

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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8 & 9 August 2020

19th 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:

Angelo Virzi, Terry & Des Golds, Pio Borg, Nicola Matrippolito, Lamia & Kalil Mourched, Margaret & Rex Lane, Erlinda M. Datu, Joseph Tannous, Julia Georges, Clare McMahon, Luiza Maria D'Souza, Salvatore Lazzoppina, Concetta Saffioti, Sebastian D'Silva, Malia Malino Nau, Malia Tololesi Taginoa, Robert Taufana

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna, Majed & Karam Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Ausia Holokaukau & Family, Lusia Mickaele Manukula & Family, Elias Georges, Edgar Montclar, Lynch & Violet Families, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 84:9-14

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I hope in the Lord,
 I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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



**Jesus said
 to the
 disciples
 and says
 to us
 today:**

**'Courage!
 It is I!
 Do not
 be afraid.'**

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

MASKS ARE NOW HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO BE WORN AT ALL MASSES: As you will have seen, NSW Health, supported by the Premier of NSW is highly recommending everyone in NSW to wear masks in any situation with the potential for COVID-19 transmission. Places of worship have been mentioned specifically. We are therefore officially recommending all worshippers in the Diocese of Parramatta wear a mask to Mass. This would be as people arrive on parish grounds, during Mass or the service and afterwards as they leave. During Communion, the mask may be removed, but it should be in place at all other times.
~ *Diocese of Parramatta*

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.

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

COVID-19: During this time of COVID-19 many people may find themselves in financial difficulty and struggling to buy food and what is needed in daily life. If you know of anyone in these circumstances, please encourage them to contact the **Manning Foundation on 0497 973 311**.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for all people during this difficult time.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

GRANNY FLAT FOR RENT: A modern one-bedroom granny flat for rent close to Merrylands Station. Water, gas and electricity is paid by owner. Currently furnished but if you do not want furniture it can be removed. Preferably a husband and wife or senior lady. Please contact Marcell on 0401 803 809.

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020: Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day Appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the Clergy Support Foundation will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or Electronic Funds Transfer to BSB 067-950 Account No. 00001691 Account Name CSF No. 1 with Reference your name. If you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your name and address details.