

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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**7 & 8 March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent - 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.**

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

FURTHER CHANGES TO THE LITURGY

Bishop Vincent has decided that more protective measures need to be made within the celebration of the Eucharist. The first of these is that, since there is a very high risk that the virus can be transmitted as a result of administering Holy Communion on the tongue, for the well-being and health of the entire community, until further notice, **Holy Communion can only be administered in the hand.** Secondly, since advice from health authorities suggests that the virus can be transmitted through water, **all Holy Water receptacles have been emptied.** The Bishop said that as soon as the health risk is mitigated and upon advice from health authorities, we will revert to the usual liturgical practices.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Diane Cordeiro, George Youssif Kaadi, Mautamakia Gogo, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Alikiagalelei, Petelo Fuimaono, Francisco Januario Sarmento, Wayne Sing, Blino Sakr, George Joseph Hanna, Colleen Thompson

Anniversaries:

Joseph Lister, Dominic Gonsalves, John D'Silva, Dolores Borg, Medardo G. Tungul Snr, Dixon & Theresa Santiago, Jacob Milad Baysari, Ray Kady Jnr, Germano, Joanico & Norberta, Rita Gonsalves, Carlos Younes, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino)

Deceased:

Alex Salem, Guiseppa Vespa, Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen Thi Lien, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Alfred Xuereb, Delina Sciberas, Raymond & Therese Kady, Sitalei Hakula & Family, Boutros & Annie Boutros, Joe, Taleb & Rose Nasr, Sabatino Mancini, Nello Vespa, Norm Timpson, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, George Boutros, Ghassoub & Layla Mardini & Deceased Family Members, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Remaili, Alves, Moniz & Remaili Families. Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

2ND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'This is my Son,
the Beloved.
Listen to him.'**

***Do I take the time
to listen to Jesus?***

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH RETREAT: A Parish Lenten Retreat will take place at the House of Prayer, 450 East Kurrajong Road, East Kurrajong on Saturday, 21 March - 10:00am until 6:00pm. Numbers are limited to about 15 to 20. Yet another opportunity for worthwhile Lenten penance! **For details see Fr. Peter Blayney or Sr. Helen Cunningham OP**

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 21-22 MARCH: The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be held at all Masses on 21-22 March. Help bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. "Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan." ~ **Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. **You can also donate via:** yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS: Tuesday, 17 March is St. Patrick's Day. The parish Mass will be at 11:00am. The school children will have their own activities to celebrate the day. For parishioners who wish to stay for a light lunch afterwards in the Parish Office, please bring a plate. Due to the focus on the 11:00am Mass, there will be no 7:00pm Mass nor Stations of the Cross. **Remember, as St. Patrick's Day is a Solemnity in Australia, it's a day off Lent!**

CHURCH COMPUTER OPERATORS WANTED: At the moment there is a small group of people who generously operate the computer for our Sunday Masses each weekend. It would be good to have more volunteers to share the load. More volunteers would be a wonderful asset in this ministry of service. Pray about it and see if you are being called to be of service in this technological way. We will guide you through the data projector/computer learning process. Thank you to those who have been faithful to this ministry since the coming of the data projector.

LAY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES IN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA: As a consequence of liturgical reforms mandated by the Second Vatican Council the Diocese will cease to install lay men to the ministry of Acolyte (with the exception of those preparing for Ordination as either permanent Deacons or Priests). A new office of Minister at the Altar will be open to men and women above the age of 18 years. A Minister at the Altar will also assist in the administration of Holy Communion. Those who have previously been instituted as Acolytes will continue to Minister at the Altar. Anyone over the age of 18 who normally worships in the parish is invited to volunteer for this ministry. **Contact Fr. Peter Blayney or Sister Helen Cunningham OP**

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER: The Altar Society Roster for April 2020 to September 2020 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

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.

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.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH MINISTRY: We hope that you remember the St. Patrick's 'Clovers' Youth Group that was launched at the end of last year in the parish. After a long summer break with plenty of planning, excitement and enthusiasm, we're excited to announce that our next youth group will be held on **Sunday, 29 March from 12:00pm-3:00pm.** Anyone who is in high-school, or aged from around 14-20, is encouraged to join together on this day to celebrate and come together in faith. Come to experience faith, fun, food and friendship - this time with a focus on Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive) and the events leading up to Easter! RSVP your attendance to qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org - we can't wait to see you there.

~Tara Wall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Tuesday night following the 7:00pm Mass throughout Lent up to and including Tuesday, 7 April of Holy Week excluding Tuesday, 17 March.

PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT: Please be sure to have a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes in every household. This is a practical expression of our commitment to Lent and the urging of Jesus to his disciples to give alms (acts of charity) cheerfully and willingly (Mt 6:1-6). **Boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.**

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.

REMINDER: Children's Liturgy invites Primary School aged children to attend our sessions, i.e. Kindergarten to Year 6 (5 to 12 year old).

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ST. PATRICK'S ENROLMENTS: Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments will commence this week. Please let family and friends know that packs can be collected between 8:15am and 3:30pm from the school office or are available via the school website www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au (enrol now). An Open Day for prospective Kindergarten 2021 families will take place on Tuesday, 24 March from 9:15am-10:00am and Friday, 8 May from 11:30am-12:15pm.

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.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CANCELLED — THE LEGACY OF JEAN VANIER PUBLIC LECTURE - 19 MARCH: Please be advised that the Legacy of Jean Vanier Public Lecture scheduled for 19 March has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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

CCD GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PRESENTATIONS: Each year CCD offers a series of presentations on the Gospel of the Year as part of Level 3 training of catechists. Dr. Laurie Woods will present on the **Gospel of Matthew on Fridays – 13, 20 and 27 March and 3 April.** These sessions will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Institute for Mission, Marion Street Blacktown (downstairs). **All parishioners** are invited to attend one or more of Dr. Laurie Wood's presentations. There is no cost but please contact Maree Collis on 8838.3486 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE PROGRAM: The Life Marriage and Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. For more information or expressions of interest, please call Karin Abrams on 8838.3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM - STARTING 10 MARCH: If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, these 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.

ENCOUNTER KIRIBATI WITH PALMS - 18-26 MAY 2020: On this 12-day tour you will visit a number of islands in this small Pacific nation. Palms personnel there are working with local communities to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty in a part of the world impacted by climate change. You will meet and spend time with them and their host communities to see first-hand how Palms Australia is working to create a better world. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering tours to Timor-Leste in September and Thailand/Myanmar in November. For more information call Robert at Palms on 9560.5333 or email robert@palms.org.au.

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, then 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.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. **Visit:** www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Easter Cards are now available for purchase from Aid to the Church in Need. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes. **Prices:** First packet \$23.00 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15.00 each. The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself. Order over the phone: **1800 101 201** or online: www.aidtochurch.org.

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