

**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:** **Monday:** St Peter Claver; **Thursday:** Most Holy name of Mary; **Friday:** St John Chrysostom; **Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**FREEDOM IS EMBRACING THE STRUGGLES AND JOYS**

Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”(Luke 14:27)

The call of discipleship is about giving over of my own desires and ego in following Jesus Christ. Often in our heads we envisage the notion of FREEDOM as being a “FREEDOM-FROM” something or another. I am free-from: the obligation to obey the road rules; free-from the duty to look after the children; free-from my moral duty to care for my fellow human being and treat them with dignity and respect because they may be refugees or people with inferior rights somehow. I can incorrectly view freedom as the ability to reduce my obligations to my God, my society and myself.

The love and freedom that Jesus offers isn't a FREEDOM-FROM duties and hardship. Duties and hardships are aspects of our human condition which are part of our existence. Each one of us faces struggles and joys in our daily lives, struggles and joys which must be met, accepted and handled to the best of our ability. Jesus doesn't come offering a FREEDOM-FROM these struggles, indeed he teaches us to embrace them, and that with faith and love, all aspects of life can be handled.

The freedom Jesus offers is a FREEDOM-IN the midst of the joys and struggles. This doesn't mean that we are to seek out and wallow in pain and suffering (that is an unhealthy theology and understanding of God in itself), but it does mean that with faith in Jesus Christ there is a FREEDOM-IN the marvelous messiness and incoherent unpredictability that can be my life here and now.

In embracing my cross, my struggles and joys, I find a FREEDOM-IN my humanity. Jesus himself walked in this

same messiness and unpredictability. The FREEDOM-IN giving my life over in service to the other, in focusing on the common good, is the true freedom. It is not a freedom-from obligations, it is a freedom-in those obligations to love God and to love my fellow human being. Let's pray that we can each see the work of God in each joy and struggle in my life and see that my true freedom lies in embracing those realities, carrying my cross and asking God to help me then see the freedom found in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Fr Tom**

**MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP STAND FOR LIFE RALLY:** A public rally is being held on Sunday, 15 September 2019, 2.30pm - 5pm in Hyde Park, Sydney to voice people's concerns and opposition to the abortion laws currently before the NSW Parliament. More details of the gathering can be found at [www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

**FAITH EDUCATION SURVEY:** Next weekend at Masses we will be issuing a survey form to get input from parishioners on the types and format of Adult Education options to be offered in our parish. Please give it some thought during the week as your opinions and needs are what we need to know.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10.00am – Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11.00am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel – All welcome



**PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Tiana Monaldi.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carmel Bonnici (**Funeral here on Tuesday 17/9/19 at 10.00am**); Matteo Di Pasquantonio; John Wallace; Francesca Parison Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Nata Ferraro; Patricia Wheeler (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); Marie Maguire; Antonino & Giuseppe Di Giglio; Giovanni & Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino Lo Schiavo; Richard Timmis; Rebecca White; Thomas Evans; Elizabeth Wiggins; Edward Jeffery; Albert Larkin; Betty Chisholm; Joyce Anderson; Keven Harris; William Brandtman; Alfred Bailey; Raymond Tracey; Clarice O'Brien; Douglas Towers; Michael Enright; George Cook; Jean McCarthy; Constance Hornery; Samuel Cooper; Harriette Ryan; Jean Condon.

**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; 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 Tessarolo; 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.

NEXT WEEK 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER - WEEK THREE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Kevin Casey Maureen Casey	Dianne Manning Helen O'Neil	Michael Smit Kate Kent
Acolytes	Alex Duck Julian McCarron	Eric Kent	Kevin Nelson-Smith Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Nerina Briganti Max Briganti	Betty Flynn Connie Lasorsa	Diane Carolan Rita Kolibac Michele Couch
Communion to the Sick	Mabel Bianchi and Yvonne Webster		
Children's Liturgy – Week 3	Sonja		
Altar Society 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Luisa Campagna and Anne Gaul		
Money Counters	Sandra & Steve Ryan and Philomena & Michael Turley		

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