

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
16 August 2020

1895 – 2020

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**Parish Office:** Open Tuesdays & Fridays (9am-3pm)  
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**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.  
Limit of 50 people (see below).

**Weekday Services:**

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

**Reconciliation:** 5.30pm Saturday

**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](https://www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake)

## REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

A new automated online booking system is now in place and available for Mass bookings, <https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

### New Mass times:

- **Saturday Vigil 6pm.**
- **Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.**



**All Parishioners are now encouraged to wear face masks during Mass.**

### Numbers remain limited to 50 people per Mass.

- Bookings can be made up to 2 weeks in advance.
- No need to bring your ticket to Mass as your details will be pre-registered.
- Bookings can also be made by telephone with the Parish Secretary on Tuesday and Friday's in office hours. Telephone bookings must be made by Friday 2pm.

### WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION

**SERVICES REMAIN UNCHANGED.** Please register on the sheet upon entry, no need to pre-register.

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

## THANK YOU COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

A special thank you to our Communications Team Ministry for the professional production of the parish Winter Newsletter. Please take a copy. It is a great snapshot of the activities taking place in the parish over these last few months. Thanks to Chris Smith, Sr Barbara and your team for the great work.

If you have IT/ marketing & communication skills and would like to assist our Comms Team with parish matters, please contact the parish secretary Brenda on 9743 1017 or email [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au)

CATHOLIC MEETING  
TODAY



**5 minutes in Colin suddenly realised he had mis-read the sign.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 56:1.6-7

**I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

**The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
Mt 15:21-28

**Woman, you have great faith.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

**GOSPEL (continued)**

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**BEQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Our Parish received notification in June of a will bequest from a parishioner, Charles Edward Vassall, who passed away in 2015. A generous gift and thought that is most appreciated. The money will be used for our Green Space Project.

Thank You.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK**

We welcome baby Adam Giannetto and baby Luca Agueci to the St. Patrick's community on Sunday this week. May you grow in Faith, (and weight!!), with us all here at St. Pat's. Peace and Health.

**ZOOM REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL FOR SUNDAYS**

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**, sessions recommencing on Tuesday 11th August with a six week program. 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)

If you need more information, contact Susan Neylan: 0400 195 350

**THE CANAANITE WOMAN – THE INDIVIDUAL WE DISMISS**

Today's Gospel of the Canaanite woman is a story about persistence in faith, with the woman finding herself in desperation with her sick daughter. It is a story of Jesus again testing the individual to allow us to grow. Jesus is telling us, he will not leave us abandoned or alone. Christ is always with us, ***if we trust in him.***

The Canaanite woman, a non-Jew, was considered unworthy. She is equated to a "dog". Yet it is precisely in this harshness that Matthew wants us to see the interaction between Jesus and all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. All are part of God's plan for salvation.

The faith of the woman can be seen in the Gospel when she kneels before Christ – a sign of extreme reverence then, as it is now. For example:

- In some coronation ceremonies, princes and princess kneel before being crowned;
- We kneel at various stages of the Mass;
- Men often propose with a bended knee, displaying their reverence for their beloved (I don't know about kneeling . . . maybe they should . . . I hope that doesn't now start any arguments . . . . "Why didn't you kneel when you proposed to me?" . . . bygones)

Only after having 3 separate exchanges, did Jesus grant the woman's prayer for the health of her daughter. Her faith was wrapped up in her love for her daughter. **The two are inseparable. Love and Faith.**

It follows then to acknowledge when and how are we tested in our lives? **Where do I need to reach out to God in my daily struggles?** The hardship of the woman isn't the problem . . . **the lack of faith and encounter of the Pharisee's to the woman, and their lack of LOVE is the problem.** Fr Tom

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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Damian King; Linda Di Martin; Melchor Munoz (Spain); Anne Cowper; Michael Paul; Augusta Leon Ramirez; Barry Peterson; Alf Sidlauskas; Maureen Hyde; Joyce Kelly; Peter Burnicle; Michele Veza; 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; 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; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Manuella Archetti; Antonino Di Giglio (30 anniv); Antonino Tesorero (12 anniv); Angelino Lo Schiavo (17 anniv); Grazia Di Giglio; Francesca LoSchiavo; Matteo Di Pasquantonio (1st anniv); George Cepak; Margaret Dix; Gloria Brown; Elizabeth Johansen; Antonio Mandile; Silvana Criscione.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Joseph Bezzina; Nico Relton; Paul Northey; Jacqueline; John Hawley; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Brian Flynn; Sandra Riley; 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.*

### PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.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 done via:

#### BANK TRANSFER

**BSB: 062 784**

**Account Number: 5015 001**

**Reference: <your name>**

### BOOKING A BAPTISM

Baptisms are held at 11.45am on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in either the Church or the parish gardens.

All Baptisms will be **limited to 15 people** in each family, including the child, parents and godparents.

Please contact the Parish Secretary for all enquiries.

<https://www.stpatmortlake.org.au/sacraments/baptism/>

### READERS NEEDED FOR MASSES

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday is a privileged and important ministry in the Church.

We are now looking for **volunteers of all ages** for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday Vigil; Sunday Masses: 9.00am; 10.30am and 6.00pm.

If you wish to volunteer please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.org.au) with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read. Training will be provided.

### 'ALPHA' YOUTH IS HERE

**What is it??** It's not a youth group, it's a free meal, a video, discussion, dessert, place of no judgement, ask anything, a journey with fellow young people.

**Everyone Welcome. Invite Friends!**

**WHEN: Friday 21 & 28 August 6:30pm – 8:30pm** at St Charles Borromeo School Hall Ryde.

Goes for 3 Friday evenings. Age guide: 14-20yo.

**BOOK & WATCH CLIP:** <https://bit.ly/3iCaZ09>

For more information: contact Ryde parish youth coordinator Jemille West on: 0405 739 444 or [youth@rgcp.org.au](mailto:youth@rgcp.org.au)