

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

All Saints Day
1 November 2020

1895 – 2020

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.
Limit of 50 people. Register online for Mass at
<https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or contact the office.

Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Saturday 9am
- Weekday Masses: **Monday 8am Mass for Holy Souls**
Tuesday to Friday at 8.00am.
- 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.

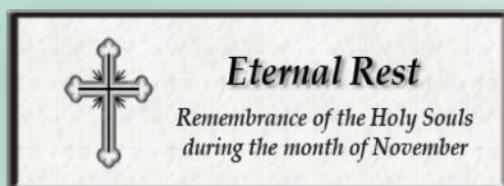
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NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The church reminds us, particularly in November, to pray for those who have died. Here at St. Pat's you are invited to write the names of your deceased family members and friends on cards and place these cards in a basket which will be left at the foot of the altar during November.

Commencing on the weekend of **Oct. 25** there will be cards left in the Narthex and at the side entrance. Please take a card write your names on it and, when you come to the church from **Nov. 1**, place this card in the basket at the foot of the altar. Our family members and friends will be remembered as each Mass is celebrated.

This is the Communion of Saints at work!



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE

(Where are the Aussie crabs and wombats?)

In Advent last year Fr. Tom wrote:

'One of the highlights of my time spent in Rome was the anticipation of seeing various Nativity scenes unveiled around the city. It was a subtle public display of faith. I was especially fond of the personalised local touches the Nativity scenes included. I recall one Nativity scene having crabs, a Mediterranean seal and the famous swarming starlings of Rome. **I think we need to include a platypus, wombat and kangaroo in our own nativity scene.** Or perhaps Nativity scene characters that symbolise: a refugee; a widow(er); a lonely husband or wife; an addict; a cancer patient; a corrupt official, etc. The Christmas message is that God is in the midst of all our anxiety and messiness.

This is where you come in!!

This year we wish to set up a crib scene in the narthex but we will need your help. Do you have any statues we could add to St. Pat's nativity scene? If you have anything we could place in the scene could you drop them off to Brenda in the parish office. It would be good if we had these by Dec. 6. Many thanks for your help. Brenda is in the office each Tuesday and Friday and can be contacted on (02) 9743 1017 or parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Continued

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John
1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

HELP WITH PARISH 'SPRING CLEAN' TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER – 9am-12noon

We will be having a 'Spring Clean' of the Church and grounds on Tuesday, 10 November from 9am until 12 noon, to dust and clean the church interior and a general 'spruce up'. To offer your services on the day please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org.

Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1 November – ALL SAINTS DAY

Click on the link below and listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel especially for children and families who cannot attend our Children's Liturgy during our 9am Sunday Mass.

This Sunday is All Saints Day, and the Gospel is about the Beatitudes. The **Beatitudes** are guidelines from God to help us live our lives and to be the best people we can be.

All Souls Day is the day we celebrate people who have been declared saints by the Catholic Church.

Let's see what Jesus has to say that might help us become the Saints we were born to be!!!

Gospel of Matthew read by Fr Tom:

<https://youtu.be/2p6cUdA5dLk>

How many times have you heard someone say – I like your **ATTITUDE**, or I don't like your **ATTITUDE**?

- ❖ What sort of ATTITUDE would you say describes you?
- ❖ What did Jesus tell us to do?
- ❖ How does Jesus say we will BE if we have the correct ATTITUDE?

When we breakdown the word Beatitude into **BE – ATTITUDE**, it makes it easier to understand and maybe to put the instruction Jesus is giving us today into action.

As a family maybe:

- ❖ Read the Beatitudes in today's Gospel as a family.
- ❖ Talk about how they reflect the love that Jesus taught us.
- ❖ Read a story about your favourite saint - may be our Patron Saint Patrick!
- ❖ Share the story of your name – is there a Saint connection?

Have some fun with this Beatitudes Song.

<https://youtu.be/XRQVj39WkDE>

PARISH FINANCES

Planned Giving

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG), please email parish@stpatismortlake.org.au and envelopes will be supplied to you or 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 PG contribution as a tax deduction. For those who wish to make contributions by EFT transfer – details are:

Bank Transfer

BSB 062 784

Account Number 5015 001

Reference: < your name or PG Number >

Parish Staff:

Welcome to the newly engaged Parish Bookkeeper who is now working from our parish office. The contact details for all finance related matters are accounts@stpatismortlake.org.au.

Recent Parish Transactions:

A few of the transactions this week within the Parish Accounts have been:

Income:

Tap and Go for October	\$1,025
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Some payments:

Cleaning (September)	\$1,210
Altar Candles	\$ 210

Finance Committee:

Long Term Members, Bill Cramsie and Maryann Longhurst retired from the Finance Committee at its last meeting on 15 October 2020. They were farewelled following their many years of providing prudent advice on matters of parish finances, capital works and operation and maintenance of parish assets.

New members, Erica Vega and Dominic Sorbara were welcomed to the Committee.

PARISH FINANCES (continued)

Parish Gardens:

On behalf of our volunteer gardeners, thank you to those Parishioners who have responded to our recent request for donations – our lovely gardens are the result of many hours of work by our volunteers and your donations.

Green Space:

Tenders for work on the greenspace have closed and are being reviewed in conjunction with Sydney Catholic Schools.

EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL JOB – WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE TRAINEE

This new role with a Mortlake based company would suit a school leaver or recent school leaver. The role requires a keen and proactive warehouse and office trainee to learn and assist with the business operations of Dentaurum, a global leader in orthodontic and prosthetic products and supplier to dental practices and hospitals.

Our desire is to have this role to expand to form a solid, long term career opportunity. Importantly, this position is offered with a 1 (one) Year Traineeship undertaking a Certificate III in Business however, we are keen to take on someone who is looking for long term career opportunity.

Position requirements include: Good verbal and written communication skills; Flexibility, has initiative and self-motivation; Assist in continuing our very positive and constructive team culture; Willingness to seek and accept help as required; Understanding, knowledge and or skills with MS office.

**To apply and for more information please contact: Kevin Ferrari, Director
Dentaurum Australia Pty Ltd
kferrari@dentaurum.com.au
Tel: +61 2 9743 4811**

STEWARDSHIP - VOLUNTEERS

The Ministry of Stewardship has been a recent addition to the Parish. As a Parish Community we have a responsibility to provide for the careful, ethical and responsible management of the resources that have been entrusted to our care. It is with this vision as our focus that the Stewardship Ministry operates.

Some of the activities that the Ministry is engaged in include:

- Encouraging all ministries to work together when required, and oversees the effective co-operation between each ministry, our parish community and the Sydney Archdiocese.
- Ensuring all Parish ministries comply with the latest WH&S regulations and the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable persons requirements.
- Help volunteers with Risk assessments for Parish activities and events and ensure that our volunteers operate in a safe and ethically responsible environment.
- We also provide a link between the Parish and the wider community by organising funding for various projects through local and government grant opportunities.
- Parish Safeguarding Support Officers for our Parish and regularly attend compliance and safeguarding seminars.

For more information or to become involved please contact: : **Marie Piccin**
E: mtpiccin@gmail.com

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.

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

An 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 once 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 Fridays in office hours. Telephone bookings must be made by Friday 2pm.**

FR TOM'S APPOINTMENT AS PARISH PRIEST

It is with joy that I received a letter from Archbishop Fisher last week advising of my appointment as the new Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Mortlake. The appointment takes effect from 1 October 2020 and is for a term of six years. This is an exciting and challenging time for us as a Church and parish community. I encourage all parishioners to engage in our parish and feel free to chat to me about ideas and concerns alike. Thank you for your support and encouragement and let's continue to be actively involved in making our St Pat's peninsula community one of faith, charity and fun!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; Audrey Clark; Joseph Triganza; Bernard Trinco; Ersilia Miracola; Franco Calligaro; Gaetana Salvaggio; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland); Eileen Burt (UK); Tom Bourne; Vincent Aquilina; Eileen Matthews; Joseph Bezzina; John Hourigan; Giulio Corte; Marie Verschuer; Michelina Masi (Italy); Gloria Gaymer; Damian King; Linda De Martin; Melchor Munoz (Spain); Anne Cowper; Michael Paul.

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo Gallagher, Alvaro Bianchi (18th anniv); Joe Moloney (15th anniv); Iris Moloney (2nd anniv); Greg McGrath; Caterina Archetti; Soledad Bernuy; Helen Borg; Frank Dimech; Frank & Maria Cremona; Alvaro Bianchi; Lucy Cindric (16th anniv); Giovanni Palumbo; Giovanni Manenti; Gil Cocco; Nell & Ron Peak.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Anthony Cocco; Rene Schmitt; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton;; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Sandra Riley; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Clare Coleman; The Tang Family; Leon Booth; Els Heymans & Family.

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

SAINTS FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Sunday: All Saints Day
Monday: All Souls Day
Tuesday: St Martin de Porres
Wednesday: St Charles Borromeo

WELCOME AMELIA KATHERINE ALLEN

At the 9am Mass this weekend we welcome Amelia Allen into the Church. Amelia lives at Breakfast Point and has journeyed with Bob Mayor, Denise Norman and Pauline Cepak in learning about the faith. The St Pat's community welcomes and prays with you Amelia. Peace and Joy.

The Parish of St. Pat's Mortlake would like to thank the City of Canada Bay Council and Trevor Lee & Son funeral directors for supporting our 125 years Parish Celebrations.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING

The Social Ministry committee meets three or four times a year to prepare a calendar of events and activities that are designed to encourage Parish participation in a more informal social environment.

All Parishioners are invited to attend these events, and everyone is very welcome. Some of the activities and services provided include:

- Bus Trips and Excursions
- The First Holy Communion Breakfast & Confirmation Supper
- Healing Mass Brunch
- The Parish Dinner
- Special Parish Celebrations that require Social committee support
- Weekly Bingo
- Communion Services and Pastoral Care Visitations

For more information or to become involved, please contact **Anne Manenti** on 8765 8260 or E: manenti@ihug.com.au

A 'SNEAK PEAK' inside the PARISH HISTORY BOOK – 'AN ENDURING FLAME'

This weeks' excerpt from our soon to be released parish history, An Enduring Flame, examines the Mortlake community in the inter-war period, which was crucial in the lead up to independence.

An interesting question frequently asked by parishioners in the early 20th century was why St Patrick's had not gained independence (from Concord Parish)? The local community was going well, and our school generally received satisfactory reviews from inspectors. Yet, the school's unexpected closure in 1909 dampened spirits. Fr (later Monsignor) Peter Byrne of St Mary's Concord pleaded with the Sisters of Charity to re-open the school, especially with the onset of World War One and the additional difficulties placed on families with husbands and sons away at war. In 1917, the school re-opened.

The road to independence for St Patrick's, however, was stifled by larger issues that preoccupied its 'mother' parish; including considerable turbulence associated with Concord's 'autocratic' parish priest, Fr Thomas Barlow. The large Concord parish – equivalent to some 10 parishes today – had amassed huge debt resulting from churches being built at Concord West, Flemington, Croydon and also St Mary's. Successive financial crises would divert attention away from Mortlake.

The Mortlake community was working class and despite parishioners' generosity, money was tight. Yet, there was a spirit of co-operation and acceptance at Mortlake, dissimilar to Concord where revolts by the laity against Fr Barlow caused considerable tensions in the 1920s.

In 1929, against Fr Barlow's wishes, the archdiocese transferred responsibility of Mortlake to Concord West Parish. The latter, a new parish, held little interest in Mortlake, and after several years of arguments between Concord and Concord West, Mortlake was transferred back to

'AN ENDURING FLAME' (continued)

Concord in 1934, now under the leadership of Fr Edmund Bond, who gradually reduced the large debt and succeeded in reuniting a bitterly divided parish. It was only in the late 1930s that Fr Bond had more time to consider the future of St Patrick's Mortlake, which had been a chapel of-ease for more than four decades.

Whereas Concord had been a fractured Catholic community, Fr Bond found refreshing loyalty at Mortlake, demonstrated by families such as Brown, Dowling, Flynn, Glancey, Hutch, McCarthy, Moloney, Morgan, Taylor, Timmins, Powell, and Walker.

ALL SAINTS DAY – 'HALLOWEEN' 2020?



I am regularly asked around this time of year whether one should, as a Christian, partake in the 'Halloween' activities. Whilst people will have different views on the matter, I think it's important we recognise the etymology of the word and its distinctly Christian meaning. 'Halloween' falls on the eve of the Solemnity of All Saints Day (1 Nov). Another term for 'All Saints' is 'All Hallows'. The term 'Halloween' is simply a shortening of the Scottish 'Allhallow - even', meaning the Eve of All Saints Day. **Perhaps we would be best to dress up as Holy Saints on All Saints Eve – 'Halloween'?**

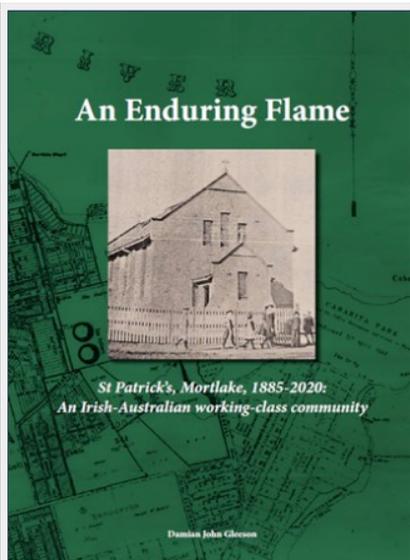


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Celebrating 125 Years 1895-2020

2020 marks 125 years since the beginning of St Patrick's Parish Mortlake. Since our earliest days, we have been blessed and enriched by priests, religious sisters and families who have made their home in Mortlake, and have made St Patrick's their parish. The faith, energy and commitment of the early Irish settlers has flourished, and successive generations of people from many different cultures and nationalities have contributed to the wonderfully diverse and vibrant parish community we share today.

Just as 2020 is a year we will never forget, 1895 is a focal point in the life of St Patrick's Parish. It is when we began, and the passing of time weaves the threads of our story across the years – the highs and lows, opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows. These significant personal, spiritual and communal events in our history have been captured beautifully in Damian Gleeson's new book:



A book celebrating the 125th anniversary of St Patrick's, Mortlake.

Cost - \$25

A great read!

A wonderful gift idea!

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An Enduring Flame

St Patrick's Mortlake 1885-2020
An Irish-Australian working class community

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: *Damian John Gleeson specialises in Irish-Australian historical research. Damian has written a number of parish histories including the 2017 award winning publication, The Rock of St George. Damian is a past president of the Australian Catholic Historical Society and an active member of the Silvermines Historical Journal, County Tipperary, Ireland.*

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