

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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**9 & 10 May 2020
5th Sunday of Easter — Year A**

STAY IN TOUCH!

Parishioners are reminded to stay connected within families, with friends and fellow parishioners as much as possible while we live through the current health crisis. If you know of someone without internet access, please give that person a phone call. As you would be reading this on the parish website, you are already connecting with us through this medium. There is a "Guildford Catholics" WhatsApp group whereby parishioners are connecting with each other.

Download the "WhatsApp" Application on your mobile phone, then use the following link to get onto "Guildford Catholics": <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LxCYnBNeF8X6S5L9WK865K>. Explore our website as there is a FaceBook, Instagram and YouTube link. The pre-recorded Mass from St. Patrick's for the 5th Sunday of Easter can be found on the YouTube link on Saturday, 9 May after midday. This Mass will also be live-streamed at 6:00pm on Saturday, 9 May. Remember, you are welcome to phone the Parish Office for any reason on 9632.2672 or the parish mobile 0457 717 220. ~ **Fr. Peter Blayney**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

PASTORAL REVENUE (1ST COLLECTION):

Any parishioner who would like to make a donation to the Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue (1st Collection) please use the below Electronic Funds Transfer details:

BSB: 067-950

Account No: 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference: 6016 Donation or Guildford Parish

The "6016 Donation" refers to Guildford Parish.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH GUILDFORD (2ND COLLECTION):

Any parishioner who would like to make a donation to St. Patrick's Church Guildford (2nd Collection) please use the below Electronic Funds Transfer details:

BSB: 067-950

Account No: 00000354

Account Name: Guildford Catholic Church

Reference: 2nd Collection Donation

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For 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.**

2ND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.

They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

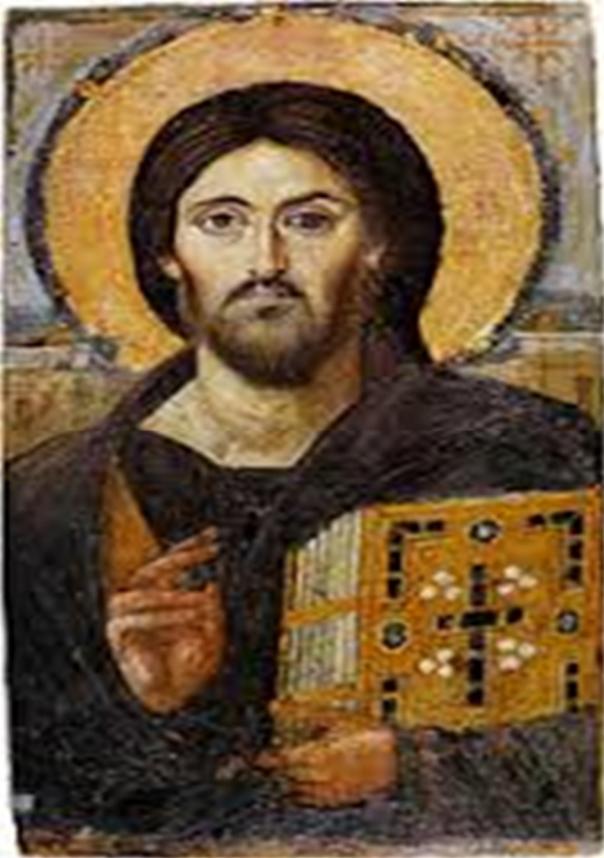
THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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





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the Truth and
the Life,
says the Lord;
no one comes
to the Father,
except through
me.**



MASS INTENTIONS



Anniversary: Robert D'Souza



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