

**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 Eulogius (859); **Tuesday:** St Theophanes the Chronicler (817); **Wednesday:** St Roderick (857); **Thursday:** St Matilda (968 – Patron of large families); **Friday:** St Louise De Marillac (1660 – Founder of the Daughters of Charity); **Saturday:** St Heri Bert (1021); **Sunday:** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent) – **ST PATRICK** (461 – Patron of Ireland).

**MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN:** Some of us remember when we were called upon to keep a very strict Lenten fast. Instead of the two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, that we observe these days, we were obliged to fast every day during Lent and abstain from meat every Friday. Sometimes we wonder how we did it.

In this day and age the strict laws of fast and abstinence during Lent are a matter of historical record. The Church rightly abandoned the burden of “law” for everyone and now simply asks us to act in the “spirit” of this season. We are now invited to prepare for Easter by undertaking those acts of mercy, penance and love that are appropriate for our own lives.

In fact, today’s story, as told in St Luke’s Gospel, gives us a guide regarding how we could change our lives during this season of Lent and joyfully prepare for the celebration of Easter 2010.

Before Jesus commenced his public ministry, which ultimately led to His death and resurrection, he went to a quiet place to pray. While he was there he was tempted in three ways. He was tempted by the attraction of wealth, popularity and power.

I suppose these three temptations of Jesus are familiar to us all. Maybe they give us a clue about three possible ways to review our lives this Lent. Maybe rather than always accumulating material things we might think about “**sharing**”. Maybe rather than worrying about our need to be “well thought of” we might try to think more positively about people who our society devalues. And maybe our concern to “be in control” could be replaced with commitment of solidarity with our sisters and brothers.

**OUR LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:** These evenings of reflection and prayer will commence in the Parish Hall this coming Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. The theme of this year’s reflections is “Compassion”. The reflections on each week’s Gospel story had been prepared by Fr John Chalmers of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Discussion booklets and other resources will be available. Everyone is welcome –do come along –The Discussions will continue until the week before Holy Week on each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

**EVERYONE DESERVES A SECURE HOME:** You are invited to join a group of Parishioners from the Social Justice Ministry and the St V de Paul Conference at Town Hall on **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**, at 6.30pm. Information on the posters in the narthex, but feel free to contact Sinead Kent 0420653637/[skent00@gmail.com](mailto:skent00@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

**READERS ROSTERS:** The new rosters for 2019-2020 are in the Narthex for collection. There is also an invitation to all current readers from Mons John to a meeting on either the 19 or 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the hall. If anyone would like to become a reader please feel free to come along to either meeting on the 19 or 26 March at 7.30pm, you will be most welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this coming Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

**PASTORAL CARE AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Just a reminder of the gathering this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Noon in the hall.

**A MESSAGE FROM MANDY WESTGATE – PRINCIPAL OF ST PATRICK'S:** On behalf of the staff we would like to thank the parishioners who came and visited our school last Sunday for the beginning of Catholic Schools Week and the beginning of our new enrolment period for Kindergarten 2020. It comes around so quickly!!!

I am sure many of you have seen the demolition of houses in Herbert St over the last few weeks. We are beginning the next stage of our school by creating a green space on our land. The building at number 28 will remain and will be developed into a multipurpose centre for the school, so it can be used for a variety of subjects (possibly Art, Music and Technology) and the area between number 28 and the new school will be developed into green play space at this stage for the children. I make it sound like a simple procedure, but like any change, there are many different processes, both Sydney Catholic Schools and council that need to be completed. The children (and parents) as you can imagine are very excited with the notion of more green space.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10.00AM BINGO IN THE PARISH HALL – EVERYONE WELCOME
WED	11.00AM CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN THE LADY CHAPEL – EVERYONE WELCOME
SUN	9.00AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Beverley McGriskin; Joan Klein; Christine Ng; June Murray; Dale Harris. Veronica Rasmussen; Robert Crecca.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Angelo Falgiatori; Francesco & Maria Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loreta Ricchiuti; Elizabeth Rasmussen; Sister Briget Linehan S.J.; Michael Moloney; Mary Monaghan; Maureen Anderson; William Chambelain; Harold Williams; Francesco Garcea; Nellie Bailey; Josef Kazner; John Naylor; Noel Gurney; Charles Mathias; Jane Rawstrom; John O’Sullivan; James Flynn; Vincent Bughagiar; Nancy Ellis; Edward Cody.

**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; Ray; Mario Falcone; Cameron Sue; Nadia Same; Bob Hawke; Maria; Lucy Shaw; Aurora; Mary Ridolfi; Charmaine Suria; Tassarolo; Tony; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Kaitlyn Toohey; Kane Petersen; John Coulson; Margaret Love; Domenica: Diane. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 16 & 17 MARCH 2019 – WEEK THREE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Paul Dolan Anna Dickinson	Helen O’Neill Michelle Sraih	Michele Howland Peter Scicluna
Acolytes	Margaret Dix Julian McCarron	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Alex Duck Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Betty Flynn Connie Lasorsa	Diane Carolan Rita Kolibac Michele Couch
Communion to the Sick	Cathy Keevers and Dianne Chestney		
Children’s Liturgy – Week 3	Rebecca		
Altar Society	No Flowers during Lent		
Money Counters	Sandra & Stephen Ryan, Philomena & Michael Turley		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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