

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2020

1895 – 2020

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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

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Congratulations to the children who are receiving their **First Holy Communion** today at the 10.30am Mass. It is a special day in their faith journey, allowing them to participate more fully in the Mass.

Those receiving their First Communion today are:

Isabella Palermo; Pia Monti; Scarlett-Rose Giorgi; Gabriel Daly Comerford; Kalan Smith; Ella Murphy; Lucy Anderson; Jai Roach; Amelie Au-Yeung; Ashlan Au-Yeung; Quinton Kazzi; Dion Pellegrino; Allegra Tosolini; Leo Bunn; Michael Fezzuoglio; Oliver William Heathcote; Benjamin Said Hanna; Charlotte Geraldine Butler; Chloe Hedges; Dijan Parancin; Orlando Stanzione; Oscar Kearney; Leo James Noyes; Amalia Reyes; Beau Myers; Cooper Francis.

Thank you to the parishioners and teachers at St. Pat's Primary School for leading the instruction of the children. Special thanks to Bob Mayor our Sacramental Coordinator, Ashleigh Cameron, Gabby Shelhot, Shanna Howe, Sinead Kent, Camilla Vozzo and Denise Norman.

Thank you also to the parents and guardians of the children – the family unit is the First Church. A special thanks also to those parents/ guardians who might not be of the Catholic faith, for supporting your child and family in growing in their Faith. Know that our Faith sustains us throughout our life. You are part of the St Pat's Mortlake community and I pray you always find Peace and Joy here.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

We are observing all the COVID-SAFE distancing regulations. **Please register online for your family to attend the 9am Mass.** If you cannot join us in person you can click on the link below and listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel from the Children's Lectionary.

Fr Tom Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

https://youtu.be/0Anm_O1rbF8

Last week we talked about helping each other to do the right thing. Today we follow up by talking about forgiving each other. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells a teaching story, a parable, to Peter when he asked Jesus how many times we must forgive others. Jesus said 70 times 7, in other words **forgiveness is limitless.**



Try these 3 activities at home:

1. Share Jesus' love! Talk forgiveness.
2. Show God's mercy! Do you need to show forgiveness to someone?
3. Be forgiven! Take advantage of the sacrament of Reconciliation this week so that you will feel God's love.

Watch to learn more: Douglas Talks Forgiveness

https://youtu.be/cG_WLYUN_Hw

We hope you enjoy this new link, any feedback would be most welcome, please email Sinead: skent00@gmail.com

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Sir 27:30 – 28:7

**Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray,
your sins will be forgiven.**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 14:7-9

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Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
(R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 18:21-35

**I tell you that you forgive not seven times but
seventy times seven.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

GOSPEL (continued)

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

125 YEARS OF MORTLAKE MEALS WE WANT YOUR RECIPE!!

In addition to the parish history, which is being written in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the parish, we are compiling a recipe book with **'125 Years of Favourite Mortlake Meals'**.



The book will be a gastronomic journey, taking us back to some good old 1895 Aussie classic dishes, through to our terrifically diverse culinary dishes of today, using spices and herbs never imagined in 1895!

The recipe book will be a celebration of the diverse range of cultures and meals that have sustained our peninsula community over the last 125 years.

So, if you have what you consider to be a **'Classic Mortlake Meal'** and you'd like to share it for publication in our parish 125th Anniversary Recipe Book, please feel free to call Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email your recipe to: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN MORTLAKE

Are you game to cross Gale Street on foot? Gale Street Mortlake is one of the main access roads. The volume of traffic and the speed cars and trucks travel at make crossing the road hazardous. **Safe pedestrian crossings** will encourage students and parents to walk to school, parishioners to walk to church and the wider community to enjoy the neighbourhood and visit the shops safely on foot.

Several Pedestrian Crossings are needed especially one in Gale St at St Patrick's Church.



You are invited to support this petition to make it safe for our pedestrians. Click here to sign the petition: <http://chnng.it/NvtZbbhqsv>

This week has been National Child Protection Week. The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office has launched new resources for Children and Young People on its website. <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

Safeguarding Support Officers: **Marie Piccin & Brenda Johnston**
Sacramental Program Facilitator: **Bob Mayor**
Children's Liturgy Facilitator: **Sinead Kent**

SAINTS' FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: St Cornelius and St Cyprian
Thursday: St Robert Bellarmine
Saturday: St Januarius

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

We welcome **Valentine Grace Potter** in Baptism this week. Valentine, may you grow in Faith (and Weight!) with us all here at St Pat's. Peace and Joy!!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincent Aquilina; Eileen Matthews; Joseph Bezzina; John Hourigan; Giulio Corte; Marie Verschuer; Dot Lawrence; Michelina Masi (Italy); Gloria Gaymer; 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: Jim Rodda, Carmel Bonnici; Mary Bolster; Trevor Gale, Giuseppe De Meio; Thomas Delahunty; Alfred Smith; Tony Neylan; Domenico & Concetta Severino; Romeo & Anna Dovico; Dot Casey; Guido Natale (11 anniv); Paul Griffin (3 anniv);; 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: Tom Bourne; 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 Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Coleman; Tang.

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

PARISH FINANCES

Our Parish financial year result for 2019/20 was an unaudited surplus of \$31,446, down from \$78,153 in 2018/19. Our equity at 30th June 2020 was \$155,551 (\$132,159 in 2018/19).

The full results will be posted on the Notice Board once audited.

Income was, of course, down but the result was enhanced by significant contribution from Parishioners, a bequest and Government grants via Covid Cash Flow (\$10,000) and JobKeeper (\$6,000).

Establishing a budget for 2020/21 has its difficulties and the Finance Committee has budgeted this year for a deficit of \$22,200. The budget provides for lesser income and for additional costs for the salary of our recently engaged Book keeper, a higher level of cleaning due to Covid and costs associated with Fr Toms appointment (much of Mons John costs were met elsewhere).

A special THANK YOU to the many Parishioners for your ongoing support to our Parish finances while impacted by the Covid pandemic.

Should you have any inquiries regarding Parish Finances please do not hesitate to ask Fr Tom.

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/>