

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

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Monday:** Saints Zachary & Elizabeth (50 – Parents of St John the Baptist); **Tuesday:** St Leonard of Limoges (559 – Patron of Captives); **Wednesday:** St Willibrord (739 – Patron of Holland); **Thursday:** Saints Severus, Severian, Carpophorus and Victorius (306- The four Crowned Martyrs – Patrons of Sculptors); **Friday:** Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (324); **Saturday:** St Leo the Great (461 – Pope and Doctor of the Church).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: Today we come, in St Marks Gospel, to a revelation that sums up the essential elements of what is involved in being a true Christian. We have, up until this week- end, read a number of stories about Jesus being questioned. Sometimes he was questioned maliciously, sometimes in innocence and good will. Nevertheless, every time he is questioned Jesus has answered in a way that has left his followers a little speechless.

In today's story it is a "scribe" (a trained and qualified expert in the Jewish law- A religious leader whom Jesus has criticised in the past) who asks Jesus a serious question. He asks "which is the first of all the commandments?" In spite of the criticism that Jesus has previously had of "scribes", it is clear that this fellow is a man of good will. Hence Jesus praises him warmly

The "Scribe" obviously knows that the most important commandment is to love God with all of one's heart and mind. Nevertheless, Jesus says "you are correct, but there is more to it than that – you must also love every human being with all of your heart and mind". The "scribe" agrees with Jesus! The truth for us is very clear. If Jesus is the Son of God, and at the same time a human being, all of us, as human beings, are part of God's life.

We are invited today to remember that every human being, because of Jesus, has a share in the dignity of God. Hence, every human being deserves respect and, most importantly, has a right to a life of dignity.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL – NOVEMBER: As a Parish we are always very generous to this Appeal which is held on 3 occasions each year. The November appeal is scheduled for next week-end. Our generosity helps many homeless people, children isolated from their families, exploited seafarers, local aboriginal people, people with disabilities etc. Envelopes will be available next week-end – **Many thanks**

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Members of the Pastoral Care Ministry will gather this coming Wednesday December 5th. This is our last gathering for 2018. We will meet at 12.30 at The Country Club, Village Drive Breakfast Point.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED: We are looking for one or two singers & musicians to join our Saturday 6pm music group. If you feel you can assist please call Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 or just say hello to Bob & Marg following the Mass.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' PLENARY COUNCIL 2019-2020: This Council is designed to establish a dialogue amongst Catholics across Australia. The questions we are invited to discuss are these:

- What do you think God is asking of Australian Catholics at this time?
- What questions do you have about the future of the Catholic Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020
- Do you have a story of your experience as a Catholic you would like to share

Here at St Patrick's we will develop ways in which we might address these questions during the next few months.

ORDER OF MALTA - LOURDES DAY MASS – 1ST DECEMBER 2018: This special Mass, especially for those who are sick or fragile, is to be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 10AM on Saturday 1st December 2018. After the mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, there will be a blessing of the sick with water from the spring at the Lourdes shrine in France.

A CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT CARMEN'S AT BARNWELL PARK ON THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2018: For those who are available during the day, our Parish Social Ministry extends an invitation to attend a Christmas Lunch at Carmen's Restaurant, Barnwell Park Golf Club. The cost is \$45 for lunch, tea, coffee and entertainment commencing at 12 NOON. RSVP Anne Manenti on 87658260 by 21st November.

CHRISTMAS EXPO: ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, operated by the priests and brothers of the Society of St Paul, will be having a CHRISTMAS EXPO at their premises at 35 Meredith St, Strathfield, from 7 to 21 November from 9.00am to 5.00pm. On display will be a wide range of quality religious books for adults and children, as well as CDs, DVDs, Christmas cards and nativity sets. Everyone welcome! Plenty of off-street parking. For more information phone 9394 3400 (office hours) or email sales@stpauls.com.au, or check the website www.stpauls.com.au

THE BISHOP'S BLEND: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendsixthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE – 7PM FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018: Fr John extends an invitation to ALL parishioners (young & more senior) to join him for some Christmas hospitality in the presbytery on the evening of Friday 30th November from 7pm onwards. It will be an opportunity to greet each other socially and say thanks for a wonderful 2018 year – **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; Brian Donohoe; Betty Borger; Frank Palumbo; Michael Bonello; Amelia Fiormentino; Vonnie McGill; Frank Vella.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary Galea; Deceased members of Di Giglio, Lo Schiavo, Tesoriero, Galea & Michaldef Families; Grace & Arrigo Felettigh; Maria and Rocco Santangelo; Giovanni Palumbo; Charles Bonnici ; John & Mary Micallef; Arther & Lawrence Micallef; Vincent Bonello; Carolyn & Ken Hawkings; Caterina & James Borg; Terry Edwards; Domenico Cardillo; Giuseppe De Meio; Francesco D'Ella; Giovanni & Carmela Illuzzi; Illuzzi Family; Vassal Family; Angelo Falgaiatori; Umberto Rusconi; Paul Jackson; Caterina Archetti; Francesco Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loretta Ricchiuti; James, Evelyn & Herbert Northey; Elen Rollings; James, Mary & Jimmy Slater; Nellie & Jim Bainbridge; Harrison & Behan Families; McMillan Family; Alfred, Violet & Marie Stephens; Sam Ferlauto; Michael & Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Guss Fausti; Anthony Zacca; Zeita & Phyl Stadman; Elsie & Frederick Shelton; Iris & Doug Grant; Helen & Fred Shelton; Kathleen & Maurice Bartlett; Norman Roll; Rev Mons Bartlett; Rev Maurus Bartlett; Peter, Harry, Elizabeth & Henry Bartlett; Stella, Fred & Eric Steadman; Elizabeth & Frank Flint; John Power.

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 10 & 11 NOVEMBER 2018 – WEEK TWO			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Paul Dolan A n n a Dickinson	M a r g a r e t McCarthy Jack Gordon	Marie Piccin Catherine Ryan
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson- Smith J u l i a n McCarron	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	C a r m e n Holley	James Redrup Margaret & Gil Vella	S Kent
Communion to the Sick	Luisa Campagna and Libby Cook		
Children's Liturgy	Jenni		
Altar Society 2 nd Saturday	Anne Gaul and Luisa Campagna		
Money Counters	Allan & Christina Marshall, Carol Gordon James Redrup		
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