

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 Augustine of Canterbury (604 – Apostle of England); **Tuesday:** St Bernard of Montjoux (1081- Patron of Mountain climbers); **Wednesday:** St Maximinus of Trier (500); **Thursday:** St Joan of Arc (1431 – Paton of France); **Friday:** Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Saturday:** St Justin (165 – Patron of Lecturers & Teachers).

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN: We are drawing towards the conclusion of the Easter Season in 2019. Next Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord which brings our Easter journey to a close. It has been a season during which we have celebrated our belief in resurrection. This celebration has been a journey of discovery and every year we make new discoveries. This 2009 year has been no exception but it has probably been different for each and every one of us.

Some of us have discovered a resurrection to new life by encountering new people who have now become very special to us. They have helped us see our world in a new way; like the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Some of us have discovered a sense of purpose and new life, in spite of depression and sadness, because someone has shown they care for us; like the Good Shepherd described by Jesus in the Gospel of St. John.

Others among us have discovered that our vocation in life, at work or at home, is not fruitless. It is wonderfully to discover that we do bear fruit in everything we do. We have heard the invitation of Jesus to bear fruit and to ensure that everything we do is worthwhile.

Yet, maybe for some of us the Easter discovery is much less dynamic. Maybe some of us are still grieving, or some of us are still sad, or even felling a little empty. Today's Gospel message could be the turning point for some of us. It is a message of hope. It is a message about our specialness as "chosen ones" of God. The Son, sent by the Father, has chosen us as his own. No matter what happens to us, or fails to happen to us, we are ultimately safe and that's an amazing discovery.

MONTH OF MARY: To celebrate the Month of our Blessed Mother Mary there is an evening to honour Mary on Tuesday 28th May in the parish hall from 7:30pm till 9pm. The content will include looking at the life of Mary, some video, prayer, music, some discussion and generally

acknowledging the wonderful role that Mary has in our lives. All welcome, coffee and tea provided

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: The team are looking for some volunteers who are familiar with Wordpress to assist with regular updates to the Parish website. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

MEN'S GATHERING WITH MONS JOHN: An invitation is extend to an evening at the Palace Hotel Mortlake on 5th July at 7.00pm. Seats are limited so please contact either john.re@hotmail.com or jim@jsnhanna.com.au – *Please see the notice board for more details.*

PARISH DINNER: *This great yearly event will be held on the Friday the 14th June at the Canada Bay Club at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$90.00 per head. If you would like to be a hostess and put a table of 10 people together that would be great or if not then just put your name on the list in the Narthex and all will be taken care of. All enquiries - Anne Manenti on 8765 8260.*

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.

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 for more information.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alice Holley; John Horan; Lorraine McHugh; Robie Hosrger; Josh Avenevole (Cullen); Alice Holley; John Horan; Lorraine McHugh; Renzo Trinco; Vince Garcea; Fr John Pierce; Christine Ng; June Murray; Beverly McGriskin; Joan Klein, Louise Elliott.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Domenic Paparo (6th Anniversary); Francis Bede Bendeich; Alexis and Walter Goh; Christopher Liem (4th Anniversary); Dennis O'Sullivan; Francesco & Vincenzo & Maria Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loreta Ricchiuti; Faverio & Perussi Families; Francesco D'Elia; Lindsay Beckingham; Louise Minna; William Weir; Lawrence Berry; Alma Naylor; Angela Pittorino; Margaret Blay; Benjamin Geagea Nicole Panico; Pietro Flego.

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 Bourke; Don Khoury; Marie; Charlotte; Silvana C; Margaret; Patrick; David; Ray; Mario Falcone; Cameron Sue; Nadia Same; Lucy Shaw; Charmaine Suria; 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 1 & 2 JUNE – WEEK ONE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Amanda Gierak Barbara Bolster	Maria McGrath Greg McGriskin	Laura Libro Sybille Morelli
Acolytes	Petr Scicluna Julian McCarron	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 – Week 1	Sinead Kent		
Altar Society	Philomena Turley and Bernadette Griffin		
Money Counters	B Cramsie, Sinead Kent, Tina Driver and Paul Driver		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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