

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 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.sydneycatholic.org/live-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.

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.

Mass to mark the Centenary of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

Thanks to parishioners across Sydney who attended the special Mass on Sunday 10 January, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady at St Brigid's Coogee to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

A full recording of the Mass is available to watch on the recently launched Eileen O'Connor website at this address: www.eileenconnor.com.au May we all renew our prayers this year that the "Little Mother" as she was affectionately known, may soon be counted amongst the saints in heaven.

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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FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel
1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

[1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20](#)

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John [Jn 1:35-42](#)

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAY

Wednesday: St Fabian and St Sebastian
Thursday: St Agnes
Friday: St Vincent

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate Rosie Cooper, Aidan Salisbury and Austin Jeanguyot 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

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Prayers and congratulations to Luisa and Sam Campagna who celebrated 50 years of Marriage and Terry and Margaret McCarthy who also celebrated their wedding anniversary recently. What a blessing in our parish!! **God Bless you.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today we begin the regular or Ordinary Time of the church calendar. Green is the church colour for Ordinary Time. **Green is the colour of hope.** It's a growing time. Most of the church year is symbolised by the liturgical colour green, it's a bit like our lives – most of the time we live pretty ordinary lives and it is in this time that we grow the most.

The question today is that God calls us all, but when we hear his call, will we answer?

Listen to Fr Tom reading the Gospel and decide if you would act the way John did.

<https://youtu.be/jJe5wL-ij8c>

Jesus asks the disciples, "What do you want? Jesus also asks us as well, "What do you want?" Do we want to make the right choices and say yes to Jesus or no and turn away from Jesus?

But how do we know when God calls us? It is different for everyone. God calls us all the time. Many times we say NO to God when we are tired or don't feel good.

Can you think of some times when you have said YES to God? Maybe being nice to someone that your friends don't like? Doing what you are asked when you want to finish a game instead?

For many of us, we follow Jesus because our parents shared their love of Jesus with us. **God uses our families to bring love to us!** And God calls US to bring his love to others. We are all called by God to do his work. How can you say YES to God's call in your life this week?

Activities to do at home:

- Recognise God's call! Talk as a family about times when you knew the right thing to do.
- Answer God's call! Challenge everyone in your family to find something that is an answer to God's call. Some examples might be: a donation to a charity mentioned at church, joining one of the many Parish Groups – maybe as a family you could join the Gardening Group.
- Love God's people

Share a Song: Saying YES!

<https://youtu.be/BN6rcM62c7U>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Caterina Satti; June Hanson; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bradley Bolster: Domenico Cardillo; Janet Walker; Sam Rodilloso (27th 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; Antonino 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.stpatmortlake.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 touching.