

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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FEAST DAY THIS WEEK: Monday: St Scholastica;
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes; **Friday:** St Cyril and St Methodius.

APPRECIATING OUR CHURCH'S BEAUTY

My attention was drawn this week to the lovely timber crucifix that hangs over the entrance door in the narthex (foyer) of our church, donated by John & Alice O'Connor of our parish. It was carved by Engelbert Piccolruaz. He also carved the statue of Mary in the Marian Chapel and the Baptismal font.

The crucifix had originally been carved as a donation to a parish in Victoria after the dreadful 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, however it ended up here at St. Pat's.

The crucifix's plaque of dedication reads:

"Dedicated to those who have lost their life in natural disasters in Australia"

It's nice to be reminded of not only the skills of artisans and artists in our society, but a reminder of the need to respect our harsh but beautiful land, and to be ever conscious of those suffering the effects of bushfires, especially at this time.

Fr. Tom

CONGRATULATIONS LAURA KARAM - This weekend at the 9am Mass we welcome in receiving with profound joy Laura Karam into our Church. After a period

of discernment and prayer and being guided by parishioners Bob Mayor, Denise Norman and Andrew Spierewka, and in going through the teachings of the Church, Laura became a Catholic with the reception of the Sacraments.

It is good for us all to witness one's first reception of the Sacraments during Mass from time to time, both as a means of us all praying for Laura and her family's happiness, but also to take time out to listen to the movement of the Spirit in my own life. Having witnessed this great public expression of faith, I might ask myself - 'Really, how important is Jesus Christ in my daily life?' Peace and Joy Laura!!

PARISH 'NEW YEAR' DRINKS - All are invited to a catch up in the parish presbytery on Thursday, 13 February from 6pm. Come along for a very casual night of swapping stories (and hearing what romantic dinners you are all planning for Valentine's Day the next day!!) No need to bring anything. **Drinks and banter in the presbytery, Thursday 13 February at 6pm. All welcome.**

"WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES" MASS: At the 9am Mass on Sunday, 23 February we will welcome new families to our Parish, including those with a student starting in kindergarten or other years at Mortlake Public or St. Pat's Primary Schools. All welcome.

CATECHIST SUNDAY: Last weekend we acknowledge and blessed our parish Catechists and Assistants who provide the children at Mortlake Primary School with lessons and information on our Catholic Faith. This is such an important ministry as it spreads the 'Good News' to these children, and for many it is their only exposure to learn about our faith. We are in need of assistant catechists to help with the 30 minute lessons given at the school on Wednesday mornings. Full training is provided. Would you be interested in joining this wonderful ministry if so please contact Coordinator Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 - email to mayer2411@gmail.com.

5th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year A, 9th February 2020

DIARY DATES

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| 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 |

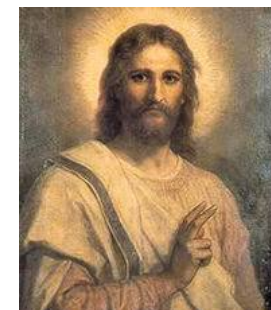
RECENTLY DECEASED: Ciaran Reilly (Ireland); Denis Klein; Nell Duignan (Ireland); David Roberts; Assunta Cerra; Duolio Favero; Nancy Urch; Elizabeth Clare Bond; John Costigan; Valerie Mordaunt (NZ); Michael Coleman.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Maria Alessio; Antonio Alessio; Riccardo Sommero (19th Anniversary); Veronica Rasmussen (1st Anniversary); Liam Delahunty (Ireland) 1st Anniversary); Angelo Falgatori (4th Anniversary); William Toohey; Elia Bugeja; Fay Horsey; George Barka; William Bailey; Theresa Illuzzi; Brigid Harris; Douglas Craig; Warren Lane; Laurence Dominic Worne; Ellen Hocking; Muriel Garde; Robert Patton; Kathleen Power; Mary McInerney;

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; Ken & Nora Lai; John McAnalley; Patrizia Facchin; Roberto Galorielli; Marco & Annalisa; Jill; Edward Azjan; Maryellen Partlin; Tony P; Marie; Nancy Walker; Loretta; Antonietta; Connie Calvisi; Peter Allen; George; Michael; George Cepak; Bill Young; Don Khoury. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.



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