

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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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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14 & 15 March 2020  
3rd 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:

Giuseppina Meli, Diane Cordeiro, George Youssif Kaadi, Mautamakia Gogo, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Alikiagalelei, Petelo Fuimaono, Francisco Januario Sarmiento, Wayne Sing, Blino Sakr

### 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:

Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Members of the Haber Family, Alex Salem, Guisepe 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2, 6-9

**Response:** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

#### 2ND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 4:42, 15

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already — when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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

## 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 next weekend. 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.**



If you only  
knew what  
God is  
offering...

And you  
will be  
given living  
water.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**SAFEGUARDING SERIES #1 — CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA - 24 MARCH:** Catholic Youth Parramatta presents the first in a series of three safeguarding events in 2020, "Helping Youth Develop Safe and Healthy Relationships," facilitated by Cathy McClellan. The session will be held on Tuesday, 24 March in the Greenway Room, Fiddler Hotel, Rouse Hill from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, with a light dinner provided. **Register at:** <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

**PENRITH PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS - 19 APRIL:** St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on 19 April from 2:30pm. Festivities include the blessing of the Divine Mercy image, Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation and Divine Mercy Mass at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact the Parish Centre on 4721.2509.

**KELLYVILLE PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS - 19 APRIL:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on 19 April from 1:00pm. There will be a street procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm by Monsignor Cezar Echano. Images, banners and statues are welcome. For more information, please contact Steve Boland on 0405 206 695 or the Parish Office on 9629.2595.

**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.

## 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 once a 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.



## 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

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.