

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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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 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/>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GLADYS NORTHEY,
100 and Going Strong!!**



Congratulations to Gladys who celebrated her 100th year of youth this last week, on Monday 16th August 2021. This was a very special day and a wonderful milestone in her life and for our parish.

Gladys is a tremendous example to us all, with her humility and countless volunteering over the years here at St Pat's, building our community of faith and inclusion through selfless service.

Thank God for you Gladys, and the blessing you are to our St Pat's parish community.

Prayers, Peace and Joy – Fr Tom.

ST PAT'S PASTORAL CARE

**PLEASE LET US KNOW
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING**

In these times, especially, please let the parish know if you, or any one you know, needs assistance with food, a prepared meal, shopping or general welfare. **Please email the parish parish@stpatmortlake.org.au or call Fr Tom on 9743 1017 if you require ANY assistance.**

PARISH BULLETIN - If you know of anyone that might like the weekly bulletin emailed, please let us know by calling 9743 1017 or email: parish@stpatmortlake.org.au

**St Pat's Parish "BAKE OFF"
Send in your Images**

During these times, if you find yourself or your kids cooking more tasty dishes, send in images of the food and of the great chefs via email parish@stpatmortlake.org.au
We will post images on the parish facebook page.

A MORTLAKE MASTERCHEF as it were!

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua
Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue
him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians Eph 5:21-32

**This is the great mystery it applies to Christ
and the Church.**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John
Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a life that is all about caring for others not just about ourselves. We need to be self-less not selfish. If you plant a seed in the ground, it needs water, sunlight, and room to grow. **We have FAITH, and to make our faith grow, we require something more than ourselves to be the best person we can be. God gives us the gift of FAITH so that we can believe in Jesus.**

Let us listen to Fr Tom reading the Gospel:

https://youtu.be/3QQ_20Fy_FI

It is not always easy to follow Jesus especially when times are tough or when we are feeling less loved or left out. **We need to be people with more of an outreach approach, reaching out to others in our community, the poor, the lonely, and the elderly** – all of our neighbours. We can do this in a safe way with a wave, or a smile or a cheerful note in to their letterbox. We can reach out to everyone in our families, in our faith communities and in our neighbourhood.

Conversations to share at home:

- What is one thing your family could do together to 'grow' your faith?
- Plant a seed and talk together about the things you will need to do to help it grow.
 1. **Who will be responsible for the watering of this seed?**
 2. **Who will make sure it has enough sunlight?**

Reflection Song: From Little Things, Big Things Grow. <https://youtu.be/FJxw2zgzLUs>

Grow your own grass head!

<https://youtu.be/HQhLGX0MmpQ>

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday:	St Rose of Lima
Tuesday:	St Bartholomew
Wednesday	St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz
Friday:	St Monica
Saturday:	St Augustine

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppina 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; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Dix (2nd anniv); Santa Scarcella (10th anniv); Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2nd anniv); Barry Henry Peterson (1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio (42nd anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20th anniv); Michele Veza (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; 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**

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

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.**

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 anytime** - 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.