

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Social Justice Sunday
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
29 August 2021

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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/>



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

Sunday 29 August is Social Justice Sunday in our Catholic Church. I invite you to read the Australian Bishops Statement for this year below, entitled *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. *I encourage us all to Read, Pray and Reflect on the document and take up the challenge of Action set out for each of us in the statement.* (See [Action Card](#) and [Statement](#) links).

The Statement calls us to listen, hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor through practical action. When one part of the Body of Christ is wounded, the other parts care for the afflicted part so that all can be healed and made whole. What affects one affects all, as everything and everyone is connected through Creation given to us by God.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (Continued)

The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to reach our Goals to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

Prayers, Peace and Joy – Fr Tom.

ACTION CARD

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Social-Justice-2021-DL-Action-card-Crop.pdf>

STATEMENT IN FULL

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Friday: St Gregory the Great

SPRING EMBER DAY

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves.

There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Rules, rules, rules! Today in Australia, we are living with so many rules. We have to stay at home, wash our hands, use sanitiser, we cannot do what we want, and we cannot go where we want. **Are these rules important? Yes, they are, they are keeping us safe.**

Today's Gospel tells us that the rules we follow help us to live a good life and to build a better world filled with love, kindness, and compassion.

Let's listen to Fr Tom reading the Gospel.

<https://youtu.be/BHFIm0HSHSE>

We all try to do the right thing from the goodness of our hearts, not because society tells us to, but because we know this is what God wants us to do. For example, if we say something nice about someone, but in our minds and hearts we are thinking and feeling bad things about them, we might as well have said something bad. **What we do, we need to do from the goodness of our hearts. This is True Love.**

This is Social Justice Sunday. Activities at home:

- Make a list of the rules you have at home and in our community – talk about the reasons for these rules and if they help us;
- If we had a Junior Social Justice Group, what do you think we might do? Send an email to skent00@gmail.com

Rules?! <https://youtu.be/txau1-BxcK4>

Love One Another Song

<https://youtu.be/LYIkcoAflU4>

OLIVE CAMA-HARRIS BORN

With Joy we welcome little Olive into the world. Olive is now just two WEEKS OLD!!! Olive is the granddaughter of parishioners Michael and Frances Cama. Proud parents Mikaila and Tim are overjoyed. After recent deaths in the family, it is wonderful to see Joy and Hope in a Healthy Baby Girl!

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Giovanni Cama; 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 Hunt; Margaret Coulson; Judy Deehan; Maria Louisa de Angelis; Mary Doran; Nick Munsie; 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: Concetta Severino; Joseph Bezzina 1st anniv); Antoinette Watfa (4th anniv); Margaret Dix (2nd anniv); Santa Scarcella (10th anniv); Giuseppe & Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino & Francesca Lo Schiavo; Mary Galea; 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: Helen; 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**

ST PAT'S PASTORAL CARE

Please let Fr Tom know if you need anything by calling 9743 1017.

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 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

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 - If you're interested in joining these parish-based prayer and meditation sessions, please contact Susan Neylan on smneylan@gmail.com or phone: 0400 195 350.

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

St Pat's Parish "BAKE OFF"

Send in your photos!

During these times, if you find yourself or your kids cooking more tasty dishes, send in photos of the food and of the great chefs via email to parish@stpatmortlake.org.au

We will post images on the [Parish Facebook](#) page and outside the church on the new LED sign.

A MORTLAKE MASTERCHEF as it were!