

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

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020**

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK: Tuesday: St Raymond of Penyafort.

MESSAGE FROM FR TOM: Special thanks to Mons John for saying this weekend's Masses whilst I am down the south coast with family. I know you will be praying for victims of these terrible bushfires. Know also that through these difficult times we also see an insight into the generosity and compassion of the human spirit. People are inherently good. **Fr Tom**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Would like to thank St Patrick's Parish and School for their wonderfully generous support of the Hardest Hit Christmas Appeal to assist local families and groups hardest hit by drought and bushfires in NSW. Your response was truly magnificent. This year you donated festive hamper food and beautiful gifts to make Christmas special for 27 local families and individuals who would otherwise have done it tough during this holiday season. The Parish also provided 40 adolescent refugees with a \$30 (or more) gift voucher to brighten their Christmas Day.

But most important of all was your wonderful generosity in financially supporting the SVDP Christmas Appeal, bucket collection, and the Carols on the Green. Over \$12,000 was raised by the St Patricks' Parish and the School - a phenomenal result from a wonderfully generous group of people! This, together with an

additional \$2050 from the 2019 Mayor's Christmas Appeal will assist locals and drought-impacted families in Forbes-Wilcannia, St Patrick's Brewarrina and Gunnedah. This money is critically important since it will be spent locally, to support not only the farmers, but also the small businesses which are the life-blood of these small communities.

On behalf of all the very grateful recipients, thank you to Kirsty, Mandy and Ashleigh for all the organisation and assistance provided by the School, to Fr Tom who provided wonderful support and generously donated the loose change in the collections from the Appeal weekend, and thank you especially to everyone in the Parish for being so wonderfully generous in making Christmas very special for all those in need.

CELEBRATING 125 Years of ST PAT'S: This year marks the 125th year of St. Patrick's, Mortlake. The Church and parish community has been an important landmark. Therefore, this year is significant for our parish as we will celebrate 125 years of St. Patrick's, Mortlake. The church and community being an important landmark in people's lives and faith journeys. We will be organising celebrations to mark our 125th anniversary. If you would like to be involved in a steering committee to organise festivities for our 125th anniversary, please contact Fr. Tom Stevens on (02) 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES: WHAT ARE THESE FOR? – The money from these envelopes goes to a Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests of the Archdiocese. These include: sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies. Some of these priests are often "out of sight, out of mind" but they do need to be supported. **Please give them some thought especially at this time.**

TAP AND GO DONATIONS: With the shift towards a cashless society our parish, consistent with many other parishes, is moving towards installing a Tap Donation facility this month. The unit will accept donations electronically and securely using contactless card/phone/watch payments. **It is not intended to replace traditional collections.** It will be located in the Narthex. There will be a preset amount (\$5) and donors simply tap and GO. All contributions will go towards our second collection. Any inquiries to Fr Tom or John Clarke 0419437474. **For a visual of the device, see the Noticeboard.**

DIARY DATES	
MON	BINGO WILL RESUME LATE JANUARY – DATE TO BE ADVISED
MON - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	CHRISTIAN MEDIATION WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2020
SUN	After 9am Mass, prayer group in front of statue of Mary

RECENTLY DECEASED: Duolio Favero; Veronica Victoria Walker (Perth); Bridie Smyth (Ireland); Maria Mandato (Italy); Carmelo Musca; Gino Scarpa (Argentina).

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Francesco D'Elia; Sam Ferlauto; Michele and Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Gus Fausti; Susan Goffredo; Giuseppe Tuttocuore; Carmelia Tuttocuore; Peppino Tuttocuore; Teodoro Emphasis; June Murray; Grazia Di Gigilio; Giuseppe Distefano (1st Anniversary); Charles Bonnici; Carmen Bonnici; Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary Galea; Deceased members of the Di Giglio, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo, Galea & Michalleg Families; Francesco, Vincenzo, Maria Cannone; Andrea Angela, Loreta Ricchiuti; Giuseppe Libro, Giovannina Musumeci; Lorenzo Fede; Rosa Maniaci; Leo Kadia "Lodzia" Raczowska; Natale Polle; Fredwick Walmsley; Giovanni Scarfone; Mary Walker; Catherine Thompson; John McCarthy; Arthur Collins.

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; John McEnally; Patrizia Facchin; Roberto Galorielli; Marco & Annalisa; Jill; Edward Azjan; Maryellen Partlin; Tony P; Marie; Nancy Walker; Denis Klein; Loretta; Antonietta; Connie Calvisi; Theresa Tan; Peter Allen; George; Michael; 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