



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Become Involved

Volunteering Opportunities at St Pat's

At St Patrick's, we pride ourselves on our strong sense of Community and Social Justice. With a wide array of Volunteer groups who actively seek to care for, support and help our local community there are many opportunities for you to become involved.

This booklet introduces you to each group and their focus including Music; Children's Liturgy & Education; Pastoral Care; Social Outreach to the elderly, sick and house bound; helping with Communications and IT, to gardening and parish maintenance. We invite you to read the following pages and find just the right group for you. Your contribution, no matter how small, continues to make St Patrick's more than just a Church, it's a Community.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Tom

One of the greatest gifts you can give is that of your time

Children's Liturgy

Offers the opportunity for the little people of our community to come and hear the Word of God from a child's perspective. The Gospel is delivered by adults from our Parish using differing activities; drama, music, craft, art, worksheets and reinforced with gentle discussion. The Childrens Liturgy Team also coordinates the Family Masses and the Christmas Nativity Mass. If you would like to use your gifts to offer the children a great variety of ways to learn and love Jesus each week we invite you to become one of our leaders. Commitment is on a roster basis. For more information or to become involved, please contact Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637 or email sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au

*We can give our children
education, lessons,
athletics, the Arts,
and possessions,
material possessions,
but if we do not
give them
faith in
Christ,
we have given
them little.*

- Kevin W. Benson

Faith Education

Is the provision of faith formation, catechesis and evangelisation to the wider Community. The Catechists of the Faith Education Ministry deliver weekly Catholic Scripture lessons to the children at Mortlake Primary School, prepare and deliver instruction to the children of the Parish for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation as well as Baptismal preparation for families. Adult Faith Education is also offered. The ministry coordinates presentations, speakers, films and discussion groups on faith topics and deliver the RCIA program which is the process of instruction and assisting adults to join the Catholic Faith.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 or email mayor@leasing.net.au

Liturgy – Music, Altar Serving, Readers, Communion Ministers

The Liturgy Ministry meets every two months. They are responsible for coordinating the weekly mass roster for Acolytes and Altar Servers; the music and musicians; readers and the presenters of the Gifts as well as the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This Ministry also coordinates Liturgies on special occasions, including Special Family Masses, Children's Masses, Youth Masses, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Masses, Christmas & Easter Celebrations. They look after the flowers on the altar and ensuring the altar linen is washed.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Kevin Nelson-Smith on 0490 119 131 or email kevin.nelson.smith@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Committee

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.

Twice a year the committee offer light refreshments after Mass and distribute flowers and chocolates on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Betty Flynn on 8757 3307 or email brian@bflynn.com.au

Communications & IT

The Communications Committee manage and update our social media sites; Facebook, Instagram and the Parish Website. This ministry are responsible for the publication of the quarterly newsletter. If you are tech savvy or a wizz with words and would like to be involved in the Communications Committee and would like to know more about how to become involved, please contact Barbara Bolster on 0429 159 333 or email barbara.bolster@mercy.org.au

Youth Ministry & Leadership

With the goal to expand the Parish Youth Group and strengthen the involvement of the young teenagers through to the young adults of the Parish, this Ministry meets periodically to coordinate social gatherings and fundraising events. If you are aged 16 to 25 we would love you to join our Ministry.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

Social Committee

The Social Committee meet three or four times a year. This ministry runs a weekly Bingo group, plans bus trips and excursions. coordinates and caters the Parish functions the Healing Mass and lunch, Annual Parish Dinner, First Holy Communion Breakfast; Confirmation Supper; Bingo Christmas Lunch and the Social Committee Special Thanks. These events are designed to encourage whole Parish participation. For more information or to become involved, please contact Anne Manenti on 8765 8260 or email manenti@ihug.com.au

Gardening

This group waters and maintains the garden plants. New members are sought to actively renew the garden spaces. For more information or to volunteer please contact the parish secretary, Brenda Johnston on 9743 1017 email parish@stpatmortlake.org.au

Social Justice

Stemming from the Annual Bishops Statement, our group examines issues and engages in topical conversation relevant to people today. At our core is the Dignity of Every Human Person. The dignity of every person in our Parish, the wider community, those less fortunate and those beyond our sight all have a place in our conversations. The invitation is always open for new members. We meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7pm.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637 or email sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au

Stewardship

This group was set up to help all of the Parish ministries comply with the latest WH&S regulations and the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable persons requirements. In addition to these tasks the Stewardship ministry aims to encourage the ministries to work together when required and to oversee combined activities that involve different ministries. It also provides a link between the Parish and the wider community.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Marie Piccin on 0414 588 846 or email mtpiccin@gmail.com

Parish Finance Committee

Membership of the Parish Finance Committee is by invitation of the Parish Priest. The committee assists the Parish Priest in the management of the financial responsibilities of our Parish, such as the stewardship of Parish finances, budgeting, raising necessary finances for the operation of Parish services, maintaining Parish property and planning future capital works.

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Parish Council

Membership of the Parish Council (PC) is by invitation of the Parish Priest. The PC is the guiding body of the Catholic Community of St. Pat's. The role of the PC is to nourish a parish environment that will encourage achievement of the parish mission of outreach and community involvement through prayer, listening and dialogue. The PC meets 6 times a year.

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“ ‘Good’ is accomplished and is effective especially when it is done without seeking recompense and visibility, in the concrete situations of daily life.”

- Pope Francis -