

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:** Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of the Church; **Tuesday:** St Barnabas (60: Apostle); **Wednesday:** St John of St Facundo (1479: Patron of Salamanca); **Thursday:** St Anthony of Padua (1231- Patron of those with lost things); **Friday:** St Basil the Great (379 – Patron of Russia); **Saturday:** St Vitus (300 – Patron of Dancers and Actors).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: The Easter season has ended and today the Christian Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. The Greek word “Pentecost” is the name given to the Jewish “Feast of Weeks” which is always celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It is a harvest festival which celebrates the first fruits of the corn crop in the northern hemisphere. For Jewish people the first fruits of the harvest symbolise God giving of the law (the ten commandments) to Moses for the first time.

In our Christian tradition, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, it was on the Jewish festival of Pentecost that the Apostles of Jesus experienced the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This experience, we are told, manifested itself in three ways – Wind, Fire and Language.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to every believer in Jesus and it is given in difference ways and like wind the Holy Spirit is the gift of faith that blows where it wills. Like fire it bestows strength and warmth in our hearts so that we might never be weak or cold-hearted. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit gives each and every one of us a new language. It is a language that can be understood by anyone. It is the language of hope, love and peace.

Today we give thanks for the gifts of faith, strength, warmth, hope, love and peace. As believers in Jesus we are wonderfully gifted: Thanks be to God.

CHANGES AT ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE: Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop in Sydney, has confirmed that Fr John Usher may retire as Parish Priest of St Patrick's Parish Mortlake, and move onto “lesser duties”, from the week beginning 5th August 2019. The Archbishop has appointed Fr Thomas Stevens to St Patrick's Parish as the Administrator and Priest in charge of the Parish from the date of Fr Usher's move onto lesser duties.

GATHERING FOR MEN EXPERIENCING GRIEF: An opportunity for men to gather in a respectful and safe space to connect with other men and share experience of grief and bereavement will be held at St Mary's Erskineville Parish House - 21 Swanson St on Tuesday 18th June from 7 - 8.30pm.

PARISH DINNER: Well this yearly event is now only days away-Friday the 14th June at the Canada Bay Club at 6.30pm. Cost \$90.00 per head. You can still get a seat if you want to! But it must be booked this weekend. Please just contact Anne Manenti on 8765 8260. Raffle tickets available at the office Tuesday and Friday 9-3pm.

POPE FRANCIS ON CHANGE & HOPE & LOVE & HUMOUR: “Hard times may come, when the cross casts its shadow, yet nothing can destroy the supernatural joy that “adapts and changes, but always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved”. That joy brings deep security, serene hope and a spiritual fulfilment that the world cannot understand or appreciate. Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour” (gaudette exsultate: 2018:#125 & 126)

MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: During this coming week there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee. The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

MEN'S GATHERING WITH MONS JOHN: An evening of dinner and drinks with Mons. Fr John Usher and the men-folk of St Patrick's Mortlake. Friday 5th July from 7.00pm onwards at the Palace Hotel Mortlake – Rear Verandah/Patio private venue booked seats 80. Numbers are limited so please get in early RSVP by the 21st June to john.re@hotmail.com or jim@jshanna.com.au

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: Please note that the parish office will be closed on the **2nd and 5th July**. All enquires will go to Mons John during that time. Thank You



RECENTLY DECEASED: Vince Garcea; Josh Avenevole (Cullen); Lorraine McHugh; Kevin Walsh; Fr Reg Ahearn CSsr; Fr John Pierce; Christine Ng; Beverly McGriskin; Joan Klein; Robie Hosrger; John Horan; Nadia Same.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Tommaso Vutano; Leonardo Proia; Cherie Trefry (1st Anniversary); Alex & Walter Goh; Ubaldina (Dina) D'Alessandro; Domenic Paparo; Carmela Mazitelli; Philip Chan; Mandy Chan; Shing Kuk; Chau Yuk Ching; Shea Tak Fong; Edward Sin; Glorita Leung; Patrick Walsh; Veronica Hilliard; Alice Harnett; Mary Quinn; Ellen Geaghan; Alois Spitzer; Mary Toohey; Beatrice Carter; Harry Lowe; Phillis Lyne; Margaret Moloney; Peter Dulihanty; Philomena Tracey; Patrick Gallagher; Torino Battisto.

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; Sergio Reginato; John Bourke; Don Khoury; Marie; Charlotte; Silvana C; Margaret; Patrick; David; Ray; Mario Falcone; Cameron Sue; 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.

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

| NEXT WEEK 15 & 16 JUNE – WEEK 3 | | | |
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| | Sat. 6.00 pm | Sun. 9.00 am | Sun. 6.00 pm |
| Readers | Kerry Harfield Greg Whitby | Annette Cooper Rod Cooper | Marie Piccin Diana Gamra |
| Acolytes | Kevin Nelson- Smith Julian McCarron | Peter Scicluna 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 | Kevin Casey and Frank O'Young | | |
| Children's Liturgy – Week 3 | Liturgy Team | | |
| Altar Society 3 rd Saturday | Marie Cramsie and Barbara Granger | | |
| Money Counters | Sandra & Stephen Ryan and Philomena and Michael Turley | | |
| Altar Servers | Please see Mons John | | |