

# 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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**15 & 16 August 2020  
20th 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:**

### **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

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Matri Awad, Malake Salloum, Ghasan Aswat, Franciska & Zelko Jakobin, Hanna, Majed & Karam Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Ausia Holokaukau & Family, Lusie Mickaele Manukula & Family, Elias Georges, Edgar Montclar, Lynch & Violet Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



#### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

**Response:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Son of David  
take pity on me.**

***With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.***

# **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](mailto: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 4sqm 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 Candlestand. 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](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](http://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](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.