

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
9 August 2020

1895 – 2020

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Parish Secretary: Brenda Johnston

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm **from 15 Aug**  
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: 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](https://www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake)

**SUNDAY MASS BOOKING SYSTEM  
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 (from 15 Aug)**
- **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, for those unable to book online. 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/>

**READERS NEEDED FOR  
WEEKEND LITURGIES**

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@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read. Training will be provided.

**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.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the first book of the Kings  
1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Rom 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

- R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**
- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
  - Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
  - The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
Mt 14:22-33

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified.

**GOSPEL (continued)**

“It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**‘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 14 to 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)

**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

**“COURAGE! IT IS I!  
DO NOT BE AFRAID!”**

(Mt 14:27)

On Thursday, 6 August, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. 6 August 2020 also marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing destruction of Hiroshima and of Nagasaki (August 9).

The huge moral arguments for the bombing of these two cities is perhaps one of the biggest moral questions humanity has faced. It was where knowledge of the refining of physical explosive power was directly and unashamedly used on one's fellow human being.

The Transfiguration saw the bright LIGHT of GOD'S LOVE shine forth on Jesus. The atomic bombing of these two Japanese cities in 1945 saw a different kind of bright LIGHT. The atomic bombings brought forth a bright LIGHT of pain, destruction and despair, which can still be felt today.

Yet today's Gospel reminds us that though the disciples are facing a fearful situation of encountering heavy seas on the lake, the light that is Jesus still offers hope in reassuring them: “

***Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!”***

FEAR can of course take many forms. FEAR of: foreigners; refugees; other religions; other political views; fear of people of other sexualities. FEAR is not a life enriching aspect of life. It only stifles and narrows my world. It narrows my outlook.

We need to be people that replace FEAR and terror, not with the LIGHT OF POWER, but the LIGHT OF LOVE.

Let's pray we can see the different modes of LIGHT in my life – the LIGHT OF HUMAN POWER (which can be destructive) and the LIGHT OF LOVE.

Sometimes it's difficult for us to choose the right light.

**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:** 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:** Matteo Di Pasquantonio (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); George Cepak; Margaret Dix; Gloria Brown; Elizabeth Johansen; Antonio Mandile; Silvana Criscione; Giuseppe De Meio (41<sup>st</sup> anniv); Pina Bianca (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Favero and Peruzzi Families; Joe Dennis; Angelo Falgiatori; Eyvonne Hurrell; Giuseppe De Meio; Gil Cocco (13<sup>th</sup> anniv); John Coulson (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Angelo Piccin; Alexis & Walter Goh; George, Gregory & Brian Clarke; John Abraham.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Nico Relton; Paul Northey; Jacqueline; John Hawley; Barbara Clark; 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 THIS WEEK

We welcome Gabriel Michael Donnelly Windon.

All 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.

### PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER POSITION

The Parish Youth Ministry is looking for a volunteer candidate who is interested in taking on the especially important role of our parish Youth Ministry Leader.

The role's focus is to encourage the youth of the parish to become involved in the life of the church and build relationships with other youth around the same age.

If you are interested in learning more about the role, or wish to apply, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

### 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 **13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September.**

There will be four weeks of compulsory instruction, to prepare the candidates which will commence on this **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mayor2411@gmail.com) or Phone 0418 228 689.

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

### PARISH FINANCES

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

#### BANK TRANSFER

**BSB: 062 784**

**Account Number: 5015 001**

**Reference: <your name>**