

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
19 July 2020

1895 – 2020

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

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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 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries. Limit of 15 people per family.

Facebook:  www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake

MASSES LIMITED to 50 PEOPLE

Process for attending Masses:

- **WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES.** Register on sheet upon entry.
- **LIMITED CAPACITY SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES.** 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
thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

- **A General Dispensation** from attending Sunday Masses remains in place.
- **Online Masses:**
<https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>

SCAM ALERT: Unfortunately, there has been another email scam targeting our parish of St. Pat's. It appears to be a request to give to the parish and/or Fr Tom for his pastoral activities. Please ignore any requests you receive via email and only use the donate facility via the **SUPPORT US** button on the website. **Thank you**

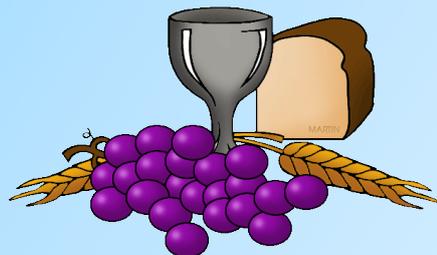
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Mortlake this year at two 10:30am Sunday morning Masses on the **13th and 20th September.**

There will be four weeks of compulsory instruction to prepare the candidates which will commence on **Monday 10th August** in the parish hall in Gale St Mortlake from 4.15pm – 5.15pm.

The instruction and Masses will be conducted strictly with social distancing and other Covid-19 requirements.

If you wish to nominate a candidate, please contact Robert Mayor via email at mayor2411@gmail.com or Phone 0418 228 689.



<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/sacraments/holy-communion/>

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said,

GOSPEL (continued)

Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

IT IS STILL A BEAUTIFUL WORLD

I have been visiting my father and noticed again the below poem which hangs framed in his home. My grandfather always had it on his desk, and now it hangs in my father's hallway.

I've always loved its simple and fervent message of hope amidst the everyday monotony and vicissitudes of life. It's important to see hope and beauty in life's simplicity.

Fr Tom

Desiderata (latin for "Things Desired")

by Max Ehrmann. 1927

*Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,
even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.*

*Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than
yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.*

*Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs;
for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals;
and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself.
Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden
misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.*

*You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.*

*With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Doyle; Noeleen Smith; Maria Ow; Denise Kazanuk; Baby Pasquale Romeo; Jose Teran; Lam S Chan O'Young; 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; Gary Traill; Samira Hanna; John Walker; George Cepak; Michael Geoghegan; Raffaele Melizza (Italy); Maureen Johnson; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pina Bianca (2nd anniv); Favero and Peruzzi Families; Joe Dennis; Angelo Falgiatori; Eyvonne Hurrell; Giuseppe De Meio; : Gil Cocco (13th anniv); John Coulson (1st anniv); Angelo Piccin; Alexis & Walter Goh; George, Gregory & Brian Clarke; John Abrahams; Frank Snr & Frank Jnr Arcella (8th anniv); Maria Gioello (19th anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Billy Brandt; Brian Flynn; Sandra Riley; Damian King; Mihael Novacic; Magda Cassis; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Casey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta.

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

BAPTISM BOOKINGS

Parish Baptisms will re-commence from Sunday 9 August at 11.45am. Baptisms will be **limited to 15 people** in each family, including the child, parents and godparents. **Baptisms will be at 11.45am in either the Church or in the parish gardens.** Please contact the Parish Secretary for all enquiries.

ZOOM REFLECTION ON THE GOSPELS

You are invited to join in weekly short sessions listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. Sessions are emailed to you prior and go for 40 minutes, Tuesday nights at 7pm. Please email: thejourney.smn@gmail.com or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal is asking for your assistance for those in need.

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, at the parish office, or place it in the beige locked letterbox outside the Presbytery.

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

THANK YOU - PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all Parishioners who have supported our Parish during the **2019-2020** financial year.

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 Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email parish@stpatsmortlake.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. Giving by Direct Debit can be effected through:

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 5015 001

Reference: <your name>