

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 Olympas (410): **Tuesday:** St Gatian (400 – Bishop of Tours): **Wednesday:** St Urban (1370 – Pope): **Thursday:** St Dominic of Silos (1073 – Patron of captives): **Friday:** St Peter Canisius (1597): **Saturday:** St Frances Xavier Cabrini (1917 – Patron of immigrants).

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM – COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE CHURCH
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 6.00PM – CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE PARISH LAWN
MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM – CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS ESPECIALLY FOR OUR CHILDREN
MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 8.00PM – CHRISMTAS VIGIL MASS
TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER AT MIDNIGHT – 9.00AM – 10.30AM – CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: At our Masses this weekend, on this 3rd Sunday of Advent, we are invited to be full of joy. The special colour today is **ROSE** – The colour of joy.

Today's Gospel Story is taken from the 3rd Chapter of St Luke's Gospel. It records the joyful words of John the Baptist as he describes what God has actually done for us all by sending Jesus into our world.

Everything John the Baptist says in today's Gospel was ultimately demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Nevertheless, it is up to us, who know that he was God who became a human being, to proclaim what Jesus ultimately revealed.

Jesus revealed that God is not a God of vengeance, vindictiveness or retribution. God is about love, peace, mercy and justice. Hence, we believers must mirror in our own lives the reality of God. It is a reality that our contemporary world does not embrace

What we are invited to do is be like God. It is a joyful way to live. It involves sharing what you might have with

those who have nothing. It is an invitation to never cheat or exploit a fellow human being. It is about being honest and just and to never bully anyone who we perceive to be weaker than ourselves.

If we want this Christmas to be the best Christmas ever, all we have to do is to take this message to heart and enjoy this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: The Rosters are in the Narthex for all our Christmas Masses if you are able to assist in any Ministry it would be very much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: An invitation is extend to all children if they would like to be involved at their Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve. There will be two 45 min rehearsals **6pm Thursday 20th Dec and 10am Sunday 23rd Dec.** This is a very special way for your child to be involved and this will be Erin's third year conducting this choir so please just RSVP directly to erin.white05@gmail.com

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC? Thanks to everyone for putting your mind to the above question last week. Your responses have been sent off and will shape some of the issues to be addressed at the "Plenary Council" of Australian Catholics in 2020. Nearly 300 responses were collated covering issues such as youth, clergy, women's roles in the church, social justice etc. **THANK YOU!**

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Once again this year, on the Wednesday evening before Christmas we will celebrate together the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The celebration will take place at 7.30pm in our Church and we will be joined by parishioners from St Mary's Concord and St Ambrose Concord West. **The date of this celebration is this coming Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON ST PATRICK'S GREEN: You are warmly invited to Carols which will be hosted by Mike and Helena Bailey on Friday 21 December 2018 from 6pm to 8pm. Please join our parish community for some of your favourite Christmas carols. Bring a picnic, chairs, blanket, family and friends to enjoy in a relaxed atmosphere. All Enquiries: Lauraine 0414 743 076.

DIARY DATES	
Mon 10am	Monday the 17 th will be the last Bingo for 2018 – It will resume in late January – Date to be advised
Wed	Christian Mediation has finished for 2019. It will resume in late January – Date to be advised

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sheila Poole; Raylene Harrison; Amelia Modigliani; Damien De Martino; Sister Marie Duffy R.S.M.: Peter Beer; Patricia Gallagher; Joan Antill; Queenie Menso.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Gil Cocco; Cynthia Fernandes; Francesco & Maria Cannone; Andrea & Angela & Loreta Ricchiuti; Andrew Manenti; Philomena Klein; Phillis Calman; Greta Mikolic; Bernadr Henry; Edith Gallagher; William Blackman.

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 Bob Hawke; 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; 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 22 & 23 DECEMBER – WEEK FOUR			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Paul Dolan Anna Dickinson	Anne Manenti Peter Manenti	Felicity Orme Diana Gamra
Acolytes	Peter Scicluna Julian McCarron	Kevin Nelson-Smith Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Alex Duck Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Maureen Casey Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Ron Vozzo Anne Manenti	Rita Kolibac Michelle Couch Laura Morelli
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	Patrick Murray, Martin Ofner, Peter Coffey, Denis Klein		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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