

**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:** Our Lady of Fatima (1917); **Tuesday:** St Matthias (65- The Apostle that replaced Judas); **Wednesday:** St Isidore (1130 – Patron of farmers); **Thursday:** St Simon Stock (1265- Patron of the Brown Scapular); **Friday:** St Paschal Baylon (1592 – Patron of Eucharistic Congresses); **Saturday:** St John I (526 – Pope and Martyr).

**MESSAGE FROM MONS. JOHN:** Over the next few weeks of the Easter Season at our week-end Masses we will reflect on the messages contained in the earlier chapters of the Gospel according to John. Today we read from the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter of his Gospel story. The author of the Gospel places the following words on the lips of Jesus; “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost.... No one will ever steal them”.

That message is the essence of the Easter revelation. “Not one of us will be lost!

Over the centuries people have distorted that message by promoting ideologies about the supremacy of one nation over another; about the superiority of one race over another; about the godliness of one political system compared with others; about the perfection of one religion compared to another.

These comparisons have led to bigotry, animosity, discrimination, racism, hatred and ultimately to war.

The Gospel says “the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice.... I give them eternal life”. It does not say “some belong to me”. Nor does it say “I give a number of special people eternal life”. The revelation of the Sacred Scriptures is about universal salvation and eternal life.

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL:** Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute to this appeal last week. The envelopes into which you can place a donation are still available today. The appeal, of course assists the many Charites of our local church; especially homeless children and young people, people with disabilities, distress families and people who are especially disadvantaged. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated (Donations are tax deductible).**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Will be held over two weekends on Sundays the 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June at a special 10:30 Mass. The reason for the two Masses is the increased number of children participating. The first instruction for the Sacrament will take place in the parish hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4:15pm - 5:15pm and continue on the following three Mondays.

If you have a candidate who would like register to receive the Sacrament please contact Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 or email him at [mayor@leasing.net.au](mailto:mayor@leasing.net.au).

**NEW CATHOLICS:** We currently about to commence providing instruction for two adults who wish to join the Catholic Faith. There is a process of instruction that intending Catholics need to complete which is called RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Part of our Faith Education Ministry is RCIA and we have a couple of our members who assist in this process. The period of instruction is a learning exercise for both the candidates and the instructors and is very worthwhile. We are looking for some addition to our RCIA numbers to participate in the instruction sessions. The lessons are primarily structured on key aspects of our faith and are largely drawn from set lessons. The sessions last for around one hour and the new program will commence this Thursday in the parish office at 5pm. If anyone would like to be involved in this wonderful ministry please call Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 or email [mayor@leasing.net.au](mailto:mayor@leasing.net.au).

**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE:** Do you have a son starting Year 7 next year? If you are considering Holy Cross College Ryde for Year 7 2020 and have not yet enrolled, there are limited vacancies available. Applications will close on May 31, 2019 for Year 7 2020. Please contact the Enrolment Secretary on 9808 1033 or visit our website [www.holycrosscollege.org](http://www.holycrosscollege.org) for more information.

**AQUINAS SYMPOSIUM 2019:** The Dominican friars of Sydney invite people to explore the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas during a day symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St. Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th (10.30am-4pm). It will commence with 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's followed by three presentations on the life and work of St. Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. The cost is by donation though RSVP is required by Monday May 20th: [aquinasevents@gmail.com](mailto:aquinasevents@gmail.com).

**ST PHILOMENA:** Midday mass and devotions will be held at St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron Street Doonside on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. All enquiries 0423 154 463 or email [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Tuesday evening in presbytery at 7.30pm. The members of our Pastoral Council represent us all in the management of our Parish. The members are: Bob Mayor (Chairperson), Marie Piccin (Secretary), Betty Flynn, Anne Manenti, Kevin Nelson-Smith, Erin White, Mandy Westgate, Margaret Dix, Bill Cramsie and Sinead Kent.



DIARY DATES	
MON	10.00am – Bingo in the Parish Hall – Come along and have some fun
WED	11.00am - Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel – All Welcome

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Renzo Trinco; Vince Garcea; Fr John Pierce; Christine Ng; June Murray; Beverly McGriskin; Joan Klein, Louise Elliott.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Mary Galea (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); Grazia Di Giglio & Rosa Di Giglio; Francesca Lo Schiavo; Giuseppina Tesoriero; Ersilia Falgiatori; Maria Giovanna & Laurina Masi; Angleo Falgiatori; Domenic Raimondi; Diana Sita; Francis Bede Bendeich; Carmelo Puglisi; Frances Gleeson (Third Anniversary); Gladys Gleeson (O'Brien); Edward McCarthy; Greta Manton; Edward Leo; John Gibbons; John Chesworth; Veronica Hanley; Harold Ellis; Joseph Da Silva; Pauline Eupinos; Joyce Cooper; Mary Collins; Roy Cope; Denis Elliott; James Printer.

**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 Bill Young; John Horan; John Bourke; Marie; Charlotte; Silvana C; Margaret; Patrick; David; Ray; Mario Falcone; Cameron Sue; Nadia Same; Bob Hawke; Lucy Shaw; Aurora; Mary Ridolfi; Luigi; Charmaine Suria; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Kane Petersen; John Coulson; Margaret Love; Domenica: Maree. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.



NEXT WEEK 18 & 19 MAY – WEEK THREE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Maureen Edwards Lorette Quinlan	Anne Manenti Peter Manenti	Natius McAdam Marie Piccin
Acolytes	Peter Scicluna 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	Children Liturgy Group		
Altar Society	Marie Cramsie and Barbara Granger		
Money Counters	Sandra & Stephen Ryan, Michael and Philomena Turley		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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