

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
Year B

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.
Sunday Mass Bookings: Register online for Mass at
<https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or contact the office
on 9743 1017 on Tuesday and Fridays (9am-2pm).

Weekday Services:

- Communion Service: Monday 8am and Saturday 8am
- 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.

Facebook:  www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake

**SATURDAY MORNING
COMMUNION SERVICE
CHANGE OF TIME**

Please note that the time of this Communion Service for Saturdays is now **8.00am** in place of 9.00am.

**THANK YOU FROM THE
JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES**

To all the St Patrick's Parishioners, how generous you have been responding to our recent appeal for donations of food items! JRS sincerely thank you and wish you and your families a very blessed Easter!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Along with A BIG THANK YOU!**

HOWARD BROWN BENEFIT

\$5 Raffle tickets on sale this weekend. If you wish to donate a Silent Auction prize, please contact Lauraine Muir 0414 743 076 or howardbrownbenefit@gmail.com

EASTER CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

Easter Collection - the Collection taken over the Easter weekend goes towards our St Pat's parish obligations to the Archdiocese's Charitable Works Fund (CWF). There are special envelopes on the seats into which you can make a donation by placing it in today's collection or return them next week.

All donations to the CWF collection are 100% tax deductible and your kindness is greatly appreciated.

**CARERS' MASS AND LUNCHEON
THIS WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL**

10am Mass followed by a Light Luncheon

We know that the Carers in our community truly are the unsung heroes. This invitation is extended to all Carers' in our parish.

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John
1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands.

GOSPEL – continued

Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord**CHILDREN'S EASTER – 2nd Sunday**

Happy Easter – I hope your family gathering was a great celebration and that you are still celebrating – I love the idea that we are on the 50 day celebration journey to Pentecost.

It took Jesus friends a little time to understand that Jesus had risen from the dead so they are still a little sad and confused. The words **"Peace be with you"** were the first words that Jesus shared with his friends when he visited them after his resurrection. We now listen to the Gospel. <https://youtu.be/C8AV2VnJmRw>

Poor Thomas – he is a bit like us sometimes when we need proof before we will believe.

Can you remember a time when you had to see something to really believe? "Peace be with you."

Activities to try as a family at home:

- What sort of **Family Sign of Peace** could you invent that would be just for your family?
- Peace between people has a lot to do with forgiveness.

Peace Be With You:

<https://youtu.be/mqxfrBYQUPA>

PEACE Song: <https://youtu.be/F62L1TaDIUk>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Fogarty; Concetta Portina; Trevor Lee; Barry Clark; 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: Giuseppe Cataldi (34th anniv); Peter Gordon; Samira Hanna - (1st anniv); Audrey Vertannes UK (1st anniv); Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary Galea; Deceased members of Di Giglio, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo, Galea & Michalief Families; Joe & Iris Moloney; Sam Ferlauto; 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;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Margaret Coulson; Sergio Reginato; Gregorio Gutierrez; Cristina 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 Clark; Billy Brandt; Sandra Riley; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Liz.

ST PATRICK'S GREEN SPACE

Thank you to Parishioners who have participated in the Donation and **BUY A BRICK** offers for the Parish Green Space. The Granite Table and the Timber Pillars are now fully subscribed. 4 Sandstone Logs and engraved bricks remain available. A sample brick is on the white stand at the back of the Church.

If you are interested in donating for a Sandstone Log or BUY A BRICK please drop your form/s into either the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or leave in the Presbytery Mail Box (which has a lock) or by scanning to email 'parish@stpatmortlake.org.au'.

<https://www.stpatmortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick/>

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our community: Leila Coruzzi, Sullivan Henderson. May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always know you're at home here.

VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL

Vinnies has launched a flood appeal to help those affected by the heavy rains and flooding across NSW. All donations will go towards assisting people and communities directly impacted by the floods via the Vinnies network of members living in flood-impacted communities across the state, ready to provide people with practical assistance and emotional support. Donations **can be made via the bucket collection on the weekend of 17/18 April** or by calling 13 18 12, or online at www.vinnies.org.au/NSWFloodAppeal.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES - Project Compassion Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office on Tuesday and Friday's or left in the box in the Narthex (Church foyer) at weekend Masses. Thank you