeat of the 10:00am session). The sessions will be led by myself, Sister Helen, Julie Gorman, Michael Tan and Deacon Richard Mulheron, taking each session in turns. Please consider attending these sessions as part of your Lenten discipline. This does not have to be hard or a sacrifice. There are various forms of "penance" we can do. Everybody is welcome. **The first session will be held on Thursday, 27 February at 10:00am; this will be repeated at 7:00pm on the same day.** For those wishing to attend, it may help if you have already read the gospel for the following Sunday, Matthew 4:1-11 on the Temptations of Jesus.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT: Available at the back of the church are money boxes, which are to be returned at the end of Lent, and Lenten Sharepack's which contain envelopes for your weekly donation. These envelopes can be placed on any collection plate throughout the six weeks of Lent. Caritas Australia thanks you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Tuesday night following the 7:00pm Mass throughout Lent **commencing Tuesday, 3 March**, up to and including Tuesday, 7 April of Holy Week.

PARISH NOTICES

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.**

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.

CUPPA ON THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS: The 1st Sunday of the month will be held at the community garden and the 3rd Sunday of the month will be held in the Hall.

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.

LEGION OF MARY: If you would like the Rosary statue in your home, please call Tina on 0432 043 365 or the Parish Office on 9632.2672.

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

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
Building Maintenance Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 28 February**
Sacramental Coordinator – St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands – **Applications close 28 February**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. PAUL MARSHALL - 18 SEPTEMBER–11 OCTOBER: Fr. Paul Marshall, from Greystanes Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage stopping at Fatima and Lourdes with visits to other sites of notable saints such as Teresa of Avila and Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, Therese of Lisieux and St. Vincent de Paul in France, thence to Padua, Florence, Assisi (being in Assisi for St Francis' Feast Day on 4 October), Rome and return to Sydney on 11 October. For more information call Harvest 1800 819 156 or www.harvestjourneys.com - Tour Code PV5120.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE MARCH

EDITION: Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

THE LEGACY OF JEAN VANIER PUBLIC LECTURE

- **19 MARCH:** Eileen Glass AM will deliver a public lecture in memory of the late Jean Vanier of the L'Arche movement on Thursday, 19 March at 7:00pm at the Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre at OLMC Parramatta. The event is free, but registrations are essential. For more information and to register, please contact Br. Mark O'Connor, Vicar for Communications on mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL RELICS OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX VISIT - 4 MARCH:

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9:30pm on Wednesday, 4 March. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6:15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

NIGERIAN MASS IN IGBO: The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu via the Parish Office on 9631.8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

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.