

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

1st Sunday in Lent
Year B
21 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>

A General Dispensation from attending Sunday Masses remains in place. For Online Masses please visit:
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Every Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after the 8am Mass followed by the Rosary

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.

**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.

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.

**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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis
Gen 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.)**

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 Peter
1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Monday: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

Tuesday: St Polycarp

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

Today is the 1st Sunday of Lent. Fr Tom's vestments colour for Lent is purple. The Season of Lent officially began last Wednesday on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter by getting closer to God. **During the Sundays in Lent, we will be learning about promises, the promises between God and us.**

How many people are involved in a promise? There are always at least 2 people involved in a promise, the one who makes the promise and the one who the promise is made to. There are responsibilities on both sides of the promise. It's like a contract.

Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of Mark. In the Gospel today, we hear about a time when Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days. Do you know what a desert is? Let's listen to Fr Tom as he reads the Gospel for us.

https://youtu.be/00j-H6m5v_o

Being in a desert is like being away from everything you love and enjoy, it a bit like Lent.

During Lent we make promises to give things up or we try to make promises to do extra things so we can be like Jesus who gave up so much for us and did so much for us.

You can add these promises or your prayers to the leaves that are available through Children's Liturgy.

There are also copies by the tree in the foyer (narthex).

Activities to try as a family:

- Read the story of Noah and the Rainbow together.
- During Lent we can focus on:
 - o **Giving:** You can donate to CARITAS or other cause
 - o **Praying:** Maybe as a family you could add a prayer to the Lenten Promise Tree at church.
 - o **Doing:** Could you offer to something for a neighbour, an elderly family member during Lent, it might even be for your family members.

The story of Noah and the Ark is about a promise God made with Noah and he used the rainbow as a symbol to remind us of this promise:

<https://youtu.be/qzYjy6lhRag>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rory O’Kane; Willem Vandebeld; Marshal McMahon; Brian Norman; 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;

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald Lopez (1st anniv); John McAnelly (1st anniv); Fiona Garcea (10th anniv); 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Marcus Lorenzato; Caterina Cardillo; 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)

BAPTISMS AND WEDDING THIS WEEKEND AT St PAT’S

Baptisms: We welcome Serena Provenzale, Vinny Donato, Luke Hughes and Oliver Power to our community.

Wedding: Congratulations to Kayla Walford and Zein Ismail in their **Marriage** here at St Pat’s this weekend.

May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat’s and always feel at home here.

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.

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).

Mass times available:

- **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
- **Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.**
- 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.