

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens
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: Tuesday: St Gregory the Great;
Thursday: St Teresa of Calcutta; Friday: Spring Ember Day;

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Today we celebrate the gift of Fatherhood. Our father's and father figures in our society are wonderfully diverse. Our father's represent the beauty of the human condition, with all its joys and struggles. It makes our fathers relatable. Below I share part of an incident where Pope Francis shares with a boy the beauty of his father and how he is close to God because of his goodness. The following is quoted direct from an article in the American Magazine, the link is provided:

"ROME — After circling a massive, crumbling public housing complex on the outskirts of Rome, Pope Francis had an emotional encounter with the neighborhood's children. Question-and-answer sessions with youngsters are a standard part of Pope Francis' parish visits. But then it was Emanuele's turn. The young boy smiled at the pope as he approached the microphone. But then froze. "I can't do it," Emanuele said.

"Come, come to me, Emanuele," the pope said. "Come and whisper it in my ear." Emanuele was sobbing by that point, and Pope Francis enveloped him in a big embrace, patting his head and speaking softly to him. "A little while ago my father passed away. He was a nonbeliever, but he had all four of his children baptised. He was a good man. Is dad in heaven?"

"How beautiful to hear a son say of his father, 'He was good,'" the pope told the children. "And what a beautiful witness of a son who inherited the strength of his father, who had the courage to cry in front of all of us. If that man was able to make his children like that, then it's true, he was a good man. That man did not have the gift of faith, he wasn't a believer, but he had his children baptised. He had a good heart," Pope Francis said.

The next step in answering Emanuele's question, he said, would be to think about what God is like and, especially, what kind of heart God has. "What do you think? A father's heart. God has a dad's heart. And with a dad who was not a believer, but who baptized his children and gave them that bravery, do you think God would be able to leave him far from himself?" NO.

"There, Emanuele, that is the answer," the pope told the boy.

"God surely was proud of your father, because it is easier as a believer to baptise your children than to baptise them when you are not a believer. Surely this pleased God very much." Pope Francis encouraged Emanuele to "talk to your dad; pray to your dad."

https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/04/16/my-dad-heaven-little-boy-asks-pope

SPRING EMBER DAY – FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER: In Australia "Ember Days" are celebrated on the first Friday at the beginning of autumn and spring. The word "Ember" is derived from the German word "Quatember". It means "Quarter Day". The celebration of Ember days in the Catholic Church began in the fifth century. These days are an opportunity to praise God for a fruitful season, for the wonder of humanity, the fruits of the earth, and the dignity of human labour. **That's what we will do at our 8AM Mass next Friday.**

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute to this appeal over the last two weekends. This appeal 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**

PARISH FINANCES 2018/19: Thanks to your generosity, and having repaid our presbytery loan in August 2018, our Parish finished the year with a **surplus of \$78,153. Our income**, \$196,748, was substantially from the Second Collection, \$171,545. **Our expenses**, \$123,210, were largely General (Insurance, Technology, Utilities, etc) \$59,127, Employment/Motor Vehicle, \$45,540, Pastoral, \$2,960 and Maintenance, \$10,870. A more detailed accounting of our Income and Expenditure is on the Notice Board in the Narthex. Moving towards 2020, our costs will be higher due to additional Employment/Motor Vehicle costs, Maintenance and budgeting for Pastoral Expenses. There will be more information shortly on our 10-year maintenance forecast, including repainting our Church, and 30% tax deductibility for envelope and direct debit contribution to the second collection. Any inquiries please contact Fr Tom.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Are you able to spare an hour or so here and there to help us maintain the garden area around the Church? If so could you please see Fr Tom after Mass or leave your details with the office 9743 1017.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Matteo Di Pasquantonio; John Wallace; Francesca Parison Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Antonino & Giuseppe Di Giglio; Giovanni & Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino Lo Schiavo; Michael Glancey; William Thrower; Emanuel Xvereb; Dorothy May; David Gray; Ellen Bracken; Mary Tingle; Mary Linane; Francis May; William Enright; Robert Kerrison; Anthony Dougall; Edward Hutch; Ormonde Purtell; Jean Williams; Henry Toohey; Amilia Duggan.

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; Carmen Bonnici; Otto Petrin; Antonietta; Mother Valeria Greguoldo; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Matteo Bekes; Colin Ng; Michelle Cellar; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; Susanna Tassarolo; Sr Celina Cavaliere; Bill Young; Don Khoury; Cameron Sue; To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

DIARY DATES

MON	10.00am – Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
WED	11.00am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel – All welcome

NEXT WEEK 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER - WEEK TWO

	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Greg Whitby Kerry Harfield	Maria McGrath Greg McGriskin	James Duck Rhonda Lee
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson Smith Julian McCarron	Trevor Parmenter	Cristina Profilio Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Carmen Holley	Betty Flynn Ron Vozzo	Sinead Kent
Communion to the Sick	Luisa Campagna and Libby Cook		
Children's Liturgy – Week 2	Jenni		
Altar Society 1st Saturday	Bernadette Griffin and Philomena Turley		
Money Counters	Carol Gordon, Allan & Christina Marshall		

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE BY PURCHASING A CATHOLIC WEEKLY TODAY FOR ONLY \$2.00 - MANY THANKS