

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B  
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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**St Pats will be completely closed during the entire lock down period.**

**There will be NO WEEKDAY AND NO WEEKEND MASSES during the lockdown period. A General Dispensation is granted from attending Sunday Mass. Fr Tom remains contactable on 9743 1017.**

### **LINK TO MASSES ONLINE:**

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

## **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Last Sunday we celebrated World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inaugurated by Pope Francis this year. This day affords us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Grandparents and the Elderly in our lives and to reach out to them more in love. **We thank our Grandparents and the Elderly we know and love for their tremendous examples of Faith, Family, Love and Hard Work over the years.** Thank you, and although you may be on lesser duties, **Pope Francis reminds us that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren".**

Peace and Joy.



## **Would you know how to help a mate?**

### **FREE 2 HOUR SHORT COURSE FOR MEN**

This course aims to raise awareness and help you understand:

- What is stress and depression?
- What do I need to know about suicide?
- What can I do?
- Self-care and safety

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER**



Head to Eventbrite for dates, times and tickets

P 4645 7201

E trainingadmin@lifelinemacarthur.org.au

Please be aware that this course is NOT intended to train you to be a counselor, a mental health practitioner or to provide ongoing professional support to another person.

Ready to help 24/7  
13 11 14

Lifeline

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus  
Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
Eph 4:17, 20-24

**Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jn 6:24-35

**Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'  
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today we hear that we need food to maintain a healthy body and soul. **All of us like food and we all have a favourite meal.** Nonas and Grandmas are always famous for making the best meals!! **We associate meals with gathering and times of celebration.**

Jesus talks about food because it is common to all people and it is a way to embrace community and faith. When we gather with our families and friends, and we will again when the restrictions and home schooling ends, one of the best things we will do together is share a meal together.

Let's listen to the Gospel read by Fr Tom.

<https://youtu.be/UMsTSBpgOWA>

**Jesus constantly talks of the simple things we need in life. The need for food and the need for shelter.** Bread is one of the most common foods in the world. There are so many types of bread, Lebanese, Turkish, wholemeal, brown, white, wholegrain and unleavened bread which is the bread we use for the Eucharist. **The Eucharist is the living bread of love, it is the Body of Christ and it gives us life.**

Conversations to share as a family: **Make some simple "Prayer Bread"**

- One cup of flour
- Pinch of salt
- Tablespoon of oil
- Tablespoon of lemonade

1. Mix the dry ingredients
2. Ask each member of the family to mix in a prayer of gratitude (thank you God for...)
3. Add the lemonade – slowly you don't want a gloopy mixture
4. Make small ball shapes and bake in the oven on 200 for 10 minutes.
5. Enjoy with butter, jam or even cream!

## BRICKS AND RECOGNITION PLAQUES

Bricks and plaques have been ordered however due to current COVID restrictions they are on hold in terms of delivery and installation until those restrictions are eased.



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Francesco Giacomobono; Judith Brogden; Des Bolster; Mike Bailey; Baby Carter; Mark Camillo; Jan Rostirolla; Margaret Coulson; Judy Deehan; Maria Louisa de Angelis; Mary Doran; Nick Munsie; Mary Doran; Mila Terkes; Santina Russo Maria Secchiaroli; Thomas O'Sullivan; 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barry Henry Peterson (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Giuseppe De Meio (42<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20<sup>th</sup> anniv); Michele Veza (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Peter Burnicle (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Angelo Piccin (13<sup>th</sup> anniv); Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Lam O'Young (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Santina Russo; Romualo Dalla Camina (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Alexis Goh (16<sup>th</sup> anniv); Walter Goh (18<sup>th</sup> anniv); Leonardo Proia 10<sup>th</sup> anniv); Genserico & Maria Cocciolone; Patricia Cattle.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Nikko; Gina Cocco; Steven; Patsy; Lillo Prevedello; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Eileen Nicoll; Maria Rosa De Angelis; Carmel; Fr Michael Walsh; Gregorio Gutierrez; Sergio Reginato; Cristina Libro; Kevin Walker; Marcus Lorenzito; Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Caterina Cardillo; Desire Peters; Nicholas Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean; Antonio Prevedello; Elizabeth Leacy; Jill; Edward Azjan.

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

## FEEDING OUR FAITH

We are encouraged to continue to see Sundays as a special period and take time out as a family or as individuals to either view Masses online or seek some spiritual nourishment through prayer or various resources available through the Sydney Archdiocese website links provided below.

### LINK TO MASSES ONLINE:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

### LINK TO ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Peace and Joy

## INVITATION TO GOSPEL REFLECTION EVENINGS ON ZOOM

You are invited and encouraged to join in weekly sessions of listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. **ZOOM Reflective Sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8.15pm.**

Sessions commence this Tuesday, 3 August and run for six weeks. You can join any time you are able. Session notes will be emailed to you each week the day before the session time, with clear directions on joining the Zoom group. If you're interested in joining these parish based prayer and meditation sessions, please contact Susan Neylan on: E: [smneylan@gmail.com](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com) or phone 0400 195 350.

## PARISH PRAYER IN THESE TIMES

Thinking of all those who have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions during this period of lockdown.

Thinking of all those who have suffered loss.

Thinking of all those who are ill or whose loved ones are ill.

Thinking of the HSC students facing exams in this most difficult year.

Thank you to Father Tom and our wonderful parish for being there for us, **our prayers are offered to you all.**

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	St Peter Faber
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St Dominic
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St John Mary Vianney
<b>Friday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Saturday:</b>	St Sixtus II and St Cajetan