

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
7 February 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.

PARISH EVENTS TO NOTE FOR 2021

PARISH HOSPITALITY LUNCHES

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 DISCUSSION EVENING CHAT AND MEAL IN THE PRESBYTERY WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 6-7.30PM

We will be recommencing our Parents Discussion evenings on Wednesday, 24 February. I invite all parents / guardians to come for a relaxed evening as **we listen to a speaker talk about a parenting issue and then share and discuss your thoughts, joys and struggles on parenting in these times.**

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

So, if you're free on Wednesday, 24 February and keen for a casual evening to chat about parenting - I'd love to meet and listen to you.

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 Job
Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians
1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

**Punishment will come to me if I do not preach
the Gospel.**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering

Alleluia

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday: St Jerome Emillani and
St Josephine Bakhita

Wednesday: St Scholastica

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes:

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

GREENSPACE WORKS

Work continues, contractor **Landscape by Design**, now have all materials on site, Council approval to hand and an enthusiastic and interested skilled team. The electrical services are in place (local parishioner **David Smith**) and the focal paved area is being laid. Rain has had some impact but all going well the work will be completed in the next month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today is the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In three weeks we will begin our Lenten journey and Fr Tom's vestments will change from Green to the preparing colour of Purple. **The journey we are on at the moment with Jesus teaches us how to use our voices to share his love with others.** The miracles of Jesus at the start of his teaching time show us that he used his hands to help others.

By touching people that no one else would touch, he healed all kinds of sickness of the body and of the mind. Jesus not only wishes us to talk about the Good News that he was sharing but he also wants us to put our words and love into **action**. **To do Gods work we need to use our hands.** Have a think about what sort of work we might need to do?

Let's listen to Fr Tom as he reads this Sunday's gospel from Mark

<https://youtu.be/cZ8PzZ2ewj8>

We follow Jesus' example in the care we show to the people around us.

Activities you might like to do as a family:

- **Make a list!** As a family, make a list of ways that we use your hands in Mass to worship together.
- **Help others!** Do you know someone who is elderly or sick and could use a hand with light housework or some shopping or gardening? (I'm sure Fr Tom knows someone!)

A great fun **action song** from Andrew Chinn to show Jesus how you will help to do his work:

These Hands, This Heart, This Voice

<https://youtu.be/orSJtyjPhW0>

Holy Bible Tales – an animated version of today's Gospel:

<https://youtu.be/bDZvPL9ttq8>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Chris McDuff; 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: 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 Rodilloso (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;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Antonio Prevedello; Roslyn Ryan; 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)

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.

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>

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 >

Some recent transactions for this collection, have been:

Income	Expenditure
January Tap and Go	\$1015
Garden Maintenance Presbytery (Dec)	\$200
Credit cards December	\$4012
Narthex windows cleaning	\$80
Photocopying (Dec)	\$592

Thank you for your support.