

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
31 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.

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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PARISH EVENTS TO NOTE FOR 2021

PARISH HOSPITALITY LUNCHESES

During this year I hope to start a **new initiative to have the parish host a series of 'Outreach Lunches' and Hospitality Events** seeking to engage with our local community through **small lunches/ events** hosted here in the parish. If you are interested in assisting with this new initiative, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

PARISH SPRING CLEAN – DATES TO RESERVE

We will be having parish **'Spring Cleaning Days'** on:

- **Saturday, 27 March 2021, and**
- **Saturday, 11 September 2021.**

I know how quickly our calendars fill up, so if you would like to 'Save the Date' in your calendars, and we can work towards these dates.

PARENTS EVENINGS – last Wednesday's of the

month. Parents/ Guardians discussion evenings will recommence on Wednesday 24 February. They will be held every last Wednesday of the month throughout the year.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Dt 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians
1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Baby Andrew Gonzalez, Cleo Ryan-Thomas and Nina & Maxwell Sutherland in Baptism this weekend may you all grow in Faith with us all here at St Pat's.

Peace and Joy

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday: St Blaise and St Ansgar
Friday: St Agatha
Saturday: St Paul Miki & Companions

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Last week we talked about learning and teaching others about Jesus.

The last few weeks we have been talking about God calling us to participate in his work. **Today we are going to see how God uses our voices to share his love.** We hear about the way Jesus taught people. Jesus spent his time on earth doing the things that God asked him to do. He taught people about God, he forgave sins, and he told his followers how to live a good life. Today we hear about a time when Jesus spoke with a very sick person. **You might like to pretend that you are one of the people who is following Jesus.** Listen to what happened this day.

Let us listen to Fr Tom as he reads today's Gospel reading comes from the book of St Mark.

<https://youtu.be/tdgZYipuHBo>

Imagine if you were the sick person and Jesus came and healed you. Wouldn't you want to tell everyone about the joy and happiness you were feeling?

Jesus set us an example of how to use our voices to praise God and teach other people about him. **Will you use your voice to share stories about Jesus this week and how much you love him?** It is a bit of a challenge.

Something you might like to do at home as a family:

- **Sing God's praises!** Play the attached song any maybe join in together as you use your voice to praise Jesus.
- **Praise each other!**
- **Be grateful!** Together as a family, think about someone who makes a difference in the life of your family and tell them thank you.

You might like to watch this animation of the Gospel as a family: https://youtu.be/N22Y_S7uWQM

Our God is an AWESOME God – Sing God's praises!
<https://youtu.be/n1AJpsFcllw>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Dorothy Costigan; Maria Norton; 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: John Costigan (1st anniv); Thomas Fernandes; Margaret Holahan; Eileen Beavis; Pietro Archetti; Bradley Bolster: Domenico Cardillo; Janet Walker; Sam Rodillo (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; 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: 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)

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE 46th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JOSEPH R. BIDEN
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INAUGURATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-sixth President of the United States of America, I extend cordial good wishes and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high office. Under your leadership, may the American people continue to draw strength from the lofty political, ethical and religious values that have inspired the nation since its founding.

At a time when the grave crises facing our human family call for farsighted and united responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom, together with unfailing respect for the rights and dignity of every person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice.

I likewise ask God, the source of all wisdom and truth, to guide your efforts to foster understanding, reconciliation and peace within the United States and among the nations of the world in order to advance the universal common good. With these sentiments, I willingly invoke upon you and your family and the beloved American people an abundance of blessings.

FRANCISCUS PP.