

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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**21 & 22 March 2020
4th 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.**

NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, GUILDFORD

Due to the Federal Government's directive that there be no more than 100 persons at an indoor activity, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv., has issued directives that parishes make arrangements for Sunday Mass which comply with the Government's request.

Therefore, at Guildford, from the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Saturday, 21st March 6:00pm Vigil and Sunday, 22nd March 2020), Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181).

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Saturday inclusive will continue as usual.

**Father Peter Blayney
Parish Priest**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A



1ST READING: SAMUEL 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 8:12

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL: The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal scheduled for all Masses for 21-22 March has been postponed to a later date in the year. **Donations can be made via:** yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: The remaining sessions of the Lenten Reflection Groups have been cancelled to minimise the possible spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

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.**

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.

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

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.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ST. PATRICK'S ENROLMENTS: Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments have commenced. 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.stpatsquildford.catholic.edu.au (enrol now). Please note Open Day for prospective Kindergarten 2021 families previously advertised have been postponed.

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.**

LENT

In Lent we are called by the church to enter more fully into the mystery of God's love revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we contemplate Jesus, we will come to know that it is from the cross that we draw support for our faith. If we want to nurture faith in others, we need to live our lives of faith to the full. God is greater than all, and he asks of us to stand before Him in detachment from things.

A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF TRIAL

Let us pray: Loving God watch over all the peoples of our world during this special time of trial. Give wisdom to those in leadership and special strength to those who care for the sick. Deepen our faith that our trust in You may not falter. Open our hearts that we may be generous in our to those in special need. Enliven us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may bring His Presence wherever we go.

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

MAMRE HOUSE RELIEF VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHERS: We are needing a few volunteer relief teachers to assist with our English classes for refugee women at CatholicCare Mamre House, St. Marys. The classes are on Tuesday or Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm during school terms. There are about 8 women in each class and the lesson is prepared for the teacher. Experience teaching English is not essential. For more information, please contact Sr. Janet on 0418 690 487.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES: Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta offers couples a NATURAL option to plan their families. Natural Family Planning is for couples wanting to achieve and avoid pregnancy. It is suitable for couples at all stages of their life including those preparing for marriage, breastfeeding women, couples looking for an effective, natural option and wanting to cease contraception and peri-menopausal women. For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine on 0400 427 605, catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or visit www.parralmf.org.au.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare Disability Support Workers (Casual) - CatholicCare Parish Secretary Part-Time) – St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst.

Applications close 27 March.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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 the Parish Office on 963. 8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

CATHOLICCARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOUR AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT — 25 MARCH: Presented by Dr. Laurie Woods. **Date:** Wednesday, 25 March. **Time:** 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start. **Where:** Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains. **RSVP by Sunday, 22 March via phone: 9296.6369 or email: connect@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 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Giuseppina Meli, Diane Cordeiro, George Youssif Kaadi, Mautamakia Gogo, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Alikigalelei, Petelo Fuimaono

Anniversaries:

Debbie Abrahams, Joseph Lister, Dominic Gonsalves, John D'Silva, Dolores Borg, Medardo G. Tungul Snr, Dixon & Theresa Santiago, Jacob Milad Baysari, Ray Kady Jnr

Deceased:

Albert Gray, Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Members of the Haber Family, Alex Salem, Guiseppe Vespa, Edgar Montclar, Maria Nguyen Thi Lien, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Alfred Xuereb, Delina Sciberas, Raymond & Therese Kady, Sitalei Hakula & Family, 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.