

**Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake**



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Year B**

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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/>

FAITH & FUN & COVID – THE SHOW GOES ON!!

I was reminded of our ingenuity in having fun, when images of recently recreated photos from classical paintings were sent to me. It is part of the antics engaged in by university student residents at Sancta Sophia College. As a tenuous link, to say this takes the place of a deeper spiritual message from your parish priest, please note the artworks/photos which have profound Christian heritage. Peace and Joy!! Fr Tom



The Last Supper



Portrait of a Man



Ecce Homo



Lamentation of Christ



Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear



Ghirlandata

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

2. So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
(R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Cor 15:20-26

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – ASSUMPTION

Today is a special day – the feast of the Assumption, when we remember how at the end of her life **Mary was taken up to heaven to be with God.** Mary was the mother of Jesus. Today we give thanks to Mary for being selfless and to our Mum/ Dad/ Guardians who do so much for us. Let us listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel. <https://youtu.be/mujN8xG6r9Y>

This is a very special time in Mary's life when she visits her cousin Elizabeth who is also going to have a baby. In this Gospel, Mary is filled with joy. Mary was an ordinary girl, poor and humble, but she was chosen and blessed by God, to be the mother of Jesus. God has a special love for those who are poor. Those who do not have enough to eat. We too are called to love those who are poor.

Let's make a big effort this week to be grateful to all the people who help us out and see if we can be a little more generous with our time and energy by say YES to those who need our help. Let us also give thanks for parenthood, and all for the people in our lives that give of themselves to make our lives better.

Family Conversations:

- Honour our Mum's every chance we get, every day and say **"I LOVE YOU!"**
- Do you know a prayer about Mary? Why not say your favourite Mary prayer as a family.
- Mary changed the world by caring for Jesus – we can change our world by donating items to Vinnies.
- Watch these stories on Mary & Mothers
<https://youtu.be/70aHBZEbrxo>
<https://youtu.be/70XeUAtiuHk>

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St John Eudes
Friday: St Bernard
Saturday: St Pius X

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Guiseppina Stagno; Nikola & Mila Terkes; Richard Marciales; Mary Cleary; Giuseppe Alvaro; 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: Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2nd anniv); Barry Henry Peterson (1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio (42nd anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20th anniv); Michele Vezza (1st anniv); Peter Burnicle (1st anniv); Angelo Piccin (13th anniv); Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1st anniv); Lam O'Young (1st anniv); Santina Russo; Romualo Dalla Camina (5th anniv); Alexis Goh (16th anniv); Walter Goh (18th anniv); Leonardo Proia 10th anniv); Genserico & Maria Cocciolone; Patricia Cattle (11th anniv)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Charbel; Irene; 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.

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.**

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

Peace & Joy

FEEDING OUR FAITH

All Parishioners of St Patrick's are given a General Dispensation during this period.

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 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/>

GOSPEL REFLECTION EVENINGS ON ZOOM

Weekly sessions of listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. **ZOOM Reflective Sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8.15pm.**

You can join any time - 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 or phone 0400 195 350.