

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
11 October 2020

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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

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL
FOR WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES IN CAMBODIA**

This weekend we will be holding our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Funds will go to aid the Church's mission work in Cambodia to empower people with disabilities, as well as provide them with opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.

Now more than ever, in the wake of COVID-19 mission programs need our support.

Please place any donation in the envelopes located on the pews and any moneys donated in the First Collection box will go to this cause.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these difficult times for everyone.

SAINTS FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Callistus

Thursday: St Theresa of Jesus

Friday: St Hedwig and
St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday: St Ignatius of Antioch

**Pope's Encyclical on Fraternity
& Social Friendship**

Pope Francis' new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, issues a strong challenge to xenophobia and an exaggerated focus on national self-interest. It encourages social and economic inclusion at all levels and stresses that all human beings are sisters and brothers, members of one human family. This is a timely message for us all.

Vatican News reported that **"The Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti* is about love and attention – the kind of attention that brings a broken and bleeding world back to health. It is a social meditation on the Good Samaritan, who recognises love and attention as the preeminent law, and models for us creative social friendship."** "Pope Francis asks us to gaze at the world similarly, such that we come to see the basic, indispensable relation of all things and people, near and far. In its simplicity of call, *Fratelli tutti* is a devastating challenge to our ecological, political, economic and social life. But above all it is a proclamation of an ineradicable, joyful truth, presented here as a well-spring for a fatigued world." The full text can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew Mt 22:1-14

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding. Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.

GOSPEL (continued)

He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Click on the link below and listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel especially for kids, from our Children's Liturgy during our 9am Sunday Mass. This week the Gospel is all about being invited and saying YES!! Who doesn't like being invited to a party!!! Gospel of Matthew read by Fr Tom:

<https://youtu.be/BBzVgMnqLBc>

We all like to think we are important enough to be invited, but we sometimes forget how important it is to say YES to the invitation. Will you RSVP to Jesus this week with a great big YES? How will you do that?

An activity for your family this week could be:

- spending some time making a list of all the people you would like to invite to your home for a celebration,
- make a special invite to someone and add an RSVP and see if they reply.

Mary said a great big YES to being the Mother of Jesus. In this month of October why not pray the Rosary as a family. Click this link:

<https://youtu.be/yg3XpfrM6hM>

A kids cartoon about the story of the Great Party for you to watch:

<https://youtu.be/LEbwiQvo5k4>

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

'SPRING' PARENTS EVENING
A chat and meal in the Presbytery,
Wednesday 28 October, 6-7.30pm

I would like to start a small (Covid friendly) gathering of parents/ guardians of children to meet monthly in the presbytery to share and discuss your thoughts, joys and struggles on parenting in these times of high stress.

There is a lot currently being placed on those with parenting duties in these times, and given the last government Census data for our area showing a growing need for parental support, I'm inviting ALL parents (in the many forms we come in): single; married; de facto; same sex attracted; grandparents heavily involved in care- all parents are welcome to come, have a chat and casual meal on a lovely spring evening in the presbytery.

Your children are welcome to come along and play in the yard or watch a movie, with child minding provided here in the parish on the night, as we share a meal in what will be a relaxed informal setting.

So, if you're free on **Wednesday, 28 October from 6-7.30pm and keen for a casual evening to chat about parenting - I'd love to meet and listen to you.**

Numbers will be limited to 12, and all Covid restrictions followed. To **register please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org**

ZOOM REFLECTING ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

You are invited and encouraged to join in listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. It will be for 1-hour Tuesday nights, 7pm. **A new session Commenced on Tuesday 6th October.** The sessions will be emailed to you each week with some clear directions on joining in. Please email: thejourney.smn@gmail.com or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernard Trinco; Ersilia Miracola; Franco Calligaro; 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; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lucy Cindric (16th anniv); Giovanni Manenti; Gil Cocco; Nell & Ron Peak; George Gioiello (16th anniv); 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; Clare Coleman; The Tang Family; Leon Booth; Els Heymans & Family.

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

PARISH FINANCES

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

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.



VOLUNTEERS TO PAINT BENCHES

If anyone would like to paint one of the benches outside the parish hall, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org



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/>