

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

Est. 1933

Fr. Peter Blayney - Parish Priest

Sr. Helen Cunningham OP

Pastoral Associate

32 Calliope Street

Guildford NSW 2161

Phone: 9632.2672

Email:

admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au

Website:

www.guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au

Manning Foundation — 0497 973 311



**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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr. Steven Jones

Phone: 8728.7300

Email:

stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au

Website:

www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

14 & 15 November 2020
33rd 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

Anniversaries:

Ian Lane, Pearl Pathberiya, Martha Mizzi,
Tomazia Moniz Alves, Joao M. Alves

Deceased:

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





LITURGY OF THE WORD

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A



1ST READING: PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 127:1-5

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground.

Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents.

For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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

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

This weekend (14-15 November) and the following weekend (21-22 November) Live-Streaming of Mass and Pre-Recorded Mass will not be available.

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

LIVE-STREAMING SUNDAY MASS: This weekend (14-15 November) and the following weekend (21-22 November) Live-Streaming of Mass and Pre-Recorded Mass will not be available.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL — 28-29 NOVEMBER: This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

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 next week. 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

FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: "We cannot feel "all right" when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows. The silent cry of so many poor men, women and children should find the people of God at the forefront, always and everywhere, in efforts to give them a voice, to protect and support them in the face of hypocrisy and so many unfulfilled promises, and to invite them to share in the life of the community".

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

REACHING BEYOND 2020: People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on



You have shown that you can be faithful in small things.

How am I faithful?

Come and join your master's happiness.