

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 Elizabeth of Hungary (Patron of Hungary); **Tuesday:** St Felix of Valois (1212); **Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (12BC); **Thursday:** St Cecilia (230 – Patron of Musicians); **Friday:** St Columban (615 – Irish Missionary); **Saturday:** St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions (Patron of Vietnam).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: Today we celebrate the official closing of the Church's liturgical year. Next week we celebrate the feast of Christ the King then the season of Advent begins as we prepare for Christmas 2018 and, in so doing, we commence a new year of the Church's celebrations.

So today the message is essentially about "end-time". Using apocalyptic language (symbolic language), St Mark the author invites the readers of his story to be constantly alert because we live in between the beginning and the end of time. We are, in fact, living and experiencing the fullness of God's creation. It is important, therefore, for us to be alert and to recognise the "signs of the times".

St Mark uses the image of Autumn when leaves fall from the trees to make way for new growth. As a community of believers we need to acknowledge that our life as a Church has to change to enable new growth and new life to blossom again.

It seems to be a very relevant message for our local church today. We must look at the "signs of the times" and be open to new ways.

In St Mark's gospel today, we are actually being invited to make a serious re-assessment of everything that is going on in our community. We are reminded that Jesus is the bearer of "good news". Hence all that is less than "good" in our Church must be eradicated to enable Jesus, who is "good news", to come again.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL – NOVEMBER: As a Parish we are always very generous to this Appeal which is held on 3 occasions each year. Our generosity helps many homeless people, children isolated from their families, exploited seafarers, local aboriginal people, people with disabilities etc. **Envelopes still available this weekend – Many Thanks.**

AN INVITATION: Due to recent departures and retirements we are looking to welcome some new musicians and singers into our parish music ministry so that we can continue to provide music at our Masses. If you, or a family member, young or old would like to be involved we are having an open session next Saturday morning 24th November at 10am in the church to show how the Mass music is presented and answer any questions. You do not need to be an experienced musician or singer to come along – all will be welcome and if you do join in we are sure you will enjoy the experience.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS: As many families prepare to celebrate the festive season with their loved ones, others are experiencing disadvantage or homelessness and may be suffering in silence this Christmas. The sales from these cards and calendars will go towards the funding of our Good Works and the services that will support them during this time. **The price for a pack of 10**

cards is \$6. The new 2019 Columban Calendar (an ideal Christmas gift) **costs \$10.** The cards and calendars are available in the Narthex.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYING – WITH SUSAN NEYLAN: A Spiritual Journey. How does spiritual accompaniment assist you on your journey? Susan Neylan will be present in the parish hall immediately after each of the Masses on the 24 & 25th of November. She will briefly speak about this question. Becoming aware of the divine inner direction of our life is not easy. Come and find out about how spiritual accompaniment can support you in developing your unique relationship with God.

ADVENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME: The season of Advent begins on 2nd December 2018. Our Parish faith Education Ministry will be offering a series of reflections in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The reflections will be based on the Gospel passages of each Sunday in Advent. **The first reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 28th November 2018. All Welcome**

ST PATRICK'S PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: As today has been designated as "World Day of the Poor" by Pope Francis, representatives from our Social Justice Ministry team will be speaking to us at all of our masses this week-end about the importance of Social Justice in our Catholic Church. Further, our Social Justice Ministry team invite you to join them in donating towels for the Matthew Talbot Hostel. Towels need to be pre-washed new towels or used towels in good condition. Towels may be left in the narthex of the church from Monday 19th to Sunday 25th. If you would like any information on joining this Ministry or for towel collection, please call Sinead Kent on 0420653637. **Thank you for your continued support.**

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Our Finance Committee will meet this coming Wednesday evening, 21st November 2018 in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC? This is a question being asked by the Catholic Bishops of Australia. Everyone is invited to respond to the question. At our Masses early in December we will provide everyone with an opportunity to respond to the question. In the meantime you might like to think about your response.

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 this coming Wednesday the 21st November.**

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: Long Yuyen; Michael Bonello; Joan Antill; Luigino Mascarello; Queenie Menso.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Gil Cocco; Ambrogio Diurno; Alvaro, Narciso & Evelina Bianchi; Giuseppe Libro; Gina Musumeli; Giuseppe & Maria Schepis; Rita Carrara; Rina Cossetini; Guido & Nanda Rovere; Jean & Nadia Gamra; Umberto Fiorini; Campagna & Zappia Families; Paul Papadopoulous; Emanuel Vasiliades; De Angelis Family; Driver Family; Michael Flynn; Sarah & Noman Doyle; Arthur & Katherine Coffey; Pat & Kathleen Feek; Marie Attwood; Rita Wilkinson; Jewel Komisky; Noel & Leon Jackson; Jewel Delfs; Ng Family; Elia & Roger Bugeja; Walter, Dorothy & Joan Harris; Zaz Zarod; Roger and Nora Tuckle; Hilda Davidson; Winifred Pearce; Rev Mother Paul; Jackie Koselski; Beatrice Boylan; Walter & Honora Harris; Joseph & Alex Capewell; John & Mary Cosgrove; Healy, Cosgrove & Usher Families; McAtamney Family; Fisher & Delany Families; Natale Pelle; Domenico Cardillo; Zappia, Surra, Agostino & Romeo Families; Michael & Youseff Abdallah; Tony & Sadie, Sarah & Peter, Mary & Daniel, Don & Gloria, Boulos & Zahia, Odette & Wallie, Asaad & Sarkis, Bakaket & Hala, Joe Bakous; Iaquinto & Fezzuoglio Families; Giuseppe & Maria Del 'Elci; Maria & Egidio Cavallaro; Dulihanty & O'Neil Families. **MORE NAMES NEXT WEEK**

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 Charmaine Suria: Beverley McGriskin; Margaret Dix; Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rampin; 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 24 & 25 NOVEMBER 2018 – WEEK FOUR			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Kevin Casey M a u r e e n Casey	Dianne Manning	Britta Crozier John Crozier
Acolytes	C r i s t i n a Profilio	Kevin Nelson- Smith Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Alex Duck 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	Mabel Bianchi and Yvonne Webster		
Children's Liturgy	Annemarie		
Altar Society 4 th Saturday	Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar and Sandra Ryan		
Money Counters	P Murray, D Klein, M Ofner and Peter Coffey		
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