

**ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE**

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Parish Priest: Mons. John Usher

MASSSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Monday: Communion Service

Tuesday to Friday 8.00 am

Rosary after Morning Mass on Fridays

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm

Parish Administration: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda

**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL**

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Monday: The Transfiguration; Tuesday: St Sixtus II Pope – 258); Wednesday: St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop – Patroness of Australia); Thursday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein – 1942); Friday: St Lawrence (258 – Patron of the poor); Saturday: St Clare (1253 – Companion of St Frances of Assisi).

**MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN:** When the Jewish people, led by Moses, made their trek through the desert, to what they called “the promised land”, they became disillusioned, distraught, disenchanted, lost and hopeless. After their trek they told a story about God’s intervention. They said that “God sent them manna from heaven”. The word “manna” means “bread”. Hence, for the ancient Jewish people bread was a metaphor for God’s intervention in their lives.

It seems clear that the symbolism of “bread” was very familiar to the people of Jesus’ time. It became, therefore, a metaphor that Jesus used to explain that God was once again intervening in their lives. Hence, he describes himself as the “Bread of Life” – He says in the fourth Gospel that we read today: “I am the Bread of Life!”.

Elsewhere in the Gospel’s, when the disciples ask Jesus how to pray, he tells them to say the Lord’s Prayer and say this to God: “Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. The kingdom come. Thy will be done. Give us this day our daily BREAD”……. Receiving “Bread” from God is the gift of faith, hope and love. It is the gift that ensures that we will not be disillusioned, distraught, disenchanted, lost or hopeless.

The clear message today is that Jesus Himself is our “daily bread”. Our belief in Him as the Son of God is the gift that guarantees that our lives will brim over with faith, hope and love.

Maybe a good commitment to make today is to say the Lord’s Prayer often, especially when things seem a bit hopeless. It is the prayer that is always answered and fills us with a new sense of faith, hope and love. It is the prayer that is worth saying, even very privately, as often as we can.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish Hall.

**ADULT FAITH EDUCATION PRESENTATION THIS TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AT 7.30PM:** A special Adult Faith Education presentation on ‘An introduction to Prayer’ will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday evening 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm. The session will look at understanding prayer, the kinds, matter and quality of prayer and the Mother Church guiding our prayer. We will be also looking at scripture references and having group discussion on our prayer life and opportunities. There is a lot to learn about prayer which is such an important part of our spiritual lives. Hope to see many there and the air conditioner will be on.

**LECTORS (READERS) ROSTER:** A new roster for the Lectors (Readers) at our Sunday Masses is now available. The rosters for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses **HAVE NOT CHANGED.** Only the roster for the Sunday evening Masses has changed to include some new Lectors. Copies of the new roster for the Sunday evening Lectors are available at the door of the church.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish Hall.

**MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC CARE:** Do you know any seniors in our local community who could use a little help at

home? Catholic Care’s home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Monday</b>	10.00am Bingo in the Parish Hall – <i>All Welcome just come along</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	11.00am Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel – <i>Everyone is welcome</i>

**THE PARISH RETREAT DAY LAST TUESDAY:** Thanks to all who participated in this wonderful day of prayer and reflection. Special thanks are due to Susan Neylan for leading the day.

**AN OPEN DAY AT ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, MILSONS POINT – 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

St Aloysius’ College invites you to attend our biennial Open Day. We will demonstrate how St Aloysius’ educates young men of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment. This is an opportunity for you to tour our facilities and to meet our teachers and students, providing an insight into teaching and learning at St Aloysius’. A range of co-curricular activities including Sports, Drama, Music and Cadets will be on display, showcasing the well-rounded school experience the College offers. Staff and students will also be available to share with you the religious and spiritual life of the College, how we care for each student, and partner with their parents as they become “Men for Others”.

Junior School (Years 3 to 6): 9.30am - 12.00pm at 29 Burton Street, Milsons Point

Senior School (Years 7 to 12): 10.30am - 1.00pm at 47 Upper Pitt Street, Milsons Point

Bookings are not required. For further information, please visit the College website [www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au](http://www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au)

**VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:** From the 5-12 August our parish unites with the catholic community in Australia to celebrate **Vocations Awareness Week.** During this week we concentrate our prayers in praying for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. *What else can you do to pray for Vacations that week?* Attend an extra Mass that week for the vocation of your children/grandchildren or Pray for Vocations as a family by praying 1 our Father and 3 Hail Marys before dinner throughout the week or Say a Hail Mary for more vocations when you stop at the Red traffic Light

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Paul Ryan; Pina Bianca; Kevin Burke; Norbert Matenaar.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Antonio Mandile; Gaetano Lacava; Angelo Guastadisagni; Amelia & Carlo Mauro; Sergio Vendruscolo; Salazia Saad; Giuseppe, Luigina & Antonino Anello; Luis Munoz; Carmen Mazzitelli; Francesco D’Elia; Caterina Palumbo; Clare Clark; Bruna Prevedello; Santina Manzo; William McCall; John Burke; Hugh McGuire; Winifred Wiggins; Paul Hinds; James Campbell; Fredwick Sharpe; Francis Cahill; Kenneth Chalker; Eve Stephens; Caesare Giusti; Elizabeth McDonald; Gaspare Favero; Doreen Essenstam; Rose Glancy; Frank Lo Surdo; Marie Van Der Wall; Filippo Marano; Harold Walker; Elizabeth Tulloch; Thomas Linane.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Join the Prayer Group after Sunday’s 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received Michael McGurk; Norman Clein, Bernadette; Neil Masters; Michael; Nina McNamara; Rod; Gladys Northey; Josephine Oen; Kaitlyn Toohey; Kane Petersen; Raylene; Charles Xureb; Rosina Everett; Rosa; Brian; Robert Northey; Devon; Albert; John Coulson; Margaret Love; Domenica; Dannie; Diane. **To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.**

**NEXT WEEK 11 & 12 AUGUST 2018 – WEEK TWO**

	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
<b>Readers</b>	Amanda Gierek Barbara Bolster	Maria McGrath Greg McGriskin	Sadie Younan Alyssa Younan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kevin Nelson-Smith Margaret Dix Julian McCarron	Eric Kent	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
<b>Communion at Mass</b>	Carmen Holley	Margaret Vella Gil Vella James Redrup	Julienne McCarthy
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	Anne Manenti and Gil Vella		
<b>Children’s Liturgy</b>	Jenni		
<b>Altar Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</b>	Luisa Campagna and Anne Gaul		
<b>Money Counters</b>	Allan & Christina Marshall		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Please see Mons John		

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE BY PURCHASING A CATHOLIC WEEKLY TODAY FOR ONLY \$2.00 – MANY THANKS**