

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



**5th Sunday of Easter
Year B
2 May 2021**

ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 6pm.
No 10.30 Mass in May.

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 to Saturday 8am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month.
Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Mortlake this year at two **10:30am Sunday morning Masses.**

The first is scheduled for **30th May** and the second on the following Sunday **6th June** also at **10:30am**. Candidates will need to have been Baptised and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to participate.

There will be four weeks of compulsory instruction to prepare the candidates which will commence on Monday 3rd May in the parish hall in Gale St Mortlake. **There will be 2 sessions: the first commencing at 4.15pm - 5.15pm, with a second session running from 5.30-6.30pm.** Subsequent lessons will occur on the following Mondays on the 10th, 17th, and 24th May.

We will allocate candidates to either Mass based on need and the receipt of registrations.

If you wish to include your child as a candidate, please register by contacting Robert Mayor on 0418 228 689 or email: mayor2411@gmail.com

WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

REPLACE WEEKDAY MASSES

From Tuesday 4th May

To Monday 31st May 2021

Fr Tom will be away from the parish for the month of May. Communion Services will replace the weekday Masses from Tuesday 4th May to Monday 31st May 2021.

The **parish secretary** can be contacted on Tuesday and Friday (9am-3pm) for all enquiries.

SUNDAY COMMUNION

MINISTERS ROSTER

With the gradual easing of restrictions, we will be re-introducing the roster for the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at our Vigil and Sunday Masses. A roster will shortly be drawn up.

If you would like to be included in the roster to be a Minister of Communion at a Sunday Mass, please contact Betty Flynn on 8757 3307 or email: brian@bflynn.com.au

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John
1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away

– he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the
fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Have you seen tomatoes or grapes growing on vines? Jesus uses a vine and branches to teach us that we are stronger together. Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. We are also the Church, and we need each other to grow strong and do good things. We are connected to Jesus and to each other through his teachings, like the vine connects all the branches.

Let's listen to Fr Tom reading the Gospel.

<https://youtu.be/Dkcl8rDDVe8>

The church represents Jesus here on earth. By being connected to each other through the church, we are connected to him. By praying as a family, grace before meals, or maybe the Rosary during May, we can build our friendship with Jesus. I wonder why it is important for us to keep following Jesus. You might like to think about this as a family.

Sometimes it is hard to follow Jesus, and it is hard to remember to pray when we get busy going to work, school or to play, we sometimes forget that Jesus is with us all the time. Let's try this week to think of Jesus a little bit more than usual.

Activity to try at home as a family:

Grow a sweet potato vine together at home.

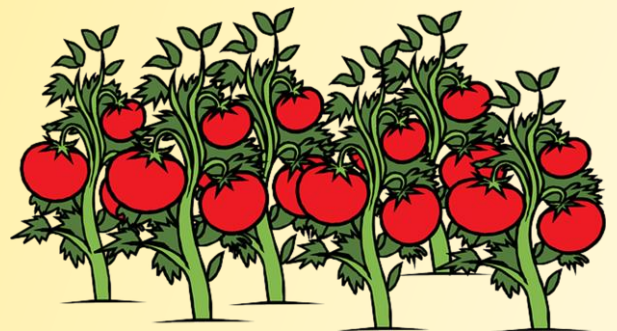
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Listen to what these children have to say about
the vine and the branches:

<https://youtu.be/iEilEfThEjk>

Have some fun with this Vine & Branches Song:

<https://youtu.be/gET4P4ZQsCQ>



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RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Patton; Turkan Demir; Lilly Schmitt; Sr Julianna Dwyer; Louis Petrin; Grace Palumbo; Helen Fogarty; Concetta Portinari; Sandra Riley; 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 McMahon; Brian Norman; Lan Franco Matteucci; Matina Geraketeys; Frank Lloyd.

ANNIVERSARIES: Diana Sita (6th anniv); Vince Garcea (2nd anniv); Soledad Bernuy (1st anniv); Mat Speers (1st anniv); Michael Gay (1st anniv); Simon Kolibac (15th anniv); Peter Gordon; Frank D'Elia (8th anniv); Ersilia & Guido Falgiatori; Joseph Triganza; Giuseppina Farsaci; Elvira Galindo (1st anniv) USA; Giuseppe Cataldi (34th anniv); Samira Hanna - (1st anniv); Audrey Vertannes UK (1st anniv).

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

To have your petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

BEYOND THE GREEN SPACE

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the creation of our Green Space by way of time, skill, and donation. A great parish effort. It is now again in use as play space by St Pats school children with lighting at night being trialled.

Engraved bricks remain available. A sample brick is on display in the Narthex (Church foyer). If you are interested in donating for the BUY A BRICK, please drop your form into the Parish Office on Tuesdays or Fridays from 9am until 3pm or by scanning to email: parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

Your contributions have allowed us to move onto our next stage of the project, a revamp of our hall to ensure it is a great community space to pray or meet or socialise.

Our first step has been to engage the architectural firm, Quinn O'Hanlon, that designed our school and then our green space to provide architectural services in this concept stage. Concept drawings will be on display shortly.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the St Pat's parishioners for your generosity for the Flood appeal. We raised over \$2,500.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome to our community Marcello Piraino.
May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.

PARISH KEYS AND SECURITY CHANGE OVER DATE 4th MAY 2021

Please note that on Tuesday 4th May all the locks (Church, sacristy, hall and office) will all be changed, and new locks will be installed.

Key holders will be asked to pick up and sign for their new key/s and return their old keys on that day (if possible) or any day/time after that date. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of Keys on Tuesday or Friday when the Parish Office is open.

Or other arrangements for collections can be made with the Parish Office by phone 9743 1017 or email parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au