

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Year B  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- 8am Weekday (Tues to Fri): **COMMUNION SERVICES**
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month.  
Please call parish secretary with enquiries

**WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICES  
REPLACE WEEKDAY MASSES**

From Tuesday to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March

Fr Tom will be away from the parish next week. Communion Services will replace the weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday (9-13 March). The parish secretary can be contacted on Tuesday and Friday (9-3pm) for all enquires.

**Thank you**

**INVITATION TO BINGO**

All parishioners are invited to a special 'seniors week' Bingo on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 starting at 10.00am followed by morning tea.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY PROJECT  
GREEN SPACE (continued)**

Over the years our Parish has sought donations to undertake the renovation to our Church and the construction of the presbytery. On each occasion Parishioners generously supported these projects.

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 today in the Nathrex. They are also being emailed to parishioners recorded for the bulletin.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Exodus  
Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

**The Law was given through Moses**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
Than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
1 Cor 1:22-25

**We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

**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.

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

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jn 2:13-25

**Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

This the 3rd Sunday in Lent. And after today we will have 3 more Sundays before Easter Sunday, the time is going by very quickly. **How are your Lenten promises going, our tree is filling up with prayers and promises to God.** It can be easy to make promises but it is very hard to keep them.

This week Jesus becomes a bit angry because the people who gathered in the temple, were not following the rules of God and so not doing the right thing. **We all know that there are instructions that we should follow when we gather when visit our grandparents, when we visit the Church even when we go to a party we behave ourselves and remember our manners.** Let's listen to Fr Tom reading the gospel and what Jesus is trying to teach us. <https://youtu.be/aKRwQUA-wOw>

**God wants us to follow his rules because we love Him.** He wants us to think about what we do and to always act out of love. Activities to do at home:

- Check out how your Lenten Promise is going, begin this week to talk about **Lent as a season not just a day.**
- It's not too late to **DO something** rather than to GIVE UP something.
- Do you have a CARITAS box at home – maybe ask everyone to **donate one coin everyday**
- **At St Patrick's we are collecting for the JRS in Parramatta who are helping Refugees,** check out the box in the foyer.

Douglas tells us why we might follow Gods rules:  
<https://youtu.be/OsSTTkwQrw>

**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. Please email: [smneylan@gmail.com](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com)

If you need more information, contact Susan Neylan 0400 195 350

**JESUIT REFUGEE FOOD APPEAL**

Jesuit Refugee Services currently delivers food supplies to approximately 350 households of asylum seekers/refugees.

**Please place items in the Baskets at the back of the Church in the Narthex.**

**Collections will close on Sunday 14 March.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 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:** Sr Dorothy Costigan; Liam Delahunty (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv); Veronica Rasmussen (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Ersilia Falgiatori; Gil Cocco; Carmelo Tindiglia; Lachlan Adam; John Samuel (4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Natali Pelle (11<sup>th</sup> anniv); Michael Geoghegan (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Domenico & Maria Concetta Severino; Gerald Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); John McAnelly (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Fiona Garcea (10<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Angelo Falgiatori; John Costigan (1<sup>st</sup> anniv);

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** 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. It's simply a way of our parish saying 'Thanks' to our local community members who do such much to ensure the comfort and dignity of our loved ones.

**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.** These individuals afford our family and friends a rightful sense of dignity and independence, by caring for them generally in their homes and thereby making their lives as comfortable as they can be. Carers come in many forms: being family members; friends; community nurses; etc.

**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 email: [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)**

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

## **THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS**

**Monday:**

St John of God

**Tuesday:**

St Frances of Rome

## **BAPTISMS LAST WEEKEND**

We welcomed to our community:

- **Diego and Luisa Sevilla;**
- **Dylan Qi Chow;**
- **Hugo Jones.**

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