

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

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Ordinary Time  
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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

**There will be NO WEEKEDAY 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/>

## **ASH BARTY – Respected as a 'Humble, Kind & Nice Person'** **WHAT'S MY CHARACTER?**

This last week has been stressful and demanding on many of us. Home schooling, isolation, financial stresses - these are all factors which we may be facing. In the midst of this we nevertheless need to always know that we are greater than our mere surroundings. We are part of a Community of Faith, Charity and Hope!

I was reminded of this as I listened to Ash Barty conduct her press conference following her recent Wimbledon win. Whilst most journalists asked somewhat similar themed questions relating to her game, fitness and tactics – an Indian reporter asked a deeper, more pertinent question, relating to her temperament and how she lived her life.

The reporter asked: *“Around the world, you are respected as a humble, kind and a very nice person. What do you think about it? And how important is it for you, to be a very good human being, along with a top-class tennis player?”*

## **ASH BARTY – WHAT'S MY CHARACTER? (cont'd)**

Barty responded: *“Thank you . . . I've just tried to live by my values my parents instilled in me and it's more important to be a good person than it is to be a good tennis player . . . .Being a good human being is absolutely my priority every single day.”*

Afterwards it was this question and answer that the majority of press outlets quoted – yet only one of the many journalists thought to ask the deeper question, that goes to the true character of the person that is Ash Barty.

**During these times of tension and uncertainty, it is important we too ask and look to the genuine deeper questions and issues that reflect my true identity.**

**In testing times to see that my identity not based on material and physical 'have and have-nots', but rather on how I treat my neighbour and how I help others.**

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
Jer 23:1-6

**The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.**

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v.2

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians  
Eph 2:13-18

**Christ, our peace, has made us one.**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark  
Mk 6:30-34

**They were as sheep without a shepherd.**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday:** St Apollinaris  
**Wednesday:** St Lawrence of Brindisi  
**Thursday:** St Mary Magdalene  
**Friday:** St Bridget  
**Saturday:** St Sharbel Makhlof

## FIVE DOCK RETIREMENT OPTIONS

There are openings at the All Hallows Five Dock Retirement village.  
Please call to find something to fit your budget.  
Phone Robert on 0414 611 158

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Last week we talked about travelling lightly - not worrying so much about ourselves and trusting God to take care of our needs. This week we hear that Jesus leads us into a new way of life that is different to how the people lived before. **It is all about loving each other and loving God.** Jesus wants us to take time away from all the things that keep us busy – no not homework, but maybe our devices or the TV. When we do not stop and enjoy the company of the people, we love and live with, when we do not call our grandparents or check in with lonely neighbours, we are not acting, as Jesus would like us to act. **As you listen to the Gospel think about all the people who love and care for you every day.**

Let us listen to the gospel read for us by Fr Tom.  
<https://youtu.be/XZ-yDVoNqJ8>

The apostles and Jesus show us that it is good to stop being busy, even if its good work that we are doing. When we stop, and share our story and listen to what is happening with our family members we show how important being with our families can be. Our homes, and schools and our Parish are all places where we can gather and feel safe. Our parents, teachers and Parish Community are all like the Shepherd who loves all the sheep in the flock, and creates places for us to gather, slow down, listen and feel safe.

### Family Conversations and Activities:

- Help your child understand the ways that God cares for us by helping them to learn to care for others.
- In these times of restrictions, why not celebrate the extra time you have to be together as a family. Set a task to learn a new board or card game together.

Why not watch an animated Gospel reading:  
<https://youtu.be/QXwUftq1AWQ>

Calling all artists – We invite you to send some of your Art Work to Fr Tom when you have completed it.

[http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheet/s/b-ordinary\\_time-16.PDF](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheet/s/b-ordinary_time-16.PDF)

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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:** Peter Burnicle; Angelo Piccin (13 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 (11<sup>th</sup> anniv); John Bolster (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Alfred Smith (75<sup>th</sup> anniv); Domenico Paparo; Giuseppa Profilio; Michaelangelo Mascarello; Bill Young (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Francesco Cannone; Vincenzo & Maria Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loreta Ricchiuti; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Teresa Alvaro (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Dominic Alvaro (50<sup>th</sup> anniv); Frances Gleeson (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Maria Luisa Segui (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Carmelo Puglisi (15<sup>th</sup> anniv); Grazia Di Giglio, Giuseppina Tesoriero; Francesca Lo Schiavo; Mary Galea; Rosa Di Giglio; Maria Tesoriero; Maria Gioiello (20<sup>th</sup> anniv); Diana Sita (6<sup>th</sup> anniv); Vince Garcea (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** 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; Marcus Lorenzato; 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**

### PARISH FINANCES – TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2020/21 are being posted this week. Receipts will include planned giving and, where requested, CWF and Priest Retirement Fund donations.

By way of note: Parishioner donation to various needy collections (CWF, etc) in the past year was over \$27,000. **Many thanks for your generosity.**

### Planned Giving Contributions

First Collection is for the Support of our Priests. Second Collection is for pastoral programs, salaries, maintenance, repairs and running costs of our Parish.

During this lockdown period you can continue your support of our parish by giving direct via EFT.

**Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784**  
**Account Number: 100 000 520**  
**Account Name: Mortlake Parish**  
**Reference: Your name or PG number**

Or you can drop your envelope into the yellow (locked) letterbox at the presbytery (35 Gale St).

**Thank you for your ongoing generous support.**