

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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1 & 2 August 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:45pm & 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 9:15am

Confessions:

By appointment only.

Please call the Parish Office on:

9632.2672



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are 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 will be explained when you contact the Parish Office. **Booklets need to be obtained from the Parish Office prior to the preparation.**

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



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Eric Muni, Susitina Lavea, Malia Iosefo

Anniversaries:

Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Clare McMahon, Luiza Maria D'Souza, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Concetta Saffiotti, Sebastian D'Silva, Malia Malino Nau, Malia Tololesi Taginoa, Robert Taufana

Deceased:

Elias Georges, Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Lynch & Violet Families, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory





LITURGY OF THE WORD

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:8-9, 15-18

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

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

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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Lord feeds us,
he answers
all our needs.**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S, GUILDFORD

The following provisions apply to gatherings in our parish church:

- 70 persons are permitted for Mass or other liturgical services

However, the COVID-19 health conditions still apply:

- Persons entering the church must use the hand sanitizer provided
- Persons entering the church must record their names and other contact details
- Persons must keep the "4 square metre" rule.

WEEKEND MASSES

One extra Mass will be celebrated in the church.

The Saturday Mass timetable will now be: 4:45pm and 6:00pm.

The Sunday Mass timetable will now be: 8:00am and 10:00am.

If you wish to attend any of these Masses, you MUST book in through the Parish Office (Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-3:00pm; 8:30am-2:00pm on Fridays) on 9632.2672 or email admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The weekday Mass timetable is: Wednesday 9:15am, Thursday 9:15am and Friday 9:15am.

There will be no Masses on Tuesday at 7:00pm or Saturday at 9:00am until further notice.

Sacrament of Penance

Due to physical distancing provisions, it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional Room. Please telephone the Parish Office (9632.2672) for an appointment with the Parish Priest who will meet with you within a reasonable time.

Pre-Recorded Sunday Mass

Will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday as usual.

PARISH NOTICES

OUR PARISH AND COVID-19: It came as a great surprise and novelty to us all when we were forced to close the Church for Masses on the weekend of 21/22 March due to the lockdown required by the NSW Government. The Church opened again for weekend Masses on 30/31 May, but for 10 people only at each Mass. By the following weekend, 6/7 June, the number went up to 50 people. This was calculated using the 4 sqm rule divided into the available space in the church. We scheduled two extra Masses in order to fit as many people into the church as would like to attend. We cancelled the 11:15am Mass after the third week as only very few attended. Mass attendance over the last few weeks has been rising to close to 50/55 at some Masses. Last weekend the attendance was about half the previous weeks due to the virus outbreaks in areas close to Guildford. We are very grateful that many parishioners have come back to church for Mass rather than relying on the online version. The latter certainly fulfilled a need; there has been positive feedback, so we achieved what we set out to do with the online Masses: having a connection point between us and parishioners in a setting with which they are familiar. By the way, we even have viewers of the Mass from America and the UK!

We wish to thank all parishioners for the ways in which you have positively responded to the very unusual restrictions placed upon all of us in these pandemic times. It is tedious, frustrating and possibly a bit of an intrusion for us to book a Mass each week, leaving our names and contact details. On the other hand, it is the least we can do to do the right thing healthwise for ourselves and our neighbours. As it is obvious now around the rest of the world and in our own country (especially Victoria), we are nowhere near the end of this threat yet. People of faith are motivated to do the right thing by our belief in the common good, that is, the welfare of our brothers and sisters in our local area, our nation and even beyond. This is the point of the very dramatic story of the Good Samaritan, Lk 10:25-37.

MARION SHRINE AT REAR OF CHURCH:

Regrettably, we have had to block entrance to the Shrine and the Candle Stand. We should be careful not to touch things which others might have touched and, unknowingly of course, transfer the virus. This is done in keeping with the NSW Government health regulations which recommend the following: "Avoid sharing books, drinking cups or other shared objects used during the service such as collection plates. Also consider putting barriers around frequently touched objects of worship, such as shrines, relics or fonts, to prevent people frequently touching these". See: https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-07/covid-19-safety-plan-places-of-worship_1.pdf

~ **Fr. Peter Blayney & Sr. Helen Cunningham OP**

PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES: The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2020/2021 financial year are available in the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office during office hours and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 6 August at 6:00pm** via Zoom.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIORS CLUB: The President Shirley called a Committee Meeting and due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) it was decided to re-open the Club on Monday, 1 February 2021. Hoping everyone is well. See you in the new Year. Any enquiries please call Shirley on 9721.1875.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION ONLINE FORMATION:

1. SCRIPTURE NIGHT WITH DR. LAURIE WOODS: Open to everyone, live streamed on Institute for Mission FB page. Tuesday, 18 August at 7:00pm. Registration NOT required.

2. REFLECTIVE MINISTRY (WORD AND MISSION): This is a program of 12 Tuesday evenings (from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, starting 18 August) focusing on Scripture and Pastoral Skills. Registration REQUIRED (online participation).

Please send an email to grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au. **For more details and registration go to:** <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry>.

NOTICE — THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP: On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop Saturday, 8 August 2020, Mary MacKillop Place will be **CLOSED**.

Mass in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10:00am, 8 August followed by a time of Prayer at the Tomb. The details will be posted on the website: marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au.

Prayer Reflections suitable for prayer at home will also be posted on the website for three days — 6, 7 and 8 August. The Chapel is open for private prayer only from 9:00am-1:00pm Monday to Friday. It remains closed on Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION

... a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change... "we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart".

Pope Francis (Laudato Si) (2015) 218