

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
29 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.

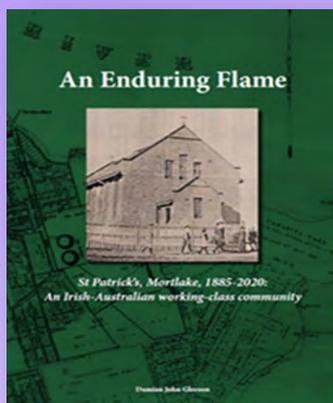
Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- 8am Weekday (Tues to Fri) : COMMUNION SERVICES
- Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday

Baptisms: 11.45am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries. Limit of 15 people per family.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpatismortlake](https://www.facebook.com/stpatismortlake)

**PARISH HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE – COST \$25**



*The book is a Great Read and a Wonderful Gift Idea!*

The book celebrating our parish history is now available for sale. You can order a copy by completing the order form at the back of the Church or contacting the parish office on Tuesday and Friday's on 9743 1017 or email: [parish@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatismortlake.org.au)

Special Thank You to [Dr Damian Gleeson](#) on such a scholarly work. It is a credit to him and our parish. Thank you to John Clarke, Bob Mayor and Marie Piccin who assisted throughout the process from the beginning of the year.

**The book is a tremendous testament to our parish and something we should all be very proud.**

**WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICES  
REPLACE WEEKDAY MASSES  
From Tuesday to Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Fr Tom will be away from the parish next week. Communion Services will replace the weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday (1-4 December). The parish secretary can be contacted on Tuesday and Friday (9am-3pm) for all enquiries.  
**Thank you.**

**READERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday is a privileged and important ministry in the Church. **We are now looking for volunteers for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday; 9.00am, 10.30 am and 6.00pm Sunday.**

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or [parish@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatismortlake.org.au) with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

**Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down  
at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)**

2. 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.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
(R.)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
1 Cor 1:3-9

**The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.  
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Mk 13:33-37

**Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer to credit card/direct debit, please email [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.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: 100000520  
Account Name: Mortlake Parish  
Reference: < your name or PG Number >

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate babies Sofia Capra, James Vagg, and Luna Puckridge into the community of St Patrick's. May you grow in Faith with us at St Pats and always feel at home here.

**Peace and Joy**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY - ADVENT

**Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent and the 1st day of the new church year.** Our church looks different today because we have entered the preparing season of Advent. We will light the first Advent Candle which is purple and represents **HOPE**. It is a time when we prepare our hearts and our lives to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Let's hear what Fr Tom has to tell us about today's Gospel. Today's Gospel reading comes from the Gospel of Mark (Mk 13-33-37) <https://youtu.be/gRY5Jsfp6k>

**How do you think we can get ready for Jesus to be in our lives?**

What things could we try to do during Advent to try to be closer to God? **If you are passing our church this week pop in and checkout the Advent Wreath and candles, pick up some purple strips with the word HOPE on, and maybe as a family add your prayer intentions before Christmas.**

Activities to do at home:

- Create your own Advent Wreath with three purple candles and one Rose/Pink Candle and light the first candle this week. Take a look at this clip for an uplifting alternative idea.

<https://youtu.be/OUvwbpD9c5U>

- Talk and pray about things you can do to prepare for Jesus' birthday.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rosemary Rumble; Anna Anastasi (Italy); Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; Audrey Clark; Joseph Triganza; Bernard Trinco; Ersilia Miracola; Franco Calligaro; Gaetana Salvaggio.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Frank Ng; Anthony Cocco; Rene Schmitt; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton; Barbara & Barrie 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.

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

### CATHOLIC CARE – GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many years of support you have all given out foster care and youth programs at Christmas time. This year in particular we are very mindful of the impact that Covid has had on everyone in our community and what this means in terms of helping others.

As some of you may still be in a position to want and be able to help others and provide a gift for a child in one of our programs we are conscious that we still need to keep everyone safe.

**Our suggestion for gifts under the tree would be to possibly look at getting some vouchers for individual children or family groups which could be purchased as part of people's regular shopping trip.** We understand that whilst its lovely to go a pick a particular gift for a child, however this also means extra time in the shops and visiting different outlets as well as wrapping gifts and our process of transporting and handling gifts.

Therefore, we thought this may be a safer and easier option and children can then order something online which also means they are not at the shops with their families. We also thought of the option of having one voucher for a family group and or parishioners sharing the cost of a voucher so the cost is more manageable.

**We hope this suggestion this allows for everyone at St. Pats Mortlake to feel they can be part of caring and giving to vulnerable children and youth.**

### CAN YOU ASSIST WITH BANKING?

Would you have time (about once every two months) to be part of a roster to count and bank weekly collections? It takes approx. 1½ -2 hrs on Tuesdays. If you would like to assist, please email [stpatsmortlake@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsmortlake@gmail.com)

### DAVID'S PLACE LUNCHEON IN PARISH

**We welcome visitors from David's Place this weekend, who will be joining us for a luncheon in the presbytery after the 10.30am Sunday Mass.**

Thank you for coming and know that you are always most welcome at St. Pat's.

**Thank you to our parishioners who are organising the luncheon.**

### ADVENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

As have now entered Advent, the season of preparing our hearts and souls for Christmas, may we be awake and aware. May we spread peace and good will. What does it mean? How do I understand... 'God with us'? Who is Jesus Christ? How do I prepare with awareness and inclusiveness?

**You are warmly invited to take part in weekly scripture/prayer sessions over the 4 weeks of Advent on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8pm via ZOOM. (easy instructions)**

The group will gently, prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel. **Contact Susan for more information on 0400 195 350 or email [thejourney.smn@gmail.com](mailto:thejourney.smn@gmail.com)**

### VOLUNTEERING IN THE ST PAT'S GARDEN

**Would you be able to donate some time to help maintain our garden area around the Church?** We would like to organise a roster for watering over the Summer to keep our beautiful plants well-watered. **Do you have an hour once a week or once a month?** If you are able to help out in any way we would be so appreciative and so would our plants! Please email [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) or contact Brenda in the office on Tuesday and Friday 9-3pm on 9743 1017.