

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 John Paul II (2005 – Pope); **Tuesday:** St John Capistrano (1456 – Patron of jurists); **Wednesday:** St Anthony Mary Claret (1870 – Patron of Cuba); **Thursday:** 40 Martyrs of England and Wales (1700); **Friday:** St Evaristus (107 – Martyr); **Saturday:** St Frumentius (380 – Patron of Ethiopia).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be a slave of all".

The notion of being a "slave" is a somewhat foreign concept for us in 2012. Slavery was abolished in the world over two hundred years ago. Nevertheless, in the first century the word "slave" was well understood. A "slave" was the property of another person. Someone who was under another person's domination. If being the "first", or the "most revered" or the "most important" amongst people is one's goal there is only one way to achieve such a status. One must consider oneself the "property" and "under the domination of" everyone else.

When two of Jesus closest friends sought to be the "first" and the "greatest" amongst all of the disciples, Jesus warned James and John that they would need to be "slaves" to everyone else. To become a "slave" to everyone else was a destiny they could not contemplate.

There are many people in our world who strive to be "first" and the "greatest" amongst others. Some of them are political leaders others are business tycoons etc. None of them achieve their goal because becoming a "slave" to everyone else is impossible for them. History tells many stories about presidents, prime ministers, kings, queens and even church leaders who have failed in their attempts to be "first" over and above everyone else.

We are all equal in the eyes of God. No one amongst us has a prior right to God's love and mercy. None of us is "first" in the mind of God.

Today's Gospel message teaches us that racism, bigotry, exploitation, self-aggrandizements etc. are human traits that are motivated by a desire to be "first" over and above other people. Like James and John in the gospel story today we need to abandon such desires and traits.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS: This week-end in our parish, there is a special appeal to assist our Catholic Missions around the world. This annual appeal assist Catholic missionary activities in

foreign places which are providing healthcare, education and community development. Envelopes are available on the seats into which you could make your personal contribution. *Many thanks!*

"INNER – WESTFEST" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT HOLY CROSS 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

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: There is a special meeting of our Parish Council this coming Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. The purpose of this special meeting is to ensure that all of our Parish activities are committed to the proper care and protection of all children and vulnerable adults who are part of our Parish community.

CATHOLIC CARE PRESENTATION: If you think you may need some help with accessing in-home care and support or you are finding it difficult to understand the aged care system and how it works, Catholic Care can help. Following on from a very successful recent presentation we are extending another invitation to Seniors and their families, Carers and Community members who have regular contact with Seniors to help you get a start with organising home care for yourself or loved one. Please join us for an information session in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 31st October, 2018 at 7pm RSVP Marie 0414 588846.

BEHIND THE SMILE OF CARDINAL GILROY: Historian and author, Br John Luttrell will speak about Cardinal Gilroy, as detailed in his wonderful book about Cardinal Gilroy, at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Road Strathfield on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 10.30 am. RSVP by 9th November to veechlibrary@cis.catholic.edu.au (See Parish Notice Board).

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!**

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH CHRISTMAS THANK YOU GET TOGETHER: This special annual celebration will be held in the presbytery on Friday 30th November at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. – **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.**

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!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norman Klein; Fr Denis Foley; Van An Nguyen; Brian Donohoe; Amelia Fiorentino; Vonnie McGill; Frank Vella.

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; Minna Burgess; Mary O'Sullivan; Lola Wilkinson; Maude McDonald; Betty O'Sullivan; David Wilson; Leo Gallagher; Ethel Steele; George Gray; Sylvesta Cotter; Robert King; John Reidy.

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 Margaret Dix; Queenie Menso; Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rapi; Sr Carol; Nives Tassarolo; Ade Barton; Tony; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Anthony; Tony Brezlin; Bernadette; Michael; Nina McNamara; Rod; 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.

NEXT WEEK 27 & 28 OCTOBER 2018 – WEEK FOUR			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	M i c h e l l e McCabe Jan Holahan	Wendy Ballesty Paul Ballesty	Sybil Morelli Charissa Puglisis
Acolytes	K e v i n Nelson-Smith J u l i a n McCarron	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	M a u r e e n Casey N e r i n a Briganti Max Briganti	Ron Vozzo Anne Manenti	Rita Kolibac Michelle Couch Laura Morelli Sinead Kent
Communion to the Sick	Wendy Ballesty and Kevin Nelson-Smith		
Children's Liturgy	Annemarie		
Altar Society 4 th Saturday	Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar and Sandra Ryan		
Money Counters	P. Murray, M Ofner, P Coffey and D. Klein		
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