

**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: St Sylvesta (1267 – Abbot); Tuesday: St Maximinus (460); Wednesday: St Catherine Laboure (1876 – Recipient of the Miraculous Medal); Thursday: St Saturninus (303); Friday: St Andrew (63- Apostle – Patron of fishermen); Saturday: St Edmund Campion (1581 – Patron of the press and media).

**MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN:** This special feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas.

It is strange for this last Sunday of the Church's year to be dedicated to Christ as a "King". Throughout the year we have been reading many stories about Jesus and it has been very clear that "kingship" is an attribute that was never assumed by Him. In fact, throughout human history, the title of "King" is tainted by the abuse of power and authority. It is clear that Jesus, even though He was the Son of God, never abused His power or authority.

Christ's kingship has nothing of the despot or dictator about it. It seems that Christ embodies what the title "King" really means; rather than what other men have done with their kingship.

The Kingship of Christ is about love and justice. It is about absolute self-giving. Christ's Kingship is about unconditional mercy and understanding.

The Kingship of Christ inspires all of us to never abuse the gifts that are given to us. It inspires us to never abuse a role we may have in relation to the care and protection of other people

Parents and Priest, leaders of people and spokesperson on behalf of people, are all reminded about the sacred power with which they have been entrusted. Christ is the leader, the guide and mentor who only speaks the truth; who always acts justly and mercifully; who always puts the needs and concerns of other people before His own.

This model of "kingship" is placed before us today to remind us how we should relate to each other.

**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 on Saturday morning 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** St Patrick's Primary School and the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish are collaborating to provide Christmas hampers for needy families in our area. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items, which would be suitable for the 'Christmas Table'. Some possible items to donate are listed on the appeal notice in the Narthex. Plastic tubs will be available in the Narthex for your donations in the first 2 weekends in December. The Christmas hampers will be packed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, ready for delivery by St Vincent de Paul members to those in need. Thank you.

**SPIRITUAL JOURNEYING – WITH SUSAN NEYLAN:** What is spiritual accompaniment/guidance? Susan Neylan will be present in the parish hall immediately after each Mass this week end for 30 minutes. She will briefly speak about this question and speak individually with anyone seeking spiritual guidance. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. All Welcome**

**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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 – <b>All Welcome just come along on the day</b>
Wed	11.00am Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel – <b>Everyone is welcome!</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia Gallagher; Luigino Mascarello; Long Yuyen; Michael Bonello; Joan Antill; Queenie Menso.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Francesco D'Elia; Gil Cocco; Guy, Carmen & Joyce Dimech; Jane, Joseph & Helen De Bono; Nini & Joseph Sciberras; Lupo Vaccarella; Dona Iannotti; Pellegrino Vaccarella; Carmen Vaccarella; Patricia Martin; Ersilia & Guido Falgiatori; Fiona & Frank Garcea; Antonio & Maria Alessio; Saviour, Helen, Twanny & Ellene Borg; Adrian, John, Adrian & Eileen Plunkett; Ryan, Plunkett & Mair Families; Muir & Chong Families; A & W Coh; Wendy, Robert, Elena & Antonio Alfano; Guido Natale; Donata & Angela Family; Domenico & Lina Ravalli; Angela Marino; Ballesty & Guy Families; John & Josie Profilio; John & Colin Bruce; Maureen Duffy; Aquilina Family; Angelo, Concetta & Domenico Piccin; Palumbo,, Calvisi, Luci & Rioeo Families; Piera Polina; Walker Family; Eliz Bugeja; Roger Bugeja; Sam Ferlauto; Michele & Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Gussy Fausti; Anthnoy Zacca; McGrath, Horan & Gavltak Families; Edwin Lia; Lia & Cassar Families; Marie E Parmenter; Beryl Borger; Gladys & Reg Parmenter; Margaret, Barbare & Noela Yazbeck; Ruby & Alan Boody; Tom Parmenter; Julie Holmes. **MORE NOVEMBER 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 Mary Ridolfi; Charmaine Suria; Beverley McGriskin : Margaret Dix; Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rampin; Nives Tessarolo; 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 1 & 2 DECEMBER – WEEK ONE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Maureen Edwards Lorette Quinlan	Annette Cooper Rod Cooper	Cristina Profilio Diane Carolan
Acolytes	Peter Scicluna	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Alex Duck Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Paula Patterson Lorette Quinlan	Vicki Garcea Carmel Moliterno	Britta Crozier Diane Gamra
Communion to the Sick	Michelle McCabe and Margaret McCarthy		
Children's Liturgy	Sinead		
Altar Society 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Philomena Turley and Bernadette Griffin		
Money Counters	Bill Cramsie, Sinead Kent, Tina Driver and Paul Driver		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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