

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

The Holy Family of Jesus  
Mary and Joseph  
27 December 2020  
1895 – 2020

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.  
Mass Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

**All Parishioners are encouraged to wear face masks.  
A General Dispensation from attending Sunday Masses  
remains in place. For Online Masses please visit:**

➔ <https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>

**Weekday Services:**

- Communion: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month.  
Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

**CHRISTMASTIDE  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

Now is actually the time when we should only start to be wishing everyone "Merry Christmas". Up until sunset (Vespers) of Christmas Eve, we are officially still in Advent.

Liturgically, we are now in the season of "CHRISTMASTIDE", or the Christmas Season in the Church. This is the period of celebration between Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany (Sunday 3 January).

The Epiphany is the feast celebrating the revelation of God to the non-Jewish people, Gentiles, with the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

The purpose of the Christmas Season is to remember the birth and early manifestations of Christ's life. This involves reflecting on the wonderful complexity of the Holy Family and indeed on all of our families in the tremendous diversity our families come in. We give thanks for our families and know our families are indeed linked with the Holy Family itself.

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**Mass times available:**

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

**Numbers remain limited to 50 people** per Mass.

- 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.

**WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION**

**SERVICES REMAIN unchanged.** Please register on the sheet upon entry, no need to pre-register.

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**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

**Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.**

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.  
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,  
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing  
a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with  
children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his father,  
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience  
to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.  
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,  
do not despise him in your health and strength;  
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**The Word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
Col 3:12-21

**Concerning the Christian life in the world.**

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you  
and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in  
kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear  
with one another; forgive each other as soon as a  
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you  
must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep  
them together and complete them, put on love. And  
may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because  
it is for this that you were called together as parts of  
one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a  
home with you. Teach each other, and advise each  
other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts  
sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God;  
and never say or do anything except in the name of  
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father  
through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in  
the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them  
with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your  
parents always, because that is what will please the  
Lord. Parents, never drive your children to  
resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

**(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
2. Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. (R.)
3. Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you

**Alleluia**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk2:22 39-40

**The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**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)

For those who wish to make contributions by EFT transfer – details are:

Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 10000520

Account Name: Mortlake Parish

Reference: < your name or PG Number >

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

The book celebrating our parish history is now available and can be purchased from the parish office Tuesday & Friday 9-3pm 9743 1017 or email [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.org.au)

## PARISH SUPPORT SURVEY

If you would like to fill in the survey, there are hard copies at the entrances to the Church. Please place it underneath the collection boxes at the Church entry points. Online survey can be completed via the link:

<https://www.stpatmortlake.org.au/census>

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### Feast of the Holy Family

All families are a gift from God. Families come in all shapes and sizes; all families are a great celebration. Today is the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate the Holy Family every year on the 1st Sunday after Christmas. The Holy Family are Jesus, Mary and Joseph. ***Have you seen this Holy Family in our Nativity scene at the front of the Church?***

Families are all different but the one thing all families share is that they are full of many people who love each other. Today God wants to tell us about families.

In the reading today, St. Matthew talks about a time that Joseph listened to God's message and took especially good care of his family.

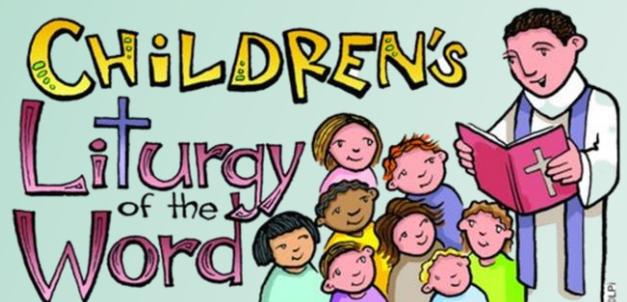
**Let's listen to Fr Tom as he reads today's Gospel.** <https://youtu.be/owi1L0aX6ro>

God really does want families to be filled with love and has asks us to take care of each other. Can you think of the people in your family that look after you? Have you ever thought of saying: "Thank you for looking after and caring for me?"

### Activities to do at home:

- Celebrate your family! Have a special meal this week to show your family how much you appreciate them.
- Together, write a letter or make a phone call to a relative that you haven't seen for a while.

**You might like to listen to the story again told using Godly Play.** <https://youtu.be/arZJPdXrEV4>



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ron Stevens (Fr Tom's Father) His Funeral Ceremony will be Private at St Joseph College next Thursday; Sheila Latham (Funeral here at St Pats on Tuesday at 10.00am); Micheal Galluccia; Rosemary Rumble; Anna Anastasi (Italy); Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; Audrey Clark.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** June Patricia Murray (2 anniv); Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Members of the Di Giglio, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo Galea & Michallef; Sam Ferlauto; Michele & Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Gus Fausti; Filippo Scardullo; Anthony Zacca; Antoniiio Pallmas (11 anniv); Families Gerald Gleeson (3rd anniv); Glenda Rutz (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Domenica Musumeci; Cynthia Fernandes.

**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)

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in outreach and volunteering, St Pat's has several groups and exciting new opportunities for engagement in 2021. Volunteering and outreach opportunities within the parish include:

- **Social Justice Group**, understanding the rich history of Catholic Social Teaching as the spiritual formation and basis of action.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, attending to the needs of locals who have fallen on tough times.
- **New opportunities in 2021** to assist in outreach lunches, hosted by the parish for various local groups in our community.
- **Pastoral Care Group**, who take a hands-on role in supporting those in our community that need company, companionship and attending to their practical daily needs (i.e., shopping, home visits).
- **Social Committee** assist with running weekly bingo on Mondays for our senior community members, help organise bus excursion trips and arrange celebratory functions for events such as children's reception of their first Sacraments.
- **Children's Liturgy** and engaging with the parish youth needs.

- **Liturgy**, including participating in Music, Reading, Altar Serving and being a Eucharistic Minister within the parish.
- **Faith Education**, includes teaching in our local public schools as a catechist; involved in preparation of students in the Sacraments; as well as Adult Faith formation opportunities.
- **Assist with Communications and IT Support** requirements of the parish.
- **Gardening** group in the parish - help in creating our blossoming parish garden and community vegetable garden.
- **Stewardship** - assist with governance requirements and obligations.

As you can see, there are many varied opportunities to engage with your parish and community. Please contact the parish to find out more or visit our website below.

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Volunteers-booklet.pdf>

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**Collections** will be reintroduced at Masses this weekend. Collections will be made using a bag at the end of a pole thus avoiding close contact with parishioners. **Thank you for your support.**