

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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7 & 8 November 2020

32nd 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:

Mary Sweeney, Ana Ramadigi, Myrtle D'Costa, Robert Dunn, Mirko Buntic

Anniversaries:

Ian Lane, Pearl Pathberiya, Martha Mizzi, Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao M. Alves, Fr. Louis J. Breslan, Eileen Crowley

Deceased:

During the month of November, only Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will be listed.





LITURGY OF THE WORD

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 62:2-8

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.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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



**Be watchful
and ready:
you know
not when
the
Son of Man
is coming.**

**So stay
awake.**

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.

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.

Live-Streaming Sunday Mass

The Mass to be live-streamed will be the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. This can be viewed in real time or later as the Mass will remain on the website for some days.

PARISH NOTICES

CONFIRMATION MASS — 5:30PM — SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2020: We have 14 candidates for Confirmation this year. When we include their sponsors and only some of their families, there will be no room in the Church for parishioners, given that our limit is 70 persons. So, for this Vigil Mass on 21 November, parishioners please do not make any booking for this Mass.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PASTOR'S LEAVE: I shall be on leave for three weeks in November. For weekend Masses, please welcome Father Julian Wellspring (Judicial Vicar, Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney – NSW & ACT) who will be celebrating Masses while I am on leave. I thank Father Julian very much for his assistance at this time. There will be no Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday over the next two weeks. There will be a Communion Service held at the usual time of 9:15am.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE NSW HEALTH: On 23 October NSW Health revised the COVID-19 guidelines for places of worship. The maximum number of people who can attend religious gatherings will be lifted from 100 to 300. **This will still be subject to the 4 square metre rule.** As an example, if a church has 1,200 square metres of space – the maximum allowed would be 1,200 divided by 4, i.e. you can have 300 people in the church. If, however, your church has 400 square metres of space – the maximum allowed would be 400 divided by 4 and hence the limit will still be 100 (and not 300). **St. Patrick's Church cannot increase the maximum number permitted above the current 70 persons. This is because we have 280sqm of space in the church. Since we still have to comply with the 4sqm rule, our capacity will remain at 70 only.** May I remind parishioners that it is necessary to book in for weekend Masses. As the 5:30pm Vigil Mass has been close to or at 70 persons in the last three weeks, it makes it awkward and unpleasant if we have to turn people away from attending Mass if they have not booked in. As with all things COVID-19, please consider others and make life easier for us all by registering your attendance with the Parish Office (9632.2672) before 2:00pm on Fridays, earlier if possible.
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Catholic Mission Appeal on 17-18 October. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,208.30.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD: During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the altar.

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

BETHANY CENTRE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR FOOD DRIVE — 9-13 NOVEMBER: To commemorate World Day of the Poor, you are invited to contribute to the Chancery Office's food drive. Your generous donations will support families doing it tough put food on the table. Items are to be dropped off at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street, Parramatta between 9 and 13 November. To arrange a time to drop off items, and for an items list, contact Marisa VanderHout on 8838.3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION BRINGING THE ADVENT GOSPELS ALIVE —10 NOVEMBER: The Institute for Mission invites you online to enjoy letting scripture presenter Dr. Michele Connolly rsj energise your Advent on 10 November at 7:00pm. **Register via:** www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight. Please feel free to speak to any of the Institute for Mission Team on 9296.6369 if you require any further information or send us an email to: connect@ifm.org.au.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING: The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of Parish Pastoral Councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7:30pm. Our Parish Pastoral Councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can "go and make disciples". To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

SATURDAY SESSIONS — 11:00AM-12:15PM VIA ZOOM: Sharing faith with a community online. Enjoy a video or reading preparation before the session and then join in discussion online – where we can grow and share in faith. Register for the upcoming sessions: **14 November:** Sr. Julie Upton RSM & ACU: Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics <https://tinyurl.com/saturdaysessionsnov14>. Revisit earlier Sessions at the www.thewell.org.au and form your own group within your community. **Email:** Lisa.Bright@parracatholic.org to join Saturday Sessions mailing list.

"I always take something important away and usually more from the topics that I wouldn't have expected." Saturday Sessions Participant

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION - 12 DECEMBER: Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday, 12 December from 10:00am to 12 Noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or wlimjap@gmail.com or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. **Find out more:** www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait.