

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

4th Sunday in Lent
Year B
14 March 2021

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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 Service: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8.00am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month.
Please call parish secretary with enquiries

**ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY PROJECT
GREEN SPACE**

The renovation and creation of our **Green Space** is almost complete and largely paid for. It is time to plan the next stage of redevelopment of our facilities.

We are proposing similar opportunities for the ongoing maintenance of the **Green Space** and for support, for the upgrading of the Hall to create a more user friendly and multi-use community space.

Donations are sought by way of recognition on items within the **Green Space.** This will give all parishioners and their families an opportunity to be involved by way of recognition on an item. **Parishioners can choose to BUY A BRICK, to have recognition on the chestnut-coloured bricks which form the cross, on a timber pillar or sandstone log or the marble feature table.**

Donation options are outlined in the two flyers and donation/order forms available in the Narthex.

**PARENTS DISCUSSION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 6-7.30PM**

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 31st March 2021** 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

INVITATION TO BINGO

All Parishioners are invited to a special **'Seniors Week' Bingo on Monday 15th March 2021** starting at 10.00am followed by morning tea.

**HELP WITH PARISH 'SPRING CLEAN'
SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2021**

We will be having a parish **'Spring Clean'** of the Church from 9.30 to 11.30am. To offer your services please contact the office 9743 1017.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Chronicles
2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **(R.)**
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians
Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

SECOND READING - continued

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL - continued

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent. How are your promises going? Today is Laetare Sunday the vestments for the day are rose in colour – this is because we are getting very close to Easter Sunday and if you check out the Lenten Prayer Promise Tree you might see that there is something a little different on the tree this week! This week is a rejoicing week. We are still talking about promises – I don't know about you, but I think I am beginning to understand how important Jesus thinks keeping promises is. I can see how many promises you and all the parishioners of St Pats are making, we really are a Parish filled with great love for Jesus.

Our JRS Refugee food collection is growing every week, and this is a wonderful way to share what we have with people who might not be as lucky as we are.

Let us listen to the gospel as Fr Tom reads it to us today.

<https://youtu.be/PqnTmTv8bbI>

Have you ever played hide and seek? Did you ever hide after you did something wrong? In the Gospel reading today, we hear about a man named Nicodemus. He really wanted to hear what Jesus had to say but he was afraid that his friends would find out. He met with Jesus at night. He used darkness to hide because he was afraid. Jesus' message to him and to us is about how much God loves all of us and it is in the promise of his love that we know we can tell him everything.

Activities to do at home:

- We have some big celebrations coming soon. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross, watch out for the notices and let us know if you would like to take part.
- In John 3:16 it says, "God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only son."
 - As a family talk about what you might do for a neighbour, family member or JRS.

God loves everybody: <https://youtu.be/PrfRmAzU4C4>

God loves YOU! <https://youtu.be/LXH4YIbO4Ls>

God loves us all: <https://youtu.be/cSUwL6QXQPM>

RECENTLY DECEASED: John McEvoy; Michael Cramsie; Sr Loretta Maher RSM; Sr Hazel Baker RSM; St Janet Quade RSM; Jorge (Coco) Zegarra (Peru); Bishop Bede Heather; Yolanda Annechini; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cira Iodice; Peter Johansen (4th anniv); Sonja Moore (7th anniv); Beverley McGriskin (2nd anniv); Marie Maguire (2nd anniv); John Walker (1st anniv); Ninetta Ragusa; Liliana Papalia; Leonardo Re; Sr Dorothy Costigan; Liam Delahunty (3rd anniv); Veronica Rasmussen (2nd anniv); Ersilia Falgiatori; Gil Cocco; Carmelo Tindiglia; Lachlan Adam; 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; Warren McAuliffe; Maria Oliveri (1st anniv); Angelo Falgiatori; John Costigan (1st anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Marcus Lorenzito; Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Marcus Lorenzato; Caterina Cardillo; Desire Peters; Nicholas Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean; Antonio Prevedello; 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)

INVITATION TO CARERS' MASS

AND LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, 14 April

10am Mass followed by a Light Luncheon

On Wednesday, 14 April we will be hosting our first in a series of Parish Hospitality Luncheons and Mass. We will have a 10am Mass followed by a Light Luncheon in the Hall. **We know that Carers in our community truly are the unsung heroes.** According to the 2016 Federal Government Census data of our parish area, some **14.5% of people in our parish boundaries are Caregivers, either full time or part time for someone.**

So, if you are a Carer, or know someone in our community that is a Carer, please extend this **Invitation to register for the St Pat's Carers' Mass and Luncheon on Wednesday, 14 April.**

Registrations can be made by contacting Fr Tom on 9743-1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

If you'd like to Volunteer to assist with organising or catering for the luncheon, please contact Fr Tom (details above). **Peace and Joy!**

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Wednesday: St Patrick
Thursday: St Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St Joseph

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcomed to our community:
Jonah Tumminia, Lucio Donato,
Sienna Bonaccorso.

May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always know you're at home here.

THANK YOU SOCIAL MINISTRY

A special Thank You to Anne Manenti and her Parish Social Ministry team who organised a lovely morning tea with sandwiches and tea and coffee last Saturday after the 11am Healing Mass at which the Anointing of the Sick was offered. It was lovely to see so many parishioners again at this special Mass and good to see our community spirit of service is still strong.