

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

2nd Sunday in Lent
Year B
28 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>
or contact the office.

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.
Please call parish secretary with enquiries

**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.

JESUIT REFUGEE FOOD APPEAL

Jesuit Refugee Services currently delivers food supplies to approximately 350 households of asylum seekers/refugees, both individuals and families, who are not eligible for Government assistance.

To do this JRS need your help to supply such basic items as: 1kg or 2kg Basmati Rice, Tuna in Oil, 1 or 2 litres Cooking Oil, Pasta, Spaghetti, Tinned Tomatoes, Lentils, Chickpeas, Red Kidney Beans.

Please place items in the Baskets at the back of the Church in the Narthex. Collections will close on Sunday 14 March. THANK YOU!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Committee meet three or four times a year. This ministry runs a weekly Bingo group, plans bus trips and excursions. coordinates and caters the Parish functions the Healing Mass and lunch, Annual Parish Dinner, First Holy Communion Breakfast; Confirmation Supper; Bingo Christmas Lunch and the Social Committee Special Thanks.

These events are designed to encourage whole Parish participation.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Anne Manenti on 8765 8260 or email manenti@ihug.com.au

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
SATURDAY 6 MARCH at 11am**

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Healing Mass – Anointing of the Sick to be held on Saturday 6th March, 2021 at 11 noon at St Pat's.

Light refreshments will be held in the hall after Mass.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis
Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans
Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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endless glory!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.
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 2nd Sunday in the season of Lent.

During Lent we are focusing on the promises God makes with us and how we respond. **Every week you can add a little prayer or make another promise to Jesus and hang it on the 'Lenten Promise Tree', as a way for us to prepare for Easter during Lent.** Every day we try to pray.

Let's listen to Fr Tom read today's Gospel from the Book of Mark. <https://youtu.be/lmSUqw3r9Ps>

When we gather with our friends and family it is usually a good time, maybe a birthday or a baptism or a special anniversary. Everyone is always happy and like Peter said to Jesus in the story, people often say to each other, *"it is good to be here!"* If you are with your cousins, you might also want to have a sleepover so that you can continue having fun together. It is normal for us not to want this time to stop.

In this Gospel Jesus clothes appeared to become a spectacularly white and everyone was amazed and a little frightened because they had never seen anything like it before. We have many wonderful sights that God has created in our world that amaze us. Maybe one evening you could check out how bright the moon and the stars are – God made all the wonders of this world but sometimes we do not stop and look with wonder and awe.

Activities you might try as a family:

- Donate to CARITAS Project Compassion;
- Brainstorm together some meatless meals you can share on the Fridays during Lent when we try not to eat meat;
- Maybe pop into the church during the week or after school and add a prayer to the Lenten Promise Tree.

Why not read the Gospel again or listen to the story as it is read for you:

<https://youtu.be/IKARQCMjCPQ>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rory O'Kane; Willem Vandebeld; Nonie Squardrito; Angelo Calzetta (Italy); Niall Power; Cira Iodice; Curtis Alfonso De Lisser (UK); Santo Piccin (Italy); Marshal McMahon; Brian Norman; Lan Franco Matteucci; Matina Geraketeys; 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: John Samuel (4th anniv); Natali Pelle (11th anniv); Michael Geoghegan (1st anniv): Domenico & Maria Concetta Severino; Gerald Lopez (1st anniv); John McAnelly (1st anniv); Fiona Garcea (10th anniv); Concetta Cataldi; Philip Chan; Shing Kok; Chau Yuk Ching; Mandy Chan; Shea Tak Fong; Edward Sin; Glorita Leung; 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: Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Curtis Alfonso De Lisser; Marcus Lorenzato; Caterina Cardillo; 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 THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our community Elijah Moussa-Khalil. **May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.**

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Thursday: St Casmir

Friday: Ember Day

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.