

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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29 & 30 August 2020
22nd 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:

Sebastian Lobo, Noeleen Remaili, Catherine Leone Kelly, Fred Butterfield, Mikaele Fiakaifonu, Pasilia Kalisito Toafatavao

Anniversaries:

Angelo Virzi, Terry & Des Golds, Pio Borg, Nicola Mastroppolito, Lamia & Kalil Mourched, Margaret & Rex Lane, Erlinda M. Datu

Deceased:

Jreige Jlalaty, Nayef El-Khoury, Mary Jane Axiak, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Sosefo, Soana & Tui Families, Likaletto Simete & Family, Sononefa, Falakiko & Keletaona Families, Meliana, Maliamele & Lavasele Families, Michael Remaili, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Lynch & Violet Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Falasuni Lagikula, Tameha Hiloia & Family, Jannette, Peter & Eid Majed & Hanna Family, Matri Awad, Malake Salloum, Ghasan Aswat, Franciska & Zelko Jakobin, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
 you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
 I am a daily laughing-stock,
 everybody's butt.
 Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
 and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
 The word of the Lord has meant for me
 insult, derision, all day long.
 I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
 I will not speak in his name any more.'
 Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
 imprisoned in my bones.
 The effort to restrain it wearied me,
 I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:2-6, 8-9

Response: My soul is thirsting for you,
 O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2

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

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
 I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
 by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
 pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
 behaviour of the world around you, but let your
 behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is
 the only way to discover the will of God and know
 what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the
 perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF EPHESIANS 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 enlighten the eyes of our heart,
 that we might see how great is the hope
 to which we are called.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that
 he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
 grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests
 and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on
 the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
 remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,'
 he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned
 and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an
 obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not
 God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to
 be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and
 take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
 wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
 loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a
 man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
 life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his
 life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
 his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will
 reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 30 AUGUST 2020:

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020–21 is titled 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today'. It encourages faith communities, governments and each one of us, to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Statement encourages us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020. See Bishop Vincent's video message can be on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGE0dpDCj5c&feature=youtu.be> and can be downloaded here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IHnfOG0iTkzwlpm10kzcycwCGDaHnrcWV/view>

RESCHEDULED COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LANDS — 12-13 SEPTEMBER 2020:

This collection is normally held every Good Friday but was rescheduled this year by Pope Francis due to the closure of churches over Holy Week due to COVID-19 restrictions. Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land. Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON APPEAL: The international Catholic pastoral charity and pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International) has been working for decades with numerous different project partners within Lebanon – above all in the areas of pastoral care and help for refugees. This has proved to be a great advantage in the aftermath of the recent catastrophic explosion in the port of Beirut. ACN has immediately sent 410,000 AUD in emergency aid to starving Christian families, many of whom are facing real hunger. There is a great deal more still to be done. Beirut is in a state of crisis. There is hardly any electricity and in some places no means of communication (telephone, Internet etc.). Some 90,000 homes and houses have been destroyed or damaged. The international aid of AUD 488 million promised on Sunday falls far short of what is needed to rebuild the district affected by the explosion. Many families were on the brink of starvation and Christians were already talking of leaving the country. Since an aid distribution plan had already been set up, this now means that the Church is in a good position for distributing the aid that is being provided by foreign NGOs, e.g. food, medicine, blankets. It is inspiring to see the role that the Catholic young people are playing in helping with the distribution of the emergency aid. Brochures on how to donate to this Appeal are at the church entrance.

NEW DEAN FOR EASTERN DEANERY: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv asked me recently to accept his appointment making me the new Dean of the Eastern Deanery. I accepted. The Diocese is made up of five deaneries: Mountains, Western, Central, Northern and Eastern. The parishes in our Deanery are: Parramatta, North Parramatta, Dundas Valley, Rydalmere, Westmead, Harris Park, Granville, Merrylands and Guildford. The Dean has numerous responsibilities including calling a regular deanery meeting of the priests, being on the Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council and taking the concerns of the clergy and laity of the area to the Council of Priests.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

THE WELL, NEW RESOURCE IN PANDEMIC ERA:

Bishop Vincent this week launched an initiative in the Diocese for all of us to stay connected with the Church and each other. He said: "I am pleased to share with you the latest initiative from our ministries and agencies which responds to the growing need for a strong Catholic presence online. This need is only accentuated during this time of the pandemic. Through our work with our youth, with our parishes and our councils, we have understood the importance of offering a relevant and engaging online space, and what is being offered seeks to support and complement the work of our faith communities, as we work together to share and grow our faith in Jesus Christ. The Well online sharing platform contains videos, podcasts and other spiritual resources to support our communities to grow and engage in their faith". The resource is called *The Well*. The Bishop described this as "a 'living library' of many resources we create at the Diocese, as well as from other relevant liturgical sources. Our hope is that it will be another way that people can connect with our Church, whether they attend Mass regularly, or are unable to, particularly at the current time. Our desire is for the content to both feature local communities as well as relate to the needs of our local people. I invite you to visit The Well at thewell.org.au and see it for yourself. I encourage you to also watch the short video promoting The Well at this link: <https://youtu.be/vJqTwKWvBAW>".

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

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.

