

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
24 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month.  
Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

**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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**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.

**PARISH SUPPORT SURVEY**

Our parish is currently conducting a Support Survey Questionnaire

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.stpatsmortlake.org.au/census>

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Jonah  
Jon 3:1-5. 10

**The Ninevites renounced their evil ways**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**The Word of the Lord****RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
1 Cor 7:29-31

**The world as we know it is passing away**

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

**The Word of the Lord****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

**(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Mk 1:14-20

**Repent, and believe the Good News.**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND**

We welcome Ruby Rose Burnicle in Baptism this weekend may she grown in Faith (and Weight!) with us all here at St Pat's.

**Peace and Joy**

**THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS**

**Monday:** The Conversion of St Paul

**Tuesday:**  **Australia Day**  
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**Wednesday:** St Timothy, St Titus & St Angela Merici

**Thursday:** St Thomas Aquinas

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Last week talked about how God calls each of us to do good things like Jesus did and how we say YES to Jesus. The first people to follow Jesus were fishermen. Jesus said he would make them "fishers of men". That is a bit of a strange thing to say. God teaches us his ways through other people – parents, teachers, friends, through prayer when we just "know" the right thing to do, through things that we hear or read or see – like the stories in the Bible! We know that if we pay attention that we can "hear" better. At school we listen to our teachers and we learn. When we play sport, we listen to the team captain and the referee, so we play our best game. It is the same when we listen to Jesus. We learn from him when we listen, hear, and follow.

**Today's † Gospel** reading comes from the book of St Mark (Mark 1:14-20). Gather as a family and read the Gospel or you can watch and listen to the story together on the link below.

- **Animated story of today's Gospel to share together:**  
<https://youtu.be/bAeyW-BV5cY>

St Mark tells us about when Jesus called his first disciples. They were ordinary men doing their work as fishermen. They listened to Jesus and got up and left their work and families to help teach others about him. Do you think he called everyone, but some were not listening? Maybe he called them to follow as well and they didn't hear? Can you think of a time when you missed out on going somewhere or doing something because you were not listening properly or because you didn't hear what was said? Maybe your teacher asked someone in class to show a new student around the school or maybe your mum asked who would like the last piece of cake? How did that make you feel because you missed out? We don't always understand why things work out the way they do. Jesus is always teaching us to live the best lives that we can and to be ready and prepared. If we do this, we will try to keep the love that Jesus teaches us in our hearts shining brightly.

**Activities to do at home:**

- Think of one thing Jesus has taught you from what you have heard or seen this week.
- Decide together to do something to show others about Jesus – to be more polite to strangers by holding doors or being nice while driving.
- **Sing along and try the actions to this song:**  
<https://youtu.be/v54IJLT171w>

**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:** Pietro Archetti; Bradley Bolster; Domenico Cardillo; Janet Walker; Sam Rodilloso (27<sup>th</sup> 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; Antonii 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:** Michael Cramsie; Ted Cramsie; 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-Safe requirements the collection will be via a bag at the end of a pole to ensure there is no surface touching.