

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 October 2020

1895 – 2020

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Website: www.stpatsmortlake.org.au



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

HELP IN THE PARISH GARDEN

Would you like to join the volunteer Gardeners Team in the parish?

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@stpatsmortlake.org.au



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



We are going to paint them lovely bright colours to add a bit of colour to match the beautiful colours we are seeing in our garden.

Four benches are to be painted, so it could be a good way of giving back to our community and a bit of family fun at the same time.

Like Huckleberry Finn and whitewashing the fence
..... bygones **Fr Tom**

SAINTS FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday: St Bruno

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St Denis and St John Leonardi

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.

GOSPEL (continued)

Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

WE ARE THE VINEYARD – DO WE PRODUCE A GOOD or BAD HARVEST?

The first reading and Matthew's Gospel today continues with vineyard stories. Scripture uses a story and circumstances which ordinary people could easily understand.

The first reading from Isaiah has the vineyard producing bad grapes, despite having "*hewed out a wine press*" and built a watchtower. The Gospel broadens the theme of the first reading and again sets out that the vineyard is in good condition and prepared for a good harvest, but is tainted due to human dishonesty, greed and murder.

The vineyard owner in sending his son, and his son being murdered, is of course the Father sending Jesus Christ into the world. The assault, rejection and murder of the son, is humanity rejecting Love and preferring monetary gain, landownership and power.

We are asked to follow the path of **LOVE** and let go of ego, pride and hubris. It is a most powerful Gospel!!

Fr Tom

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Join us at the 9am Sunday Mass, 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 being fair and doing what you say you will do.](#)

Fr Tom reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<https://youtu.be/DRrXvADM03I>

Being fair is not always easy. Sometimes we can be a bit greedy if we think we can get away without getting caught. Maybe taking an extra sweet, in case they are all gone when they are offered again? There are lots of ways we cannot act fairly and sometimes we do not even know we are doing them!

An activity for your family this week could be:

- Talk about what '**being fair**' means.
- Is there an organisation that you can think of that tries to give everyone a 'fair go'?

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

You might like to listen to **Douglas Talks** as he tells us about being fair: <https://youtu.be/SxLnb2REwA8>

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

CONGRATS & THANKS TO OTTO & BILL

Last weekend Fr Tom and Mons John presented the Archbishop's Dempsey Medals to Otto Petrin and Bill Cramsie at the 10.30am Mass. Both Bill and Otto have each given circa **50 years of service** to the parish. They are a tremendous example of humility and service.

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. [commencing a new season 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: 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; 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>

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/>

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. 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