

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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23 & 24 May 2020

The Ascension of the Lord — 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 Ascension of the Lord can be found on the YouTube link on Saturday, 23 May after midday. This Mass will also be live-streamed at 10:00am on Sunday, 24 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**

MASSES IN THE CHURCH AT ST. PATRICK'S, GUILDFORD

Sunday Masses will begin again in the Church on the weekend of 30/31 May, Feast of Pentecost. The usual timetable will be followed: 6:00pm Vigil on the Saturday and Sunday morning at 8:00am and 10:00am. Weekday Masses will begin again from Wednesday, 3 June at 9:15am. The usual timetable will apply, that is, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:15am and Saturday at 9:00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary. There will be NO Mass on Tuesdays until further notice.

CONFESSIONS will continue to be by appointment through the Parish Office on 9632.2672.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR MASS, PRIVATE PRAYER OR FOR ANY OTHER GATHERING, THERE CAN BE NO MORE THAN TEN PERSONS IN THE CHURCH AT ANY ONE TIME.

BOOKINGS FOR MASS ARE ESSENTIAL: Due to the government directive that there be no more than 10 persons in the church at any one time, attendance at any Sunday or Weekday Mass can **ONLY** be done by booking in beforehand. Please telephone the Parish Office Monday–Thursday 8:30am–3:00pm and Friday 8:30am–2:00pm to make a booking.

PRE-RECORDED SUNDAY MASS will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday as usual. Live-stream Mass will cease on the weekend of 30/31 May.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A



1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

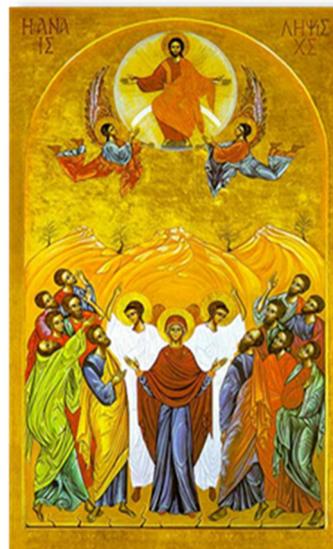
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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



**Jesus said,
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MASS INTENTIONS



Recently Deceased: John Abrahams

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

NORMAL MONDAY TO FRIDAY OFFICE HOURS HAVE NOW RESUMED AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

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.

The prayer for the Entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians during the period of COVID-19 has been prepared for the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians.

This feast, normally celebrated on 24th May, has been moved this year to Monday, 25th May, as 24th is the feast of The Ascension of the Lord, which takes precedence.



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

24 / 25 May 2020