

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.
Limit of 50 people

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

THANK YOU TO THE ALTAR SOCIETY LADIES

It is important we create a 'culture of thanks' in our communities and not take people for granted. Special thanks to *Philomena Turley, Bernadette Griffin, Luisa Campagne, Anne Gaul, Marie Cramsie, Barbara Granger, Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar, Sandra Ryan, Pam Kubyk, Patricia Roach and Lorraine O'Young*, who every week come in and attend to the flowers in the Church, beautifying our Church for prayer and community gathering.

Some of these ladies are also the artistic masterminds behind the arrangements in the church narthex (foyer) which is lit up at night.

It's these ladies that keep St Pat's ticking behind the scenes. Thank you for your time and love of the St Pat's community in undertaking this important work.

WELCOME BEN ANDRIONI

This weekend we welcome Ben Andrioni into our parish community. Ben will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Prayers & Peace to you Ben.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Join us at 9am or 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. This week the Gospel is all about love and doing what we say we will do.

Fr Tom Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:
<https://youtu.be/6EOrS5q3700>

Sometimes we have to figure out what the right thing to do is, and like the son in the story we might make the wrong choice first and then when we think about it we may change our mind and choose a better way. **The simple message that Jesus brought us is : LOVE.**

An activity for your family this week could be:

- Love others! Is there someone in your family that you could call on, visit or write to, to tell them that you love them?
- Think of one nice thing you can do for another member of your family as a surprise this week.

Thank you for joining us again this week, we hope you are enjoying this new way of connecting.

You might like to read the Gospel as a family using this link.
<https://youtu.be/-vbaawet9Yo>

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
Ez 18:25-28

**The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go.

GOSPEL (continued)

Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SAINTS' FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday:** St Wenceslaus and St Laurence Ruiz
- Tuesday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
- Wednesday:** St Jerome
- Thursday:** St Therese
- Friday:** The Holy Guardian Angels

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

We welcome Babies Roman Lagos, Audrey Noble and Leo & Lucas Zerafa in Baptism this week may you all grow in Faith with us all here at St Pat's.

Peace and Joy!!

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of the 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

WE ARE CALLED TO 'MUCK IN'

Today's Gospel has two sons being asked by their father to work in the vineyard. (btw . . this is the 2nd of 3 simultaneous weeks where Matthew's Gospel passages focuses around vineyards *in vino veritas!!!*). One son says he will do the work and doesn't. The other son initially says he wouldn't work, but eventually does work as his father requested. Every Christian is called to work, to be a messenger of Christ in our world by loving and forgiving others in our daily activities.

Sometimes we might **TALK ABOUT THE WORK** that needs to be done, and this may be a very cultured, informed and a theoretically knowledgeable experience. We may feel morally upright and just in doing so, knowing that I have a certain wisdom and clearness of thought to succinctly state what needs to be done.

Others will then take it a step further and seek to **DO THE WORK**, by challenging and seeking to actively reform systems of oppression and discrimination. Seeking to make our world/community a fairer place. The issue we face is to look beyond my own interests and look to the interests of others. **The father asks the sons not to recite lofty principles, but he calls them (us) to effective and real action.** **Fr Tom**

**PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE
WHAT WE DO & CAN YOU HELP?**

The Pastoral Care Committee take a hands-on role in supporting those in our Community who need comfort, companionship and support. These members: take Communion to house bound parishioners; offer transport for medical appointments, shopping and their commute to and from weekend Masses; catch up for coffee and a chat with parishioners. In pre-Covid times the committee would offer light refreshments after Mass twice a year and distribute flowers and chocolates on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

We'd now like to ask if anyone wants to become involved, please contact Betty Flynn on 8757 3307 or email brian@bflynn.com.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: Franco Calligaro; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland); Eileen Burt (UK); Tom Bourne; Vincent Aquilina; Eileen Matthews; Joseph Bezzina; John Hourigan; Giulio Corte; Marie Verschuer; Dot Lawrence; Michelina Masi (Italy); Gloria Gaymer; Damian King; Linda De 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nell & Ron Peak; Members of the Walker family; Carmelo Pugisi; Finola & Denis O'Sullivan; George Gioiello; Adrian Moore (6 anniv); Giovanni (John) Profilio; Jim Rodda, Carmen Bonnici; Charles Xuereb; 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; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton; Paul Northey; Jacqueline; John Hawley; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Brian Flynn; Sandra Riley; 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

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email 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>

MOBILITY SCOOTER

Red four wheeled mobility scooter available to good home. Will take up to 120 kgs. Useful to visit friends, local shopping or going to Church.

For enquiries please call Pauline on 0413 654 087.

(I will supply the Aussie flag for it!! Fr Tom)

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to join the volunteer Gardeners Team? **New members are very welcome.**

This group waters and maintains the garden plants. For all enquires please ring Brenda on 9743 1017 Tuesday or Friday 9.00-3.00pm or email:

parish@stpatmortlake.org.au

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>

Book 1 ticket per household.

(That is, if your household has 2,4,6, etc, people – you only have to book 1 ticket online, and your whole household is able to attend Mass)

ALL PARISHIONERS are encouraged to wear face masks during Mass.

Sunday Mass times available:

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

Booking details:

- 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/>