

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
23 August 2020

1895 – 2020

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Parish Secretary: Brenda Johnston

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

Facebook:  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>

ALL PARISHIONERS are now encouraged to wear face masks during Mass.

New Mass times available:

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

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/>

FAMILY MASS AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Going forward, the 9am Mass of the first Sunday of each month will be a Family Mass, where we especially encourage our young families to attend. Please invite families to come along to join in the community of St. Pat's

The Children's Liturgy will also re-commence from at the 9am Mass from Sunday, 6 September. The children's liturgy will run every Sunday during school term time. All children are welcome and parents are welcome to either join the children in their children's liturgy, or listen to the musings of Fr Tom's homily!!

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

If any child (girls and boys) 8yo and over would like to assist in serving the Sunday Mass, can the parents please contact or speak to Fr Tom.

Assisting with the serving at Mass is a great means of: prayer; serving our local faith community; and having children learn about the rich nature of our liturgy. Training will be provided. Parents can call Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) **Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

GOSPEL (continued)

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

We welcome baby Jack Procajlo and baby Florence Savoldi to the St. Patrick's community on Sunday this week. May you grow in Faith, with us all here at St. Pat's. Peace and Joy.

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

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

2020 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. **The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement** is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.

Over the past year Australia has faced unprecedented upheavals, prolonged drought and bushfires that wiped out entire communities.

Lives lost, communities destroyed. We now face the COVID-19 pandemic. In our vulnerability we realise that we are not in control.

Our daily routines have been disrupted, our workplaces and churches have been closed and we have been forced to isolate ourselves from others. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Social-Justice-Statement-2020-WEB.pdf>

Anxiety and fear of the unknown are normal responses and most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point during our lives. We are invited to make mental health a priority. People experiencing mental ill-health are not some 'other' people, they are 'us'. People in our families, faith communities, workplaces and society are suffering mental ill-health and everyone needs understanding and support.

There are gaps in the mental health system that need to be addressed. During this time of pandemic, we have often heard it said that "we are all in this together". The quality of our care for the people who are the most vulnerable or disadvantaged will be the test of whether or not this is true.

Here in our community we might ask ourselves who this could describe. Ask yourself; is there someone that I know of that I could check in with, or highlight to the Parish team that a pastoral call might be required? A young family, an elderly couple or a widow or widower in our community that might be feeling even lonelier at this time?

A commitment to the common good means attending to the good of all of us, without exception, and paying special attention to those who are most often overlooked, sidelined or excluded. It is surely time for us to make mental health a real priority, so that all people may know the fullness of life which Jesus offers (John 10:10).

Sinead Kent - Social Justice Ministry

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michelina Masi (Italy); Damian King; Mihael Novacic; Linda De Martin; Melchor Munoz (Spain); Anne Cowper; Michael Paul; Augusta Leon Ramirez; Barry Peterson; Alf Sidlauskas; Maureen Hyde; Joyce Kelly; Peter Burnicle; Michele Vezza; 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; Dot Casey; Paul Griffin (3 anniv); 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; 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.

CWF APPEAL

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF)** is the charity of the Sydney Catholic Community. It funds agencies including:

- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry** – promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.
- **CatholicCare** – Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.
- **Chaplaincies** – The chaplaincy services in hospitals, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.

Collections through parishes are normally made in August. If you can assist **all monies placed in the FIRST COLLECTION boxes today and next week will be forwarded to the CWF.** For those on the Planned Giving Programme, envelopes are included with your weekly envelopes and can be returned and placed in the FIRST COLLECTION boxes next week. Your generosity is appreciated and means so much to these agencies. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

SAINTS FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday:	St Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St Monica
Friday:	St Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St John the Baptist

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.

Safeguarding support Officers: Marie Piccin
Brenda Johnston

Sacramental Program Facilitator: Bob Mayor

Children's Liturgy Facilitator: Sinead Kent