

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Fourth Sunday of Advent in Ordinary Time Year C 19th December 2021

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

**Please note there will be no 10.30am Mass
during the month of January 2022**

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN INDOORS

Weekday Services

- **Communion Service:** Monday and Saturday 8am
- **Mass:** Tuesday to Friday 8am
- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.30pm
- **Baptisms:** 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

Happy Birthday Jesus



CHRISTMAS LITURGY AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday 23 December

10am - Mass for Seniors

6pm: Children and Family - Outdoor Service and children's nativity play in the Church Grounds

7.30pm: Carol and Communion Service Liturgy in the Church

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday 24 December

8pm and Midnight Mass

6pm: - Children's Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday 25 December

7.30am, 9am and 10.30am

BOXING DAY MASS

Sunday 26 December

9am Mass

PARISH REGISTRATION AND DATABASE UPDATE

As a part of updating the parish records, I ask if parishioners **could take the time to update their family records by completing the attached Parish Registration form.**

Our records **need significant updating to ensure we are best able to meet the needs of our parishioners.** Forms are in the church and can be downloaded per the link below. They can be dropped off to the office, emailed, or left in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you.

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf>

Volunteers NEEDED at ALL OUR Christmas MASSES

If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Family Offertory please write your name on the list at the front of the church in the black folder.

**We need volunteers at all our
Christmas Masses.**

Many Thanks

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Micah
Mi 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Continued

3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what
the Law lays down as the things to be offered,
that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you
took no pleasure in them; and then he says:
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is
abolishing the first sort to replace it with the
second. And this will was for us to be made holy
by the offering of his body made once and for all
by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) **Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be
saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me
be done.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 1:39-45

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY 4th Week of Advent

We continue our journey of preparation for Jesus. Your homes are probably filling with decorations, your tree, your nativity scene, maybe even some present wrapping.

Our church is also preparing, our nativity scene is growing each week, the prayer window is filling up, we have a new sculpture in the narthex, all our services for Christmas are being prepared. It truly is a busy time.

Mary and Elizabeth in our Gospel are sharing some wonderful news about expecting their babies and like us, we love to share our important news with our closest family and friends.

Let's listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel –
https://youtu.be/Y_JwVWyiBi0

Perhaps Mary and Elizabeth did not really understand why their lives happened the way that they did. **We don't always understand why our lives are the way they are, either, but it is true that when we act the way God wants us to act.**

Activities to do at home:

- Light the fourth purple candle of your Advent Wreath.
- Spend some time together. These last few days before Christmas can be very hectic!
- Why not have a conversation about the importance of the 'presence' of the people in your family that you

A Gift to You: <https://youtu.be/qbyPbh-NmX8>

Make a gift box and fill it with messages of thanks for family, friends and neighbours:
https://youtu.be/_uvm_jVyCWE



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email parish@stpatmortlake.org.au
Thank you



Next year we will be holding a series of fun community **Twilight Evenings** in the parish. Our first one will be held on **Thursday, 10 February** and will be a South American Fiesta theme with stalls, singers and food. **If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Fr Tom in the parish on 9743 1017 or Email: parish@stpatmortlake.org.au**

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Rose; Josie Lopez; Elsie Andrezza; Edna Rumore; Alan Butler; Francey Bagala; Assunta Favero; Teresa Cama; Sr Judy Quirk; John Hughes; Michael John Veloso Patsy Boggs; Ania Krzanowski; Mary Di Bernardo; Adele Abraham: Don Khoury; Luw Kan; Lorraine Grace; Les Boland; Sr Judith Clarke; Peter Delahunty: Anna Faraone; Robert Rago; Ralph Wadley; Ruth Lawlor (Ireland); Carmela Tomarchio: June Roebuck: Oliver Coleman; Margaret Hickey; Robert Gonano.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maurizia Xuereb; Bjarne Johansen (28th anniv); Glenda Rutz (8th anniv); Jose Teran: Jacob Nabihah; Ray Elias; Michael Saliba Patricia Reilly (4th anniv): Anthony Geoghegan (18th anniv): Joseph Triganza (1st anniv); Domenico Ardillo (8th anniv); Jayden Clarke; Frank Arcella Snr; Frank Arcella Jnr; Rosa Arcella; Farone Family; Tony Neylan (6th anniv); John Roach (7th anniv); Adrian Moore; Carmelo Puglisi; Giovanni (John) Profilio (21st anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Nance Walker; Ethan Aflak; Archie Finn; Anthony Davis; Mary Beth; John O'Dea; Pam White; Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Diane Shore; Renee; Michael Ratinie; Charbel; Irene; Nikko; Gina Cocco; Lillo Prevedello: Kevin Walker.

To have your petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 8th December **70 parishioners enjoyed a Christmas Lunch** at Carmen's Restaurant, Barnwell Park with Lucky Door Prizes and a large Raffle with many prizes donated by the Bingo Group.

A special presentation was given to **Mary Anderson**, Denise Norman's mother, who recently celebrated **100 years and had recently received her greetings from the Queen.**

Anne Manenti thanked her team of helpers and wished everybody the Blessings of Christmas. **Many thanks to Anne Manenti and social ministry for a fabulous Christmas lunch**, much enjoyed, especially after the difficult year of lockdowns.

CATHOLIC CARE – THANK YOU

Catholic Care greatly appreciates and thanks St Patrick's parishioners for your unbelievable generosity to make Christmas special for so many children and families with your donations of such wonderful gifts.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

We welcome Georgia Marie Elias into the Community here at St Pats. May you always feel at home here.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY – become involved

Who doesn't love a good story? Our group offers an opportunity for children to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel with their peers. We open the Word of God together, using media, games, craft and conversation. **We are currently a group of four leaders and two assistants. There is always room for more helpers.** All children are welcome. Watch this space for our Christmas Nativity Liturgy on 23rd December. **Please call Sinead Kent 0420 653 637.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Fr Tom thanks the visiting priests for **helping with all the Masses this weekend**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Peter Canisius
Thursday: St John of Kanty
Saturday: the Nativity of the Lord