

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

The Baptism of the Lord
10 January 2021

1895 – 2020

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.

Mass Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

Face masks are now compulsory for all parishioners.
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 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month.
Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

GREENSPACE: Good news! The contract has been let for the improvement work on the parish greenspace that is used during School Term as a play space. Landscape by Design is the successful contractor with the work being funded by Sydney Catholic Schools. There are a few minor additional works that the contractor will undertake on behalf of the parish. Work will commence in the week of 11th January 2021. There will be no parking in the area before Easter 2021 when the situation will be reviewed in the light of the growth of the grass.

PARISH FINANCES: For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer via CC/DD, please email: parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au
For those who wish to make contributions by EFT transfer – details are: Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 100 000 520; Account Name: Mortlake Parish; Reference: <your name or PG No.>

Some recent transactions within the Parish Accounts:

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Book Launch	\$1272*	Tap & Go Dec	\$1695
David's Place Lunch	\$530	Candles	\$812
Church Electricity	\$246		
Computer Costs	\$876		
Foundation Stone Restoration	\$3150		

*Wine Donated by Family Tree Funerals Concord

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

An online booking system is available for Sunday Masses: <https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or call the parish office on 9743 1017 (Tues & Friday).

Face masks are now mandatory for ALL PARISHIONERS during Mass.

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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- **Online Masses:**
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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of
right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is
that God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God and
does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of
Israel, and it was to them that the good news of
peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus
Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard
about the recent happenings in Judaea; about
Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee,
after John had been preaching baptism. God had
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with
power, and because God was with him, Jesus
went about doing good and curing all who had
fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice
was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 1:7-11

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAY

Wednesday: St Hilary

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate babies Valentina Martinesi, Jade Han Darcy Aboushadi and Cora Aboushadi into the St Patrick's community . May you all grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.

Peace and Joy

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:**

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY**Feast of the Baptism of Jesus 2020**

Last Sunday was the Epiphany, and we heard about the three Wise Men who came searching for a king. King Herod tried to trick them, but they put their faith in Jesus even though He didn't look much like a king!

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the day we celebrate when Jesus was baptised. Do you remember what Baptism is? It is a sacrament, most of us receive it as a baby but you can be any age. It is a great celebration of welcome into the Church. It is also the Sacrament that clears us of original sin.

Do you remember who Jesus' cousin is? Yes it is John the Baptist. We heard about John during Advent – he was the man who wore sacking and ate bugs with wild honey!

Let's listen to Fr Tom as he reads today's Gospel from the book of Luke. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

https://youtu.be/gMybR_G5ndI

Jesus became a man to be like us, so that God could understand what it was actually like to be one of us. Jesus was baptised to show us what we need to do to be like him. Jesus lived the life that we try to live. He is the example for all of us. We can trust Jesus to understand how we feel because he lived like us, he experienced what we experience and he was challenged like we are challenged because he was born, and lived on earth like all of us.

What do you think you can do this week to be like Jesus?

Activities to do at home:

- As a family have a chat about a Baptism you have been to. Maybe get out your baptism certificates and if you have a candle and the photos of the day – take them out and share the excitement of the day together.
- What does Baptism mean in your life? Share as a family how you follow your Baptismal promises to God.

Pope Francis talks to us about Baptism.

<https://youtu.be/u9-bc1RfjsA>

Why not watch your own recording of a Baptism or you might like to watch this one and remember what your baptism or the baptism of your child was like.

<https://youtu.be/MQw5wVgp5YY>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Steven Paul Rapisardi; Bishop Geoff Robinson; Ron Stevens; Almerigo Iannotti; Sheila Latham; Roland Reul (Germany); John Ardill and Mickey Casey (County Clare) Caterina Fezzuoglio; Micheal Galluccia; Rosemary Rumble; Anna Anastasi (Italy); Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; Audrey Clark;

ANNIVERSARIES: Sam Rodilosso (28th anniv); Zappia, Surra and Agostino Families; Giuseppe De Meio; 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 (7th anniv); Domenica Musumeci; Cynthia Fernandes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Elizabeth Leacy; Howard Brown; 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>

COLLECTIONS

The first collection supports the needs of the parish priest and the second, the parish and its works. These collections have resumed during Mass. To meet Covid requirements the collection will be via a bag at the end of a pole to ensure there is no surface