

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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25 & 26 July 2020

17th 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:

Sebastian D'Silva, Malia Malino Nau, Malia Tololesi Taginoa, Robert Taufana, George Safadi, Therese Safadi

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Petelo Fuimaono & Family, Cecilia Lolokakala & Family, Yvon Mufana, Holy Souls in Purgatory





LITURGY OF THE WORD

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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



**A disciple of the kingdom of heaven
is like a householder who brings
out from the storeroom
things both new and old.**

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

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.

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

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. 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>.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta
Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close Tuesday, 28 July.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR: Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office in the Western Sydney Diocese and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in detail on all aspects of the Annulment process. This year this event will be held as an online Webinar via Zoom and is open to anyone interested. **Date:** Tuesday, 4 August. **Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm **Registration is Essential:** To register for this Webinar, please call the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, Saturday from 11:00am-12:00pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information.

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW WAYS:

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES IS STILL OPEN:

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

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.

Mary MacKillop knew what it was like to face unknown and unpredictable times in her life. May she companion us as we live through this pandemic which is affecting all aspects of our family, work and community life.