

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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5 & 6 September 2020

23rd 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:

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

Anniversaries:

Michael Abiwahab, Aronne Borg, Concettina Di Cecco, Michael Remaili, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Danaher

Deceased:

Edgar Montclar, Mary Jane Axiak, Norman Cordeiro, Cordeiro, Frois, Santa Maria, Gomes, Rodrigues & Dibiamaka Families, Michael Mawad, Jreige Jlaillaty, Nayef El-Khoury, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Sosefo, Soana & Tui Families, Likaleto Simete & Family, Sononefa, Falakiko & Keletaona Families, Meliana, Maliamete & 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 94:1-2, 6-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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 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

THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES — CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE:

When we came out of lockdown towards the end of May this year, we decided to increase the Mass schedule by two extra Masses. The reason was dictated by having a maximum of only 70 persons in the church. Having two extra Masses gave as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to attend Mass. The 4:45pm Vigil proved quite popular while the 11:15am on Sunday was attended by around 10 or fewer. The trend over the past few months has seen the 6:00pm Vigil fall in attendance. **So, from Saturday, 19 September these two Vigil Masses will become the one Mass at 5:30pm.** Given the current attendance, it is unlikely this Mass will exceed 70 people. If, in the future, the numbers increase dramatically, we may consider reinstating the extra Mass. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

GIFTS IN WILLS PARISH CAMPAIGN — WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

During Include A Charity Week (7–13 September), we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will visit: www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY – 13 SEPTEMBER:

Next weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. **Find out more at:** www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding.

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'.

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

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER: The Altar Society Roster for October 2020 to March 2021 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE — SEPTEMBER EDITION — NOW AVAILABLE:

Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

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.

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>".