

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
14 February 2021

1895 – 2020

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

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

Ash Wednesday Mass times: 8am; 11am; 7pm.

Call parish on 9743 1017 on Friday and
Tuesday to book a seat.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, 17-Feb, is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and the beginning of Lent for 2021. Masses will be celebrated with the Distribution of Ashes. Masses will be at 8am; 11am and 7.00pm. Bookings can be made only by phoning the parish on 9743 1017 on Friday and Tuesday when the Parish Secretary is in.

PARENTS DISCUSSION

A CONVERSATION ON STRENGTHENING CONNECTION

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 6-7.30PM

- How do I protect meaningful relationships from the chaos and rush of life?
- What are three simple ways that I can be more present as a parent, partner and friend?

Psychologist, Emily Scanlan will lead a discussion on why it's getting harder to maintain meaningful connections and will explain three cognitive skills for rescuing the most important relationships. Essential for those wanting to connect better at home and at work.

Calling ALL parents (in the many forms we come in): single; married; de facto; same sex attracted; grandparents involved in care- all are welcome. Your children are welcome to come, with child minding being provided for in the parish.

So, if you are free on **Wednesday, 24 February** come along. Numbers will be limited, and all Covid restrictions followed.

To register please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

FASTING DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of **FAST** and **ABSTINANCE**. Abstinence on those two special days is an invitation to not eat any meat on those occasions. All the days of Lent are days of **FASTING**, except Sunday's and St Patrick's Day. A fast is a practice of not consuming or participating in some of the normal pleasures of life. **Fasting opens our hearts and minds to God and opens our hearts to assist those who have few pleasures in life.** The obligation of fast does not apply to children or people who have reached their 60th year.

May this Lent be a special time of spiritual renewal for us all.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Leviticus
Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians
1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

GOSPEL - continued

The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

CATECHISTS & CATECHISTS ASSISTANTS - VOLUNTEERING

If any parishioners would like to become involved in this wonderful ministry which brings knowledge of our faith to the primary school Catholics attending Mortlake Primary School, please contact Bob Mayor via email mayor2411@gmail.com with any questions or for more information on how you can be involved. Full training is provided.

We give thanks to **Elizabeth Stapleton** and wish her every blessing as she achieved the milestone of serving as a Catechist in our parish for 20 years. **God bless and thank you Elizabeth for your many years of great service to this parish community.**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS DURING LENT

Zoom reflections on the Gospel for Sundays during Lent. You are invited to join in weekly sessions listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels in lent leading into Easter.

It will be for 1 hour on Monday nights at 7pm. Sessions commence Monday 22nd February with a six week program. Join in any week you are able. The sessions will be emailed to you each week with some clear directions on joining the zoom group.

Please email:- smneylan@gmail.com
If you need more information, contact Susan Neylan 0400 195 350

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All the miracles that Jesus performs teach us that God loves ALL of us and wants to help EVERYONE.

This week we hear about Jesus healing a leper. Lepers were the outcasts, the misfits in Jesus' time yet Jesus still helped the man in today's gospel.

Today is also the feast of **St Valentine**. According to an old legend, St. Valentine was a Roman priest who was put into jail because he was a Christian. While he was in prison St. Valentine sent messages of love and friendship to many people. His messages became known as Valentines. He died on February 14th.

Let's listen to Fr Tom reading today's Gospel.
from the book of St. Mark. (Mark 1:40-45).
<https://youtu.be/MIU7uQJWDv8>

Leprosy a disease of the skin made the skin look really ugly. Most people were afraid of leprosy. People who had leprosy had to leave their families and go live with other sick people. **Can you think of any people today who might be treated like they do not belong?** Jesus didn't act like other people, he taught us that we should not run away from others. He taught us that we should care for all God's people.

Activities to do at home:

❖ Today is a day when we remember to love the people in our families. As a family think of ways that you might share your love with others every day. At school you might watch out for someone who looks a little left out and you could invite them to join you and your friends.

Watch together "Jesus Will Help Me!"
<https://youtu.be/48RLuwf38Ag>

Next week is the start of Lent. On Tuesday it is Shrove Tuesday often called Pancake Day.

On Wednesday it is Ash Wednesday. Each week of Lent we will have a different activity that will help us on our journey to Easter. Come along!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Lloyd; Jean Morton; Chris McDuff; Roslyn Ryan; Elio Epifania; Robyn Gumbley; 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: Riccardo Sommero (20 anniv); Warren McAuliffe; Maria Oliveri (1st anniv); Angelo Falgiatori; John Costigan (1st anniv); Thomas Fernandes; Margaret Holahan; Eileen Beavis; Pietro Archetti; Bradley Bolster; Domenico Cardillo; Janet Walker; Sam Rodilosso (27th anniv); Zappia, Surra and Agostino Families; Giuseppe De Meio; June Patricia Murray (2 anniv);

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Niall Power; Desire Peters; Nicholas Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean; Antonio Prevedello; 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; 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)

21 MARCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON POSTPONED

We had been planning to have a luncheon on **Sunday, 21 March 2021** to celebrate the parish's **125th anniversary last year.**

We have decided to postpone this event. We will re-visit the option of holding a parish celebration later in the year once Covid restrictions have eased.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate Luke Sebastian Alcock into the St Patrick's community. May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.

We also welcome into the Church Chantel Fuli and her daughter Genevieve Farrell at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

Peace and Joy

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL DAYS

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

PARISH FINANCES

THE FIRST COLLECTION: Money received from the first collection supports the need of the parish priest (Stipend, Household costs (food, utilities, etc))

THE SECOND COLLECTION: Money received from the second collection supports pastoral programs, maintenance and provision of parish buildings, staffing, priest's car expense. The collection includes envelopes and cash on the second collection plate, Tap and Go and Card.

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 Number >

Thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU, ALEX DUCK!

Thank you to Alex Duck for his years of service as altar server and acolyte to the parish. Your diligent years of service to the St Pat's community, serving on the altar, is greatly appreciated and we thank you.