

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

The Baptism of the Lord Year C 9th 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 to Saturday 8am
- **Mass:** Not available this week
- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.30pm
- **Baptisms:** 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR PARISH? Volunteering at St Pat's

FAITH EDUCATION MINISTRY

This a wonderfully active ministry in our parish which covers a variety of activities focussed on the growth and expansion of our faith.

It undertakes activities in the following areas: adult and children's education, catechesis in the local public school, Sunday children's liturgy. One of these areas, in adult education, is set out below.

ADULT EDUCATION

This ministry has been impacted by Covid and has been quite inactive over the past 18 months, but it will be revived in the first quarter of 2022. It involves presenting to parishioners' information on various aspects of our faith and history with carefully prepared presentations and guest speakers. The group will recommence meetings early next year to plan a schedule of presentations.

If you would like to be involved, please give Bob Mayor a call on 0418 228689 or email him at mayor2411@gmail.com.



2022 St PAT's ALPHA PROGRAMME

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 Programme will run from **2.00pm until 2.50pm on Tuesday's in the parish Hall and will be led by Fr Tom. Commencing on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.** Feel free to contact Fr Tom thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org or 9743 1017 to register your interest. **Fr Tom**

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 40:1-5. 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Continued

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **(R.)**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal I the Holy Spirit

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

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SECOND READING - continued

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Thursday: St Hilary

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome and congratulate **Mason Hakim, Heidi Hollis, Chloe Sawdy and Otis Timar** into the St Pat's community. May you grow in Faith and always feel at home here at St Pat's.

CONGRATS MAUREEN AND KEVIN

Congratulations and Blessings to Maureen and Kevin Casey who celebrated their **55th wedding anniversary** this last week. A reminder of loves commitment and a great example to us all.

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.** 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 entrances to the church. **Thank you.**

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

PARISH HISTORY BOOK FOR SALE

The parish history book is available and can be purchased for \$25.00 from the parish office Tuesday & Friday 9-3pm. Email or phone: parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au 9743 1017.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 11 and Friday 14th January

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Br Emery Nash; Jennifer Henderson; Fr Jim Esler; 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 Nabihah; 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.

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



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