

PREPARING FOR EASTER AT ST PATRICKS, MORTLAKE







Lent

A special period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) starting on Ash Wednesday to prepare for Easter by remembering Jesus' time in the wilderness, His death and His resurrection. We prepare by praying, going to Mass, fasting (giving up something eg; a favourite food) and giving to others (eg; through charity).

Why do we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts (on Ash Wednesday). So on this day, it was an opportunity to use up any food such as eggs, milk and butter which were made into Pancakes that couldn't be eaten during Lent.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 19 Pancakes on the Parish Green - 9.45am Family Mass - 10.30am	Feb 20	Feb 21 Shrove Tuesday 	Feb 22 Ash Wednesday  Mass & Distribution of Ashes - 8am, 9.30am, 7pm.	Feb 23 <i>Mass 8am</i>	Feb 24  <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Choose a family Lenten offering to do together eg; Giving up desserts.</i>	Feb 25 Parish 'Spring Clean' <i>Reconciliation 5.30-6pm</i> <i>Mass 6pm</i>
Feb 26 1st Sunday of Lent Family and Baptism Anniversary Mass - 10.30am <i>Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm</i>	Feb 27 <i>Communion Service 8am</i>	Feb 28 <i>Mass 8am</i>	Mar 01 <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am</i>	Mar 02 <i>Mass 8am</i>	Mar 03  <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Have a fish and chips picnic.</i>	Mar 04 <i>Reconciliation 5.30-6pm</i> <i>Mass 6pm</i>
Mar 05 2nd Sunday of Lent <i>Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm</i>	Mar 06 <i>Communion Service 8am</i>	Mar 07 <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Invite a friend you don't normally play with to play with you.</i>	Mar 08 <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am</i>	Mar 09 <i>Mass 8am</i>	Mar 10  <i>Mass 8am</i> <i>Help your mum or dad prepare a vegetarian meal.</i>	Mar 11 <i>Reconciliation 5.30-6pm</i> <i>Mass 6pm</i>
Mar 12 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm</i>	Mar 13 <i>Communion Service 8am</i> <i>Do a chore without being asked eg; cleaning your room.</i>	Mar 14 <i>Communion Service 8am</i>	Mar 15 <i>Communion Service 8am</i> <i>Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am</i>	Mar 16 <i>Communion Service 8am</i>	Mar 17 St Patrick's Day  <i>Communion Service 8am</i> st patrick's day Festival <i>Friday 17th March 5pm to 8pm</i>	Mar 18 <i>Reconciliation 5.30-6pm</i> <i>Mass 6pm</i>

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. A special time to help us prepare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday by remembering that: God created us from the dust in the ground and that one day when we die, our bodies will return to dust.

Who was St Patrick?



Known as the "Apostle of Ireland" for bringing Christianity to Ireland. According to Irish legend, he introduced Christianity using the shamrock as a metaphor to teach people about the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit).

Laetare Sunday

The 4th Sunday of Lent. Laetare means "internal joy" as the middle of the Lenten season is reached and we anticipate in "joy and love" of Christ's coming through His resurrection. On this day, Fr Tom may wear pink/rose-coloured vestments and the Church may now be decorated with flowers and more upbeat music can be played again.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



An important day in the Church calendar where we celebrate the day that the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary, announcing that she was going to be the mother of Jesus.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 19 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday "Rejoice, O Jerusalem!" Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm	Mar 20 St Joseph's Day Communion Service 8am	Mar 21 Mass 8am <i>Think of someone you don't like and say 3 nice things about them.</i>	Mar 22 Mass 8am Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am	Mar 23 Mass 8am	Mar 24  Mass 8am Sacrament of First Reconciliation 7pm	Mar 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Reconciliation 5.30-6pm Mass 6pm
Mar 26 5th Sunday of Lent Family Mass - 10.30am Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm	Mar 27 Communion Service 8am	Mar 28 Mass 8am	Mar 29 Mass 8am Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am	Mar 30 Mass 8am	Mar 31  Mass 8am <i>Say a prayer for the people in the world who are hungry.</i>	Apr 01 Reconciliation 5.30-6pm Mass 6pm
Apr 02 6th Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday Masses 9am, 10.30am, 6pm Family and Baptism Anniversary Mass - 10.30am	Apr 03 Communion Service 8am	Apr 04 Mass 8am	Apr 05 Mass 8am Family Adoration & Prayer 8.25-8.50am	Apr 06 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet, adoration Parish Green until 10pm. Chrim Mass Blessing of Sacred Oils (St Mary's Cathedral)	Apr 07 Good Friday  Stations Station of the Cross: - Children's Liturgy 10am Parish Green - Adults Liturgy 10am in the Church	Apr 08 Holy Saturday Easter vigil: Festival of Light 7pm Reconciliation 5.30-6pm
Apr 09 Easter Sunday Masses 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am	What is Palm Sunday?  This is the Sunday before Easter celebrating Jesus entering into Jerusalem where he was greeted by the people waving palm branches and placing them along the road as He walked in.					Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion 3pm

