

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C 2 January 2022

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Special thanks to parishioners **John Clarke** (chair), **Margaret McLennan**, **Ron Vozzo** and **Jim Hanna** who have stepped aside from the Parish Finance Council after many years of faithful service. **Thank you** for your diligence and care for the parish in this important aspect of parish administration both during Monsignor Usher's time and my own time here the last two years.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Proclaiming Christ to the World

At Christmas we have seen a light shining in the darkness. At the end of 2021, there seemed to be much darkness and uncertainty. We must believe in proclaiming Jesus constantly in our world, that **there is always a message of Hope and Peace.**

The Epiphany is the visitation of the 3 kings to Jesus. It is the manifestation of God's glory to all nations. We come to praise God and thank him for the wonders in our daily lives – we thank God every week in the Eucharistic celebration.

(from the late Fr John Langtry).



**TWILIGHT EVENING
THURSDAY
FEB 10TH
5PM - 8PM**

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



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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@stpatsmortlake.org.au

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Continued

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians
Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of
Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

2022 St PAT's ALPHA PROGRAMME

In February we will be running a 10-week ALPHA Programme here in the parish.

Alpha is course that creates a space, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about meaning and happiness in life, the story of who Jesus Christ is in that story, the importance of Faith and the Church and how we engage in communities of faith.

The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation.

They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

The talks involve interesting videos which facilitate discussion and allow members to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

The Programme will run from **2.00pm until 2.50pm on Tuesday's in the parish Hall and will be led by Fr Tom.**

The dates for the sessions will be:

1. Tuesday, 22 Feb
 2. Tuesday, 1 March
 3. Tuesday, 8 March
 4. Tuesday, 15 March
 5. Tuesday, 22 March
 6. Tuesday, 29 March
- TERM 1 HOLIDAYS BREAK**
7. Tuesday, 3 May
 8. Tuesday, 10 May
 9. Tuesday, 17 May
 10. Tuesday, 24 May – FINAL.

It is open to everyone, either people wanting to learn about Christianity and Catholicism for the first time, or people perhaps returning to the Church. Old and young welcome.

I do hope you will join us and feel free to contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org to register your interest. **Fr Tom**

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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: Sam Ferlauto; Michele & Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Gussy Fausti; Anthony Zacca; Campagna & Zappia Families; Paul Papadopolous; Emanuel Visiliades; Gerry Gleeson (4th anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Natalina & Antonino Di Giglio; Mary Galea & Deceased Members of the Di Giglio, Galea, Michallef, Lo Shiavo & Tesoriero Families; Maurizia Xuereb; Bjarne Johansen (28th anniv); Glenda Rutz (8th anniv); Jose Teran; Jacob Nabih; Ray Elias; Michael Saliba Patricia Reilly (4th 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; Lyndall.

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022 SAVE THE DATES

Some dates for 2022 special Masses and hospitality functions you can be involved with

Sunday, 13 March 2022

- ❖ 10.30am Mass and luncheon for Vinnies' clients serviced by the local Conference.

Wednesday, 4 May 2022

- ❖ 11am Mass and light luncheon for Carers.

Thursday, 26 May 2022

Cancer Council — Australia's Biggest Morning Tea community function on the Parish Green:

- ❖ 9am Mass followed by morning tea
- ❖ 2-5pm Afternoon Delight on the Parish Green.

Sunday, 21 August 2022

- ❖ 10.30am Mass and luncheon for a yet to be specified group

November Remember Memorial Masses

Twilight 'festival' functions on Green Space

2nd Thursday of the month during daylight saving, 5-8pm:

- ❖ Thursday 10 February 2022
- ❖ Thursday 17 March 2022 - St Patrick's Day
- ❖ Thursday 13 October 2022
- ❖ Thursday 10 November 2022
- ❖ Thursday 8 December 2022

Parish 'Spring' Clean Dates

- ❖ Saturday 2 April 2022
- ❖ Saturday 3 September 2022

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Friday: St Raymond of Penyafort

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>

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO 10.30AM SUNDAY MASSES IN JANUARY