

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



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
24 October 2021**

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Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

All Mass Bookings – Please register on line

<https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

or Contact the Office on 9743-1017 Tuesday & Fridays

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN INDOORS

Weekday Services:

- Communion Service: Monday and Saturday 8am
- Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8.00am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month.

**CHURCH IS NOW OPEN AND ALL MASSES
AND SERVICES HAVE RESUMED**

We are now re-opened and all Masses are open to “mixed” congregations, including **fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and, as yet, unvaccinated.** The 4 sqm rule will apply and **masks must be worn indoors.**

Fr Tom and all Covid Marshalls and Ministers of communion have been fully vaccinated.

We will not be required to check a person's vaccination status. We will do all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe who comes to church: **there will continue to be social distancing, hand sanitising, no singing, etc.**

Numbers will be limited to 75 people inside the church. We hope to be able to hold outdoor Masses. Weekday and weekend Masses will return at the usual times as listed above and bookings can be made via the trybooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

Your safety is our priority, and all health and safety precautions will be put in place. Please feel free to call Fr Tom on 9743 1017 if you have any questions. Peace and Joy.

CLOSURE OF

'NORTH SIDE CARPARK'

**from 10am-2.30pm, every
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME

Please be advised that the [North Side Carpark](#) (the carpark outside the Parish Hall) **will be closed between 10am–2.30pm every Monday to Friday, during School term time.** This is to allow the primary school children additional play area and allow the Parish Green Space time to rejuvenate.

The South Side Carpark ('fish shop' side carpark) will remain open daily and available for parking. Access to the parish office will still be available as usual and the side doors to the church will be open for people to make a visit to the church.

St Pat's Primary school children will use the North Side Carpark as a playground area during this 10am-2.30pm, Monday to Friday during school term time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Jer 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 5:1-6

**You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek.**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Due to the current pandemic, the Sacrament of Confirmation has been rescheduled to take place at a 7pm Mass on **Thursday 18th November** to be conducted by Bishop Brady and Fr Tom Stevens.

The two instructions for the sacrament will be held in the Parish Hall as follows:

Mondays: 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Session 1: 8 November

Session 2: 15 November

Anyone wishing to register to receive the sacrament should contact Bob Mayor at mayor2411@gmail.com or on 0418 228689.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Bartimaeus the blind man shows us how to be trusting people. Sometimes it is hard to remember to trust others – and to trust God in our lives. We cannot do everything for ourselves. **Imagine being blind and having to trust others all the time.**

Having to trust in the kindness and the helpfulness of others, believing that we are safe and having faith that they will help us. Let us listen to Fr Tom as he reads the Gospel of Mark to us. <https://youtu.be/tFZBzd4mRHs>

Sometimes there are times when we feel we should be quiet or people tell us that we should not speak or reach out. **Bartimaeus shows us that asking for help is a good thing to do. We can reach out to our family, friends and community – and God. How do we learn to trust?** Just like Bartimaeus, we call out for help—to parents, siblings and teachers to guide us and help us SEE the right thing to do.

We all need help to be kind, gentle and helpful. We all need to learn how to trust in each other and in God.

Activities to do at home:

- Play a game of trust – blindfold one person and that person has to trust another person leading them around.
- Share - Tell your child one thing God has done that has always amazed you.

Animation of the Gospel.

https://youtu.be/XUAM4_yjghQ

PARISH WORKS AND MAINTENANCE GOING FORWARD

Please read of the planned Parish Works and Maintenance and what exciting plans we are looking towards in terms of building maintenance and refurbishments. To find out more and how you can support these works, please [click here](#).

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Judith Clarke; Peter Delahunty: Anna Faraone; Robert Rago; Ralph Wadley; Ruth Lawlor (Ireland); Carmela Tomarchio: June Roebuck; Oliver Coleman; Margaret Hickey; Robert Gonano; Louise Massavia; Jose Rodrigues; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Farone Family; Tony Neylan (6th anniv); John Roach (7th anniv); Joseph Triganza (1st anniv); Adrian Moore; Carmelo Puglisi: Giovanni (John) Profilio (21st anniv); James & Alfred Smith; Thomas & Peter Delahunty ; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland 1st anniv); Eileen Burk (UK 1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Angelo Falgiatori; Guido Falgiatori; Domenico Masi; Carmelo Puglisi; Concetta Severino; Joseph Bezzina 1st anniv); Antoinette Watfa (4th anniv); Margaret Dix (2nd anniv); Santa Scarcella (10th anniv); Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2nd anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Patsy Boggs; Low Kan Keo; Pam White; Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Diane Shore; Michael Ratinie; 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 Profilio; 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**

READERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday is a privileged and important ministry in the Church. In the next couple of weeks we will be preparing the roster for 2022. **We are now looking for volunteers for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday; 9.00am, 10.30 am and 6.00pm Sunday.**

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read.

If you are a regular reader who stepped back during Covid but now wish to return to the roster please contact Brenda and let her know. If you are a regular reader and wish to make changes please contact Brenda. If you are a regular reader and do not wish to make any changes there is no need to contact anyone!

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The church reminds us, particularly in November, to pray for those who have died. Here at St. Pat's you are invited to write the names of your deceased family members and friends on cards and place these cards in a basket **which will be left at the foot of the altar during November.**

Commencing this weekend the cards will be left in the Narthex please take a card write your names on it and, **when you come to the church from Nov. 1, place this card in the basket at the foot of the altar.** Our family members and friends will be remembered as each Mass is celebrated.

This is the Communion of Saints at work!

EUTHANASIA VOTE – INVITATION TO WRITE TO YOUR NSW MP AHEAD OF VOTE

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich is tabling his euthanasia bill in parliament this week. I invite parishioners to think hard on the euthanasia issue. You can voice your opposition to the proposed Bill through the anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE, by sending an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The easy to use tool is available here:

https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw