

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE
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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 Teresa of Jesus (1582 – Patron of headache sufferers); **Tuesday:** St Hedwig (1243 – Patron of Silesia); **Wednesday:** St Ignatius of Antioch (107); **Thursday:** St Luke (84 – Patron of Doctors); **Friday:** St John de Brebeuf and St Isaac Jogues & Companions (1642 – Patrons of North America); **Saturday:** St John Kanty (1473 – Patron of Poland & Lithuania).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: The story of the rich young man in today's Gospel story is very familiar to us. He asks Jesus what he should do in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus says simply, "Just keep the commandments". He says that he has done just that. He has kept the commandments. Jesus then says, "Well, there is more you can do: "Give away everything you own to the poor and then come and follow me!". Then the young fellow walked away dejected.

The question to ask is this: Did he walk away because he was too attached to his money? I don't think so! He made it clear that he had kept all of the commandments of the law (ie The Jewish "Torah") Hence he would have given to the poor, the widows, the orphans and the beggars because this is what the Torah commanded him to do. The challenge of Jesus to give more to the poor would not have been difficult for him to accept. It seems that the real challenge that caused the man to walk away was the invitation of Jesus to "come and follow me".

There are many charitable and benevolent people in the world. Generosity to those who are poor is an admirable quality in many people. It is a quality in many non-Christians, agnostic and atheistic people. We Christians do not have a monopoly on kindness, benevolence or charity.

The real challenge for people, the most difficult challenge of all, is not about being a conscientious humanitarian. The most difficult challenge that we have embraced is to "follow Jesus". When we accepted the invitation to "come and follow me" we made an enormous commitment in faith. In following Jesus we affirm that God became a human being in the person of Jesus. This means for us that every human being has a share in the eternal life of God. It means that every human being shares in the dignity of God. We believe that every human being is a child of God and every human being has equality with us and a right to live with dignity. This belief is the greatest of all challenges and we are proud to embrace it.

ABOUT THE BIBLE: The third and final session on "Understanding the Bible", presented by David Patterson will occur this Tuesday 16th October in the parish hall at 7.30pm. The earlier sessions received glowing reports and everyone is invited to this final session about embracing a proper understanding of the Old and New Testaments of the bible.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Sometimes adult people discover that they did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they were younger. Hence, every year there is an opportunity for adult people to be Confirmed. The next adult Confirmations will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 28th October 2018 at 10.30am. If any adult is wishing to be Confirmed, please speak to Fr John and he will make the necessary arrangements.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: Many of our young people will commence the H.S.C. exams this week. We wish them well and it's a noble gesture to keep these young students in our prayers this week.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DOMREMY COLLEGE WHO WILL ATTEND WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA NEXT YEAR: After 9.00am Mass, Alexa Woods a Student from Domremy College will be selling fundraising raffle tickets for your chance to win a Toyota Yaris or many other great prizes. Tickets will be \$2.00 each, just remember you have to be in it to win it and this would be a great way that we can all show our support for Alexa for WYD 2019.

"INNER – WESTFEST" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT HOLY CORSS COLLEGE RYDE: Calling all Youth and Young Adults, Wednesday, 7th November – Join famous singer and musician Gary Pinto who has worked with big names like Stevie Wonder, Guy Sebastian to name a few and co-wrote the theme song for World Youth Day 2008 "Receive the Power". Gary also tours in his own right sharing his powerful story of conversion. A free night of dinner, music and a chance to encounter Christ. Bring your friends. Dinner at 6.00pm, event start at 7.00pm Venue will be Holy Cross College Ryde. More details contact Fr Dan on 0428687808 (phone) and email brdan@rgcp.org.au

THE PARISH FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2017 – 2018: With the help of everyone's generosity over the past year, and with sound advice from our Parish Finance Committee, we completed the 2017-2018 financial year with a small surplus of \$54,004. We were able to almost finalise our loan repayments relating to the new parish house and contribute \$78,666 to various charitable causes. A copy of the 2017-18 income and expenditure report is on the notice board for perusal. **THANKS TO EVERYONE!**

<u>DIARY DATES</u>	
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!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Denis Foley; Van An Nguyen; Brian Donohoe; Sina Fondacaro; Alex Apap; Garry Giles; Lina Del Riccio Amelia Fiorentino.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Alvaro Bianchi (16th Anniversary); Pina Bianca (3 months Anniversary); Liliana Farone (2nd Anniversary); John Roach; Sam Ferlauto; Giuseppe & Michelle Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Anthony Zacca; Espedito Calleja; Harold Carlton; Nellie Hart; William Smith; Joseph Moloney; Phyliss Carss; Neita Edgton; John Mathies; Mary Brown; Carl Rich; Francesco Aloisio; Roy Mitchell; Jojn Jarmalavicius.

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 Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rapi; Sr Carol; Nives Tessarolo; 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; Kaitlyn Toohey; Kane Petersen; Raylene; 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.

<i>NEXT WEEK 20 & 21 OCTOBER 2018 – WEEK THREE</i>			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Maureen Edwards Lorette Quinlan	Helen O'Neill Michelle Straih	Laura Libro Tamar Macgillicuddy
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson-Smith Julian McCarron Margaret Dix	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Betty Flynn Connie Lasorsa	Diane Carolan Rita Kolibac Michele Couch
Communion to the Sick	Kevin Casey and Frank O'Young		
Children's Liturgy	Leonie and Rebecca		
Altar Society 3 rd Saturday	Marie Cramsie and Barbara Granger		
Money Counters	Michael and Philomena Turley and Sandra and Stephen Ryan		
Altar Servers	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