

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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11 & 12 July 2020

15th 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:

Lusia Mataginoa Vaigina

Anniversaries:

George Safadi, Therese Safadi, Michael D'Silva, Patricia Fernandes, Calvin Cordeiro, Cesar & Pablo

Deceased:

Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Petelo Fuimaono & Family, Cecilia Lolokakala & Family, Yvon Mufana, Michael & Paul Grima, Haber Family, Doris Tuataa Tuipolotane, Father Luka Tuipolotane, Selafinafiyasi & Ippolito Families, Luburic Family, Alfred Xuereb, Members of the Muscat Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 64:10-14

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

The following provisions apply to gatherings in our parish church:

- 50 persons are permitted for Mass or other liturgical services
- 50 persons are permitted for Funerals
- 50 persons are permitted for Baptisms

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

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**

MANNING FOUNDATION THANK YOU: On behalf of Fr. Peter and Sr. Helen, the St. Patrick's Catholic Church lay ministry for the poor, otherwise known as the Manning Foundation, would like to once again acknowledge the tremendous support we receive from the parents, staff and students of St. Patrick's Primary. Your recent donations of food items for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday, 19 June 2020), which numbered in the hundreds, will be given freely to those in our community who through no fault of their own have fallen on hard times. The feast was an opportunity to remember in a special way those who suffer because of lack of food, clothing or shelter especially due to poverty but also as a result of financial or physiological difficulties due to the impact of COVID-19 and its effect on society. We also received a financial contribution of \$251.15 that will be used to purchase other essentials for those in need. A special thanks to the Principal, Mr. Steven Jones and Religious Education Co-Ordinator, Mrs. Wardeh Khoury for instilling in the students those attributes shared by all who trust in Jesus.

~ **Mr. Ken McGregor, Chairman, Manning Foundation**

HOLROYD COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY PRAYER DINNER: **Date:** Tuesday, 25 August 2020. **Time:** 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. **Place:** The Swan Room at Merrylands RSL. **Cost:** \$45.00 each (Students \$40.00), which includes a two-course meal and soft drinks. **Guest Speaker:** David Riethmuller (NSW Police Chaplain) on the topic "My Christian Faith and the Challenges Police Face". **Maximum capacity is 108 people.** Enquiries and tickets phone 9896.2514 or hmf@hnlc.org.au. Guildford Parish will also be organising tables, so if you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office on 9632.2672, during office hours. **RSVP by Monday, 20 July.** Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

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.

1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION COUNTER'S ROSTER: The new roster for the 2020/2021 financial year is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

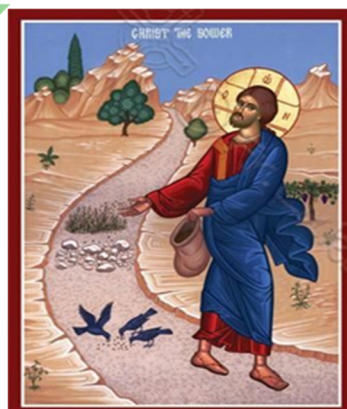
PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS RELEASED: You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION – REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM AVAILABLE ONLINE: The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. Register here to participate ONLINE <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr. Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE: The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. **Note:** Due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS: St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St. Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au.

SEA SUNDAY NATIONAL APPEAL - 12 JULY: Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Today's Appeal supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. During the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers continue to bring products to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their health. To support this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia.



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