

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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28 & 29 November 2020
1st Sunday of Advent — Year B

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

Anniversaries:

John D'Silva, Damiano Ingraio

Deceased:

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





LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: ISAIAH 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you
have been enriched in so many ways, especially in
your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ
has indeed been strong among you so that you will
not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you
are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;
and he will keep you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined you to his
Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

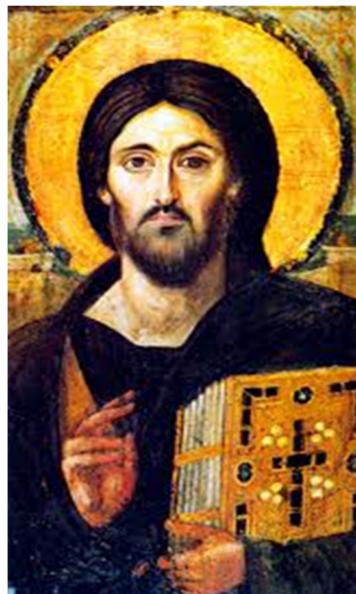
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in charge, each with
his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay
awake. So stay awake, because you do not know
when the master of the house is coming, evening,
midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly,
he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you
I say to all: Stay awake!'

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



**Jesus said
to his
disciples
and says
to us
today:
'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.

Pre-Recorded Sunday Mass

Will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday.

PARISH NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2020: The end of School Year Thanksgiving Mass will take place in our Church on Wednesday, 9 December. Year Six teachers and their students will physically attend Mass in the Church **in line with COVID-19 restrictions**. Kindergarten to Year 5 will join in the Mass via live-streaming and the parent/family community will view via Zoom. **This means that parishioners will not be able to attend Mass on this day – Wednesday, 9 December.** Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time. Please pray for our Year Six students, and their families, as they leave Primary School and begin their journey through High School.

PRE-RECORDED SUNDAY MASS: Will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE MANNING FOUNDATION: Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is our opportunity to help others who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass on the Sundays of Advent and placing them in the baskets. Some examples of food items are: weet-bix, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, spaghetti, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. **Due to health regulations please NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.**

“The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you” (Luke 1:28).

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.

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

MASKS ARE 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

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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

POSITION AVAILABLE — SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR: A position has opened at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes for a Sacramental Co-Ordinator. The position is casual – approximately 25 hours per week. Some weekend and after-hours work will be required. **Applications close:** Thursday, 10 December 2020. For more information please contact Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Office on 9631.8135 or email: parishoffice@olqp.org.au.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE SUMMER 2020/21 EDITION: Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in our Church from early December. 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.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 6 DECEMBER: Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday, 6 December at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury at 7:00pm. Seminarian Andrew Rooney will speak and lead discussion on virtue ethics, particularly the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. We encourage all adults 18-35 years of age to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.