

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens

**MASSES: Saturday 9:00 am Communion Service and Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday: 8.00 am Communion Service
Tuesday to Friday: 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

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Monday: St Catherine of Alexandria;
Saturday: St Andres – Apostle.**

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a relatively new formal liturgical celebration in our Church, initiated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to the rise of secularism and a denial of Christ throughout much of Europe, including: in 1917 the seizure of power in Russia by the Bolsheviks; the marked decline in the temporal power of the Church in the newly unified Italy, with the Fascists seizing power in 1922 under Benito Mussolini.

Amidst this backdrop, it is a feast day designed to remind us of Christ's authority and leadership over our world and that we are to turn to Christ as our model and guide for leadership and true authority. All authority is derived from God, not from our own humanity. Any authority we do have must then aim to replicate the leadership model of Christ, one based on service, underpinned by love and one that gives dignity to the human person. **Fr. Tom**

SVDP AND ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL: The Parish St Vincent de Paul Society, with support from St Patrick's School, are driving the Hardest Hit Christmas Appeal to assist local families and groups hardest hit by drought and bushfires in NSW. Let your heart guide the way you give. There will be an envelope SVDP Christmas Appeal (with tax deduction) and bucket collection at all Masses this weekend 23-24 November. All loose coins from this weekend 2nd collection will go to this SVDP Appeal. This money will be donated to the Forbes/ Wilcannia SVDP Conference to spend nearby to support local businesses.

We are also providing baskets in the Narthex for hamper items and non-perishable foods (**not clothing**) which will be packaged and sent to local clients with the overflow being sent to assist families doing it tough in western NSW. Items for the hamper need to be delivered by **Sunday 1 December so they can be packed and delivered.** Please give generously spread some Christmas cheer to those in need this Christmas.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT – REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION WITH PETER KEARNEY ON WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 6.30 – 7.30PM:

Peter who has been a professional composer, singer-guitarist since the 1980s. His best known compositions include *Fill My House* and *The Beatitudes*. The first part of Peter's presentation will focus on Advent themes of preparation and repentance. Then he will look ahead to the joyful time of Christmas, with catchy songs including Australian Christmas carols. There will be opportunity for audience participation. **Admission by gold coin donation.** Concert to be followed by a cuppa. Peter's CDs will be available for purchase.

THE CREED: The second of our two part series on 'The Creed' is this Tuesday 26th November in the hall at 7:30pm. A good roll-up last week and if you missed week 1 you will still get great benefit from session 2.

ADVENT PROGRAM: You are invited to join in a programme of gentle reading and reflection of the Sunday gospels leading up to Christmas. It will be only 3 Monday nights the 2nd, 9th and the 16th of December starting at 7:30 in the Parish Hall. It is a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. Inquiries to Susan Neylan 0400 195 350.

SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO QBE GARDENING GROUP: A special 'Thank You' to local resident Steph Parker and her team of 10 merry souls who came from QBE Insurance, for a day's volunteer gardening in the parish gardens on Tuesday of this week. Amidst the very hot conditions, the QBE team worked away in beautifying the gardens, removing rubbish, laying mulch and planting new plants. Special thanks also to Margaret McLennan, John Clarke, Ron Vozzoo and our secretary Brenda Johnston for arranging the logistics on the day and preparing the hearty luncheon for the workers.

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS: 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 are now available in the Narthex. Please take a card, write your names and place the card in the basket.***

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Just a reminder of our Christmas Lunch is on the 4th December at Noon at the Country Club, Village Drive Breakfast Point. RSVP Betty 8757 3307

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PARISH ROSTERS WILL NOW BE PLACED IN THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX AND ALSO [ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE](#)

DIARY DATES

MON	10am–Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun
MON - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11am-Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel–All welcome
SUN	After 9am Mass, prayer group in front of statue of Mary

PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK: Baby Leo Michael Donato; Jason Cassaniti and Kai Cassar-Barbato.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Aquilina; Di Stewart; Francesco (Frank) Marrapodi; Pat Paniane; Betty Stevens; Paul Whelan; Eutimia Madrid; Maria Mandato (Italy).

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Jose Teran (102nd Birthday): Giuseppe Ferrone; Charles Bonnici; Carmela Tropea; Des Dulihanty (36th Anniversary); Francesco D'Elia; Angelo, Concetta & Domenico Piccin; Patricia Reilly; John Bolster Deceased members of the O'Connor Family Denis Donellan; Florence Rowles; Julia Fish; Dorothy Marlborough; Kevin Naylor; Claude Steer; Daniel Collins; Annie Geary; Phillip Henry; Garnet Hanlon; Mary Ryan; Lillian Tracey; Kathleen Kenny; Pietro Tagialeagna; Grace McInerney; Themla Cochrane; William Hurkett; Victor Hawthorn; Joseph Klein; Sara Flanagan; Daisy Logan; Jan Ligetfalui; Thomas Geary; Ethel Miller; Frank Landi; Ona Jarmalavicius; Mary Hoffman; Charles Leonard; James Stewart; Mary Cusack; Gertrude Deady; Shelia Byrne; Michael Radice.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Please join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; Marie; Nancy; Margaret; Denis Klein; Tina Torrisi; Loretta; Antonietta; Connie Calvisi; Theresa Tan; Billy Brandt; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Dave Roberts; Bill Young; Don Khoury. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.



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



NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Angelo Falgiatorid; Ersilia & Guido Falgiatori; Maria, Giovanna, Laurina & Domenico Masi; Michael, Tony & Jodie Youseff; Rosa, Paul, Zahia, Odette & Wally Hala- Baraket Asaad Sarkis Families; Maree, Reg, Gladys, Tom Parmenter; Ruby & Alan Boody; Margaret, Barbare & Noela Yazbeck; Ian Hunt; Kerry McDonnell; Jack Chan; John Samuel; P Cattle; Cath, Rody & Molly Walsh; Patrick & Greg Hoper; Colleen Powell; Jennifer Hawkins; Peter Ryan; Michael O'Rane; Simon, Elar & Grace Mawad; Josie, Oliver and M. J. Bird (Snr); Harriet Burley; Owen Morris; Nicola Iaquinto; Giuseppe & Elisabetta Iaquinto; Michele, Teresa & Antonio Fezzuoglio; Giovanni & Giuseppa Profilio; Antonino & Rosaria Natoli; Maria & Egidio Cavallaro; Maria & Giuseppe Delelci; Lucia, Bruna, Flora, Giuditta, Fioravante, Elena and all Members of the Fortsto Family; Illuzzi, Giovanni and Carmelo and Family; Lasorsa, Giuseppe, Isabella and Family; Francesco, Maria & Loreta Cannone; Andrea , Angela & Vincenzo; Tonino & Anna Delcolle; And all the souls of the Cannone & Ricchinti Families; Gino Gassaniti; Vito and Carmela Pizzolato; Jenina Sidlauskas; Rosario & Rosaria Nieastr; Loving memory of Lachlan; Rosario, Maria Epifania; Relatives & Friends of Charlie & Nancy Mari & Family; Vicente & Rosario Suazo; Gabe & Mikey, Edward & Maria Rosa Mari