

# 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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**19 & 20 September 2020**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

## WEEKLY TIMETABLE

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

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 phone:

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:**

Togilea Vakalepu, Soakimi Tukana, Lina Nasr, Noeleen Remaili, Sebastian Lobo

### **Anniversaries:**

Graeme Mansour, Margaret Wonson, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Sele Halahigano Tukana, Robert Taufana, Wadih (Wally) Younan, Francois Leaha Keletaona, Michael Abiwahab, Aronne Borg, Concettina Di Cecco, Michael Remaili, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Danaher

### **Deceased:**

Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Simon & Susane Yazbeck, Mary Jane Axiak, Alamani Kanimoa & Family, Nalagaheehau, Manakofaiva & Kikanoi Families, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Kathleen Fatu, Alice Toiava, Edgar Montclar, Norman Cordeiro, Cordeiro, Frois, Santa Maria, Gomes, Rodrigues & Dibiamaka Families, Michael Mawad, Holy Souls in Purgatory



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

**Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF ACTS 16:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words  
of your Son.**

## **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**

Masses will be celebrated in the church:

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm**

Sunday: 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

**PASTOR'S RETREAT:** As I will be on Retreat this coming week **THE RITE OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE MASS (COMMUNION SERVICE)** will be celebrated on Wednesday 23/9 at 9:15am, Thursday 24/9 at 9:15am and Friday 25/9 at 9:15am.  
~ Fr . Peter Blayney

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 1 October at 6:00pm** via Zoom.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB:** Join Today — [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au)—telephone 0478 919 427. Bushwalking/Abseiling/Canyoning/Camping/Rock Climbing/Indoor Climbing/Rogaining/Cross-Country Skiing/Bike Riding/Social Functions/Walks Every Weekend.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**DIocese OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE:** Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. **We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services.** For more information, please visit the Diocesan website: [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE:** Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**BLESSING OF THE BELLS OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:** The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St. Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal).

**WELCOME TO THE WELL:** The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative — *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. **Check it out at:** [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au).

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY - 27 SEPTEMBER:** All are invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 27 September. "Like Jesus Christ, Forced to Flee" is the theme for this year, and resources including videos, prayers and actions so that we can be in solidarity with migrants and refugees are available at [www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice](http://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice) or through contacting Social Justice Co-Ordinator Patrice Moriarty on [patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org).

**DIocese OF PARRAMATTA CELEBRATES THE SEASON OF CREATION:** The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September– 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to [comms@parracatholic.org](mailto:comms@parracatholic.org) by 25 September. **Details can be found at:** <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

**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.

**CATHOLIC CARE IS STILL OPEN AND OPERATIONAL:** CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call 8843.2500 (Monday-Thursday 8:30am-8:00pm, Friday 8:30am-5:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm), email — [enquiries@ccss.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au).