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**PARISH PRIEST: Mons. John Usher**  
**MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**  
**Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass**  
**Rosary after Morning Mass on Fridays**  
**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm**  
**PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda**

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** **Monday:** St Robert Bellarmine (1621); **Tuesday:** St Joseph of Cupertino (1663 – Patron of aviators); **Wednesday:** St Januarius (304 – Patron of Naples); **Thursday:** St Andrew Kim Tae-Gong & Companions (1867 – Patron of Korea); **Friday:** St Matthew (65 – Patron of accountants); **Saturday:** St Thomas of Villanova (1555- Patron of Valencia)

**MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN:** The passage we read from St Mark's Gospel today is the very core of Mark's story. St Mark, the author, does not necessarily intend to recall historically what happened on the first occasion Jesus was acknowledged as "Messiah". He is really intending to describe what happens on every occasion when an individual person or a group of people, acknowledge their gift of faith. The real point of St Mark's story today is that, when a person comes to believe that Jesus is divine (the Son of God), it is about accepting the challenge embodied in that belief.

What is this challenge? To embrace faith in Jesus, the real person of Jesus, is to embrace the truth that God actually became a human being in the person of Jesus. He is truly God and truly human. Hence, every human being shares in the divinity of Jesus, just as he shares in our humanity. This implies, therefore, that true believers not only have a profound respect for God but they also have a profound respect for every human being.

Hence, racism, bigotry, vengeance, exploitation, disrespect or violence against another person are anathemas for a true believer". That's the challenge!

Of course, for each of us the challenge to "renounce ourselves" so, that we can have unconditional respect for every other person, is difficult – that's why it is a real challenge.

The invitation today is very simple. We are invited to do the best we can to treat each other with great respect. If we can do that at least, we are on the way to becoming a true believer.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION LAST FRIDAY NIGHT:** On Friday evening at a special Mass, Bishop Terry Brady Confirmed, with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, 24 of our local young people. They are: **ANTHONY ARCELLA, MALIAH BLEWDEN, ELLA BORG, ALANA CAPUTO, JAMIE CARROLL, BAILEY DOUGHTY, EMILY FRANCO, BEN FRANCO, CHRISTIAN FURFARO, DEMI GIULANI, JOAQUIN GONZALEZ, ZAHARA GONZALEZ, DYLAN KHOURY,**

**JASMINE KHOURY, BAILEY LEIGHTON, TIANA MAIESE, NATALIE MANCUSO, ZAC MASTROGIANNIS, FINLAY MITCHELL, ROMAN RADICE, LILY SOMERS, ASHTON TOEMOE, ZAVIER TOTARO, SOPHIA TRIGANZA.** We congratulate each and every one of them, and their parents and sponsors. We also extend our special gratitude to the Catechists who prepared them for the reception of the Sacrament and our Social Committee who provided a wonderful supper after the ceremony.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** All members are reminded that the next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**OUR ADULT FAITH EDUCATION PROGRAMME:** Thanks to those who attended and enjoyed the special talk by Cath Kennedy last Tuesday evening. Our next Faith Education events will be movie nights on the life of Padre Pio and St Vincent de Paul. We will notify the dates shortly.

**BUS TRIP TO BOWRAL:** This Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> September leaving at 9.00am SHARP.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM:** The Parish Finance Committee is Canonically required in every Catholic Parish. It is obliged to advise the Parish Priest regarding the financial management of the Parish. Our Finance committee members are: John Clarke; Peter Scicluna; Eric Morelli; Margaret McLennan; Bill Cramsie; Maryanne Longhurst; Ron Vozzo and Jim Hanna.

**THANKS FROM THE RETIRED PRIESTS' OF SYDNEY:** The generosity of so many people to the Retired Priests Foundation last week-end is greatly appreciated by the 84 retired priests living in Sydney. Your kindness goes a long way in enabling them to live with dignity. You have helped them to have adequate accommodation, health care, basic necessities, transport and where necessary, nursing and plaintive care.

DIARY DATES	
Mon	10.00am Bingo in the Parish Hall – All Welcome just come along on the day
Wed	11.00am Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel – Everyone is welcome
Wed	7:30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting
Thu	7:30pm Social Justice Ministry Meeting in the Parish Hall

**OUR PARISH WEBSITE:** An excellent way to keep up to date on all our Parish activities, read the Parish Bulletin or the latest newsletter or the readings at Mass etc., or the [Eulogy for Iris Moloney](http://www.stpatmortlake.org.au) who was our oldest and longest serving parishioner at St Patricks until she as Born to Eternal Life on Monday 27August 2018. To visit our Parish website go to [www.stpatmortlake.org.au](http://www.stpatmortlake.org.au)

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Sebastino Pappalardo; Margaret Maher; John Ryan; Iris Moloney; Fr Eric Burton. Patricia Wheeler;

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS** Giovanni Profilio; Nata Ferraro; Amelia Duggan; Andrian Moore; Gil Cocco; Francesco D'Elia; Pina Bianca (2 months Anniversary); Rocco Santangelo; Gregory White; Maria Seto; Dorothy Feegarde; Michele (Mick) Goffredo; Roy Peacock; Raymond Zahra; Eileen Rawlin; Gladys Bourke; Joan Kerison; Olive Kerrison; John Corcoran; Alfred Kemp; William Clark; William Lopez; Mary Hall.

**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 Nives Tassarolo; Ade Barton; Tony; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Anthony; Tony Brezlin; Deborah Bushell; Michael McGurk; Norman Klein, Bernadette; Neil & Joyce 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 22 & 23 SEPTEMBER 2018 – WEEK FOUR			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Amanda Gierek Barbara Bolster	Margaret McCarthy Jack Gordon	James Duck Kate Kent
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson-Smith Margaret Dix Julian McCarron	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Maureen Casey Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Ron Vozzo Anne Manenti	Rita Kolibac Michelle Couch Laura Morelli Sinead Kent
Communion to the Sick	Clare Petrin and Yvonne Webster		
Children's Liturgy	Annemarie		
Altar Society 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar and Sandra Ryan		
Money Counters	P. Murray, M. Ofner, P. Coffey, N. Klein, D Klein		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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