

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

5th Sunday in Lent
Year B
21 March 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 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

**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 welcome. Your children are welcome to come, with child minding being provided for in the parish.

Psychologist, Emily Scanlan will be speaking on the topic of ANXIETY and how to cope with it.

So, if you are free on **Wednesday 31st March 2021** come along.

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

**VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK
SERVICES**

Volunteers are needed for ministries during Holy Week. Lists are in the narthex. If you are able to volunteer for any of these important ministries please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES & MASSES

Please note the following Service and Mass times for the Easter period of **Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.**

- **Thursday, 1 April at 7.30pm** - Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet, veneration at the Altar of Repose on the Parish Green until 12 midnight;
- **Friday, 2 April at 10am** - Stations of the Cross for adults in the Church;
- **Friday, 2 April at 10am** - Stations of the Cross for Children on the Parish Green;
- **Friday, 2 April at 3pm** - Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion;
- **Saturday, 3 April at 7pm** - Easter Vigil - Festival of Light;
- **Easter Sunday, 4 April Masses** - 7.30am; 9am; 10.30am & 6pm Masses.

Bookings can be made online
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPTXF> or by phoning
the parish on 9743 1017 on Tuesday and Friday's
between 9am and 2pm.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John
Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a

GOSPEL - continued

wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord**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.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our community: Emilia Sepulveda Pafumi; Alexandra & Henry Yeates; Charlie Santoro; Elisa Larsen & Luca Palumbo.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and then we will have reached Holy Week. **We have learnt that to become closer to God we have to listen to Jesus, we have to try and follow God's laws of love.**

It's a bit like growing a plant from a seed. **Our job is to water and care for the plant.** Today's gospel story is a bit like this – we need to be transformed too as we grow in our love for Jesus. Let's listen to today's Gospel.

<https://youtu.be/jDtfpHX8qI0>

This Gospel is all about big changes. Change is often hard – changing schools, changing sports clubs, moving house – we like things to stay the same but Jesus is saying when he shows us a way to change that might be hard – **but that great things will come from the change.**

When we start making changes it can be hard but with practice there is always the promise that thing will get better. Being nice to a sibling, doing what your parents ask with a smile, giving the last biscuit to someone else, making good choices

Activities to do at home:

- Check in with your Lenten Promises – how are you doing – it's still not too late to begin.
- Plant a seed and watch it grow! A good choice of seed is a nasturtium seed. It sprouts and gives good results quickly.

Next week is Palm Sunday, we might act out the Gospel, let us know if you will be coming and if you would like to take part. Being patient, never giving up – this is how our faith grows:

<https://youtu.be/Uh7HtdMVGs0>

CONGRATULATIONS

To Veronica & Vincent Peterson who were married 50 years ago here at St Patrick's. **Peace and Joy**

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Tuesday: St Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Lawson; 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 McMahan; Brian Norman; Lan Franco Matteucci; Matina Geraketeys; Frank Lloyd.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Cepak (1st anniv); Mary Walker; Harold Walker; Marie Maguire (2nd anniv); John Walker (1st anniv); Carmelo Tindigia; Maria Satti; Michael Donato; Giuseppe De Meio; Cira Iodice; Peter Johansen (4th anniv); Sonja Moore (7th anniv); Beverley McGriskin (2nd 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: **Christina Libro;** Kevin Walker; 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; Rene Schmitt; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton; Barbara & Barrie Clark; Billy Brandt; Sandra Riley; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Liz.

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

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
Open Morning for New Families
for 2022.

Sunday, 21 March 10.00am - 12.00 pm.

ST. PATRICK'S 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.

Donations are sought by way of recognition on items within the Green Space. 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 or online
<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick/>