

### 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 - Tuesday to Saturday**

**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: St Simon and St Jude; Friday: All Saints; Saturday: All Souls**

### CAN I ENJOY 'HALLOWEEN'?

'Halloween' falls on the eve of the Solemnity of All Saints Day (1 November). Another term for All Saints is "All Hallows", and we of course know that our neighbouring parish at Five Dock is named "All Hallows"- All Saints. The term 'Halloween' is simply a shortening of the Scottish "Allhallow-even"- meaning the Eve of All Saints Day.

We've all heard the assertions that Halloween is a pagan rite dating back to some pre-Christian festival, and it is true that the ancient Celts of Ireland and Britain celebrated a minor festival on October 31, as they did on the last day of most other months of the year. But the reason for Halloween, by the etymology of the word, means it has a distinctly Christian tone. It is the Eve of All Saints Day. In the C10th the abbot of the powerful Cluny monastery in France, added a celebration to the Church's liturgical calendar for All Souls Day, on 2 November. Thus the Church prayed for All Saints and All Souls on 1 and 2 November.

The subsequent ghoulish and macabre notions and 'trick or treat' antics, are more accidents of history incorporating a myriad of Irish, English, French and the new world American notions. Therefore, I personally, see no issue in celebrating Halloween, when viewed in the context of the tremendously rich celebrations of All Saints and All Souls which our Church celebrates in the proceeding days. **Fr. Tom.**

**ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION:** Following 9am Mass today in the hall there will be a 30 minute presentation on "Forgiveness Mercy and Love" based on the RCIA sessions presented to new Catholics. It will look at the changing view over time of our perception of God and the wonderful gifts of Forgiveness Mercy and Love. Some scripture references followed by discussion with tea and biscuits. Should be interesting and informative so hope to see many of you there.

**SATURDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE 9.00AM:** We require either Ministers of the Eucharist or Acolytes to volunteer to lead this from 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact Kevin Nelson-Smith on 0490 119 131 if you are interested. Training will be provided if needed.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** The parish is currently recruiting Ministers of the Eucharist for the weekend Masses. With the advent of the reception of the Eucharist under the

forms of both bread and wine extra ministers are required. If you wish to be part of this ministry please contact Brenda at the office (9743 1017) or Betty Flynn on 8757 3307. There will be an hour long refresher course for current ministers and an induction for all new ministers in the church on: **Wed. Oct. 30 at 9.30a.m. And Wed. Oct. 30 at 6.30p.m.** Please come to one of these sessions.

**CHANGE TO SATURDAY MORNING 9.00am MASS:** After consideration and consultation, as from **Saturday, 9 November**, a Communion Service will replace the Saturday Morning Mass. This is due to Fr. Tom's other commitments in the archdiocese. However, the Saturday Morning Communion Service at 9.00am will continue. Please feel free to speak to Fr. Tom if you have any queries.

**PET BLESSING DAY:** Last Sunday's inaugural Pet Blessing Day was a great Parish and community success and a lot of fun, with stalls, sausage sizzle, and like antics. We were able to raise \$600 for the **RSPCA's 'LIVING RUFF'** programme, which helps the homeless and their companion pets. Special thanks to all who helped on the day but especially to Kirsty Lucas and Ashleigh Cameron of the St. Pat's Primary School and parishioners Elsa Minadeo, Cathy and Kevin Nelson-Smith.

**NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS:** November 2 is celebrated in the church as All Souls Day and the month of November is set aside as the month in which we pray especially for all those who have died. To commemorate our loved ones who have died all are invited to write the names of our deceased loved ones on a card and place this card in a basket which will be left at the foot of the altar throughout the month of November. **Cards will be available at the back of the church on the weekend of November 2. Please take a card, write your names and place the card in the basket.**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** of **The First Collection** provides for our parish priest (his monthly stipend, household food expenses, household electricity and cleaning expenses). Any surplus is forwarded to a central fund to contribute to any shortfall in less affluent parishes.

**The Second Collection** provides the income for all operating expenses of the parish: parish ministries and services, liturgical supplies, utility costs, insurance, maintenance of our Church, presbytery, hall and grounds, maintaining and operating the Parish Office and employment of the Parish Secretary. **As from 1 July 2019 all giving to this collection via direct debit or envelopes is 30% tax deductible. Receipts will be available upon request in July 2020.** If you would like to contribute to the second collection or vary your contribution forms are available in the Narthex.

### DIARY DATES

MON	10am–Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel– All welcome

**PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Baby Mia Margiotta, Baby Bridget Bickford and Baby Amelia Fermanis.

**PARISH WEDDINGS THIS WEEK:** Sophia Little and David Falk.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ida Gladys Ryan; Jacqueline Heath; Silvana Criscione; Guido Giomo (Italy); Bonaria Palmas; Carmen Bonnici; Matteo Di Pasquantonio; Kevin McCord; John Wallace; Francesca Parison.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Alvaro Bianchi (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary); Umberto Rosconni; Michael Bonello; June Patricia O'Connor; John Bolster; Giuseppe De Meio Abele Prevedello; Francesco & Vincenzo & Maria Cannone; Andrea & Angela & Loretta Ricchiut; Domenico and Concetta Severino; Anna and Romeo Dovico; Leo Gallagher; Charles Bonnici; Francesco D'Elia; John Reidy; Catherine Gooley; Monica Allen; Giacomina LoSurdo; Laurence Cosgrove; Vicky Aquilina; Robert Bolger; John Price; Mary Gatill; Charlotte Matthias; Thomas Tasker; Martin; McNevee.

**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; Mario Cremonese; Loretta; Antonietta; Theresa Tan; Billy Brandt; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; 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.