

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
21 June 2020

1895 – 2020

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Tom Stevens  
**Parish Secretary:** Brenda Johnston

**Address:** 33 Gale Street  
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**Postal Address:** PO Box 145  
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**Parish Office:** Open Tuesdays & Fridays (9am-3pm)  
**Phone:** (02) 9743 1017  
**Email:** parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au  
**Website:** www.stpatsmortlake.org.au

**Sunday Mass Times:** Sunday 9am and 10.30am.  
Limit of 50 people. (See note in  
bulletin on how to register).

**Weekday Services:**

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am.
- Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday at 8am.

**Reconciliation:** By appointment.

**Baptisms:** 11.45am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the  
month. Please call parish secretary with  
enquiries. Limit of 15 people per family.

**Facebook:**  www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake

**WHITE COCKATOOS**

excerpt from poem by  
A.B. "Banjo" Paterson

At their husking competition  
Hear them screech and yell.  
On a gum tree's high position  
Sits a sentinel.  
Soon the boss goes boundary riding;  
But the wise old bird,  
Mute among the branches hiding,  
Never says a word.



**ACCESS TO MASSES**

I am pleased to advise of the following:

- **WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES.** Weekday Masses and Communion Services have now resumed as per the 'pre-Corona' liturgy schedule (Masses: Tues-Fri at 8am; Communion Services: Mon at 8am and Sat at 9am). Register on sheet upon entry.
- **LIMITED CAPACITY SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES have now resumed.** You will have to **Register** to attend the Sunday Mass, as these will be limited to **50 people**. Sunday Masses will be held at 9am and 10.30am (there will be no Saturday night or Sunday night Masses).

To '**Register**' for a **Sunday Mass**  
please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or  
[thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

- A General Dispensation from attending Sunday Masses remains in place.
- **Online Masses** can be viewed through St Ambrose, Concord West –
- <https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>  
or
- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
Jer 20:10-13

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!"  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Rom 5: 12-15

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**R: Lord, in your great love, answer me**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops.'

**GOSPEL (continued)**

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ZOOM REFLECTION ON THE GOSPELS**

You are invited and encouraged to join in weekly short sessions listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. It will be for 40 minutes, Tuesday nights, 7pm, recommencing on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. The sessions will be emailed to you each week and some clear directions on joining in. Please email: [thejourney.smn@gmail.com](mailto:thejourney.smn@gmail.com) or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.

**BAPTISM BOOKINGS**

We are taking bookings for Baptisms with **parish Baptisms to commence from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 11.45am**. At this stage, baptisms will be **limited to 15 people** in each family, including the child, parents and godparents. Hopefully as restrictions ease, numbers can increase.

**Baptisms will be at 11.45am in either the Church or in the parish gardens.** Please contact the parish for all Baptism enquiries.

***At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of utmost importance. The Safeguarding Office can be contacted on 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.***

**THE YEAR OF MATTHEW****WHAT CAN WE EXPECT WHEN WE READ MATTHEW'S GOSPEL?**

We are now in back into the season of Ordinary Time and in this year (Year A) we read predominately from the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel is thought to be written between 80-90AD in the region around Antioch. Tradition attributes the gospel to Matthew the tax collector, however biblical scholars think it improbable that it is written by an eyewitness apostle of Jesus, due to its cross references to Mark's earlier gospel. What we do know is that Matthew's gospel seeks to reconcile the Jewish heritage of Jesus in a way the other gospels do not. Matthew's gospel starts with the genealogy of Jesus, seeking to emphasise Jesus's legitimacy or rightful standing, as it were, within the Jewish tradition.

Matthew's gospel depicts Jesus as the teacher and seeks to emphasise a strong sense of the Church, linking the Church (Greek *ecclesia*) directly with the Kingdom of Heaven. There's a sense of expectation in reading this Gospel with his description of Jesus' miracles being less in detail than the other gospels, rather using the miracles in his writing style as more symbolic.

As so we have today's gospel emphasising God's love for each one of us. *Two sparrows* – the cheapest life in the ancient market place is cited, yet God's love and care extends to them, and even to the individual strands of hair on our heads. We are encouraged to trust in God and know we are dearly loved. **Fr. Tom**

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

The annual St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal is asking for your assistance for those in need, including those impacted by COVID-19, at this difficult time of the year. Due to restrictions we are unable to run the regular envelope and bucket collection this year and we are asking you to support those in need by donating to the [Appeal on the St Vincent de Paul website](#). **For those unable to access the website or uncomfortable donating online, there will be envelopes at the back of the church at St Patrick's. You can deposit your envelope into the Poor Box at the back of the church**, drop it into Brenda at the parish office on Tuesday or Friday, or place it in the beige locked letterbox located outside the Presbytery.

**Winter Appeal Link:** [donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/covid-19-emergency-appeal-nsw](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/covid-19-emergency-appeal-nsw) **Thank you.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Josephine Grech; Marion Edwards; Annette Sidgreaves; Bill Young; Carrie Gatt; Michael Gay; Patrick Noone; Thorcuato Herrero; Maddalena Ciacciarelli; John Healy; Lynette Monaro; Pamela Ryan; Maria Luisa Segui; Fr. Peter Morrissey; Matthew Speers; Anita Johnson; Sr Sybille Colborne RSM; Andrew Deans; Audrey Vertannes; Jennifer McAfee; Gary Traill; Samira Hanna; John Walker; George Cepak; Michael Geoghegan; Raffaele Melizza (Italy); Maureen Johnson; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George, Gregory & Brian Clarke; Kevin, George & Brian Clark; Frank Snr, Frank Jnr Arcella and Maria Gioello; Christine Molyneux; John Bolster (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Genserico Cocciolone (14<sup>th</sup> anniv); Michael, Elizabeth, Eugene, Patricia, Michael, Ethna and Sean Smyth; Patricia Cattle (10<sup>th</sup> anniv); Domenic Paparo (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Patricia McLennan (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Ante Cindric; Giuseppa Profilio (4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Ciaran Phelan (1<sup>st</sup> anniv - England); Simon-Peter Kolibac (14<sup>th</sup> anniv); Renzo Trinco (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Carmelo Puglisi (14<sup>th</sup> anniv); Andrew Hoffman; Ian Small; Terence Stephenson; Alfred Nash; Frank Izano; Patrick McKeogh; Rose Moloney; Margaret Burke; Percival Wiggins; Allan Hignett; Dermot Sheehan; Baby Lucas; Pauline Scollen; Cecil Gray; Patricia Kelaher; Antonio Di Lorenzo; Robert Jubb; Rosina Marino.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Sandra Riley; Damian King; Magda Cassis; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Paul Dovico; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Casey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Nanette; George; Jill; Edward Azjan; Tony P; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Don Khoury.

*To have your petitions included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.*

## PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all Parishioners who have supported our Parish during the **2019-2020** financial year through Planned Giving (envelopes and credit card deductions) and those Parishioners who have supported by cash, bank transfers and **Tap and Go**.

Parishioners who contribute through the **planned giving envelopes, the 2020/2021 envelopes are now available from the Narthex of the Church.**

Receipts for the **2019-2020** Planned Giving will be available from the Narthex **Monday 13 July 2020**.

For those Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email [parish@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatismortlake.org.au) and envelopes will be supplied to you or the credit card/direct debit process will be advised. Receipts are issued at the end of each Financial Year with Parishioners able to claim 30% of their planned giving contribution as a tax deduction.

**Thank you.**

Giving by Direct Debit can be effected through:

**BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:**

**BSB: 062 784**

**Account Number: 5015 001**

**Reference: <your name>**

## PARISH GREEN SPACE REMEDICATION WORKS

**GREEN SPACE:** Remediation is essential to the green space adjacent to the Presbytery to allow for school use, parking and church community use. We have had discussions with a landscape designer, Catholic Education Office and their architect on the basis of remediating the space focusing on Parish longer term needs including a meeting and celebratory space. The Architect costs are being paid by the CEO.

The Architect has also looked at the hall and been asked to provide some thoughts on its potential if upgraded.

Sketches have now been produced for the remediation of the green space. I attach the architect's and landscaper's initial [Concept Design](#) for the green space. I welcome your comments on it. This is early stages with possible costs yet to be received and evaluated in conjunction with broader discussion to decide its place in the Parish financial plans.

Should you have any thoughts on this project please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email:

[thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

**Concept Design:** [www.stpatismortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/St.Pats-Mortlake-Parish-Green-Concept.pdf](http://www.stpatismortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/St.Pats-Mortlake-Parish-Green-Concept.pdf)