

26 MARCH 2023
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR A

BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



WORDS OF WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADDITION

St. Patrick's Parish unveiled a bronze sculpture of Jesus in its parklands on St Patrick's Day. This sculpture captures the essence of Jesus in a truly remarkable way.

Jesus is sitting on a rock with his arms outstretched, inviting people to come closer.

The hope is that it will inspire people of all ages and backgrounds and remind them of the importance of faith, hope, and love. It is a beautiful addition to the community and a testament to the enduring nature of faith.



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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

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 the month.

Please call parish secretary with enquires.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Was celebrated last Friday 24th March with 56 children receiving the Sacrament and five priests attending.

The church was full and the children were presented with their certificates following the service. Many of the children attend St Patrick's Primary School but other local schools were represented including Mortlake Primary School. The next First Sacrament to be celebrated will be First Holy Communion in June.

EASTER TRIDUUM TIMES



ST PATRICK'S EASTER TRIDUUM TIMES

Please note the following Service and Mass times for Easter period of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL AT 7:30PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper,
washing of the feet, veneration at the Altar of Repose on the Parish Green until 12 midnight

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM
Stations of the Cross for Adults in the Church

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM
Stations of the Cross for Children on the Parish Green

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 3PM

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL AT 7PM

Easter Vigil - Festival of Light

EASTER SUNDAY, 9 APRIL
7:30am; 9am & 10:30am Masses
(NB: There will be No 6pm Sunday night Mass)

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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES THE WANGAL PEOPLE OF THE EORA NATION, BEING THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE GATHER AND WORSHIP.



First Reading

A READING FROM THE PROPHET
EZEKIEL EZ 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST
PAUL TO THE ROMANS ROM 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die
for ever.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY
GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
JN11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Word of the Lord



Fr Tom will be in on pilgrimage and leave and change of weekday Masses from 10 April until 26 May During this time:

- All Weekend Masses will remain the same (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 6pm Masses).
- We will have no Weekday Masses during this time. Communion Services will replace all Weekday Masses

Special thanks to Fr Geoff Plant who will be doing the majority of Sunday Masses during this period, and Brenda Johnston and the parishioners who are taking on additional responsibilities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, People to take up Collection are needed for the Liturgies during Holy Week.

There are volunteer lists in the narthex for Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are able to assist at any of these liturgies please add your name to the lists.

HOLY THURSDAY - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the parish green where it will be left on the altar until midnight.

At this time we are invited to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will continue until midnight.

There is a roster in the church narthex where you and your family can nominate a time when you will

The roster has been prepared in half hour intervals from 8.30 pm – midnight. You are invited to add your name to the roster for whatever amount of time you can manage.

ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL - THANK YOU

Well what a night!!!



A Big **THANK YOU** to all for the hard work and planning over many weeks into the very successful St Patrick's Day celebration held here in the Parish on Friday evening.

The co-ordinator Grainne Nixon and her exceptional committee who worked tirelessly need to be congratulated as anyone that was in attendance would verify.

And in saying that there are just too many people to thank individually, so we say:

Thank You to each and every one of you who contributed to this wonderful evening.

If you would like to volunteer for a future twilight evening, please contact twilight@stpatismortlake.org.au or call the office on 9743 1017

WHAT'S ON

CHILDREN'S LITURGY INVITATION



Our Children's Liturgy is held each Sunday at the 9am Mass. The Liturgy is run by a number of parents and parishioners in our Parish.

The Liturgy offers the opportunity for the little people of our community to come and hear the Word of God from a child's perspective. All welcome.

The Gospel is delivered by adults from our Parish using different activities, drama, music, craft, art, worksheets and reinforced with gentle discussion. We also invite you to become one of our leaders. Commitment is on a roster basis, usually once a month for 1 hour at the 9am Mass.

To volunteer or find out more, please reach out to Stephanie Tse on steph.tse@gmail.com or call 0402 333 288



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BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Lucas Dorn, Arya Dorn, Isla Clark; Elijah Clark, Ariana Lakiss and Zoe Barry-Donnellan .

May you all continue to grow in Faith with us and always feel at home here.

Peace & Joy

Term 1 Family Masses

WE ARE INVITING ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A SUNDAY MASS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA IN THE PRESBYTERY BACKYARD AFTERWARDS.

WANGAL - 26 MAR - 10:30am

PATRICK - 2 APRIL - 10:30am



As a part of updating the Parish records, if parishioners could take the time to update their family records by completing a Parish registration form, if this has not been done previously the form is available in the front of the Church or can be accessed by the link below.

Thank you.

www.stpatmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations and blessing to Aidan and Oliver Davy who making their First Holy Communion this weekend here at St Patrick's

ONLINE TALK ON EARLY AUSTRALIAN CHURCH HISTORY

DR DAMIAN GLEESON 11AM, TUESDAY 4 APRIL

Dr Damian Gleeson, author of our St Pat's history book, is presenting a zoom talk through the NSW State Library detailing his findings and observations of the Fr John Therry collection of papers. Issues will include: Fr Therry's leadership and role in the early church, state and convict relations, the complex issue of re-marriage and bigamy in early NSW, and Fr Therry's numerous financial and property disputes. A talk not to be missed.

Bookings can be made via the link.

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/damian-john-gleeson-father-john-joseph-therry-colonial-irish-catholic-priest>

BUY A BRICK

For more information visit www.stpatmortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick



Stewardship

The Stewardship ministry understands that we all have a purpose in this world. Giving of ourselves and our talents to create a more pleasant world (not just for ourselves, but for everyone in the world) is a wonderful gift.

As a parish community we have a responsibility to provide for the careful, ethical and responsible management of the resources that have been entrusted to our care. It is with this vision that the Stewardship Ministry operates.

This ministry works with our parish volunteers to ensure they are up to date with their training as well as providing risk assessments for all Parish events involving children. This also involves an extensive audit annually to ensure we have provided a safe environment for our children and vulnerable members of our community. We encourage opportunities for our parish to engage with the wider community and where possible develop these partnerships. We are involved in general parish clean-ups and have more recently prepared an asset register of items that are used for events, meetings and social occasions.

Need more information please contact Marie Piccin
e: mtpiccin@gmail.com



Safeguarding

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of the utmost importance. The safeguarding office can be contacted on 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

*Riddle:
How many of each
species did Moses take
on the ark with him?*

Celebrating ST PATRICK'S HISTORY

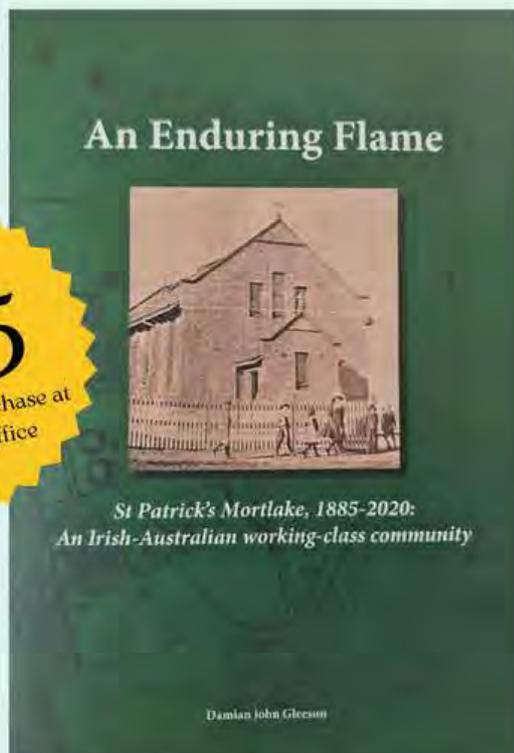


ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

2020 marks 125 years since the beginning of St Patrick's Parish Mortlake. Since our earliest days, we have been blessed and enriched by priests, religious sisters and families who have made their home in Mortlake, and have made St Patrick's their parish. The faith, energy and commitment of the early Irish settlers has flourished, and successive generations of people from many cultures and nationalities have contributed to the wonderfully diverse and vibrant parish community we share today.

Just as 2020 is a year we will never forget, 1895 is a focal point in the life of St Patrick's Parish. It is when we began, and the passing of time weaves the threads of our story across the years - the highs and lows, opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows.

These significant personal, spiritual and communal events in our history have been captured beautifully in Damian Gleeson's new book:



Damian John Gleeson specialises in Irish-Australian historical research. He has written a number of parish histories including the 2017 award winning publication: *The Rock of St George*. Damian is a past president of the Australian Catholic Historical Society and an active member of the *Silvermines Historical Journal*, County Tipperary, Ireland

To order your copy: parish@stpatmortlake.org.au | (02) 9743 1017

Recently Deceased

Nora Lai; Angelica Staszewska; Maria Fasulo; Nicola Shepis; Concetta Fede; Ronald Brayan; Sergio Grasso; Bertha Sanchez; Kristie Gibson; Patricia Smyth; Anne-Maree Neal; Fr Ruben Elago; Joseph Crumlin; Ezio Epifania; Tony Smith; Barbara Lattari; Pauline Lintern; Kira Hennessy.

Anniversaries

Rodolfo Hernandez 1st anniv); Sam Ferlatuo(36th anniv): Michele & Giusepia Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Gussy Fausty; Anthony Zacca; Vito Michael Tozzi; Maria Michela Tozzi: Antonietta Monaco; Anna Mandato (1st anniv); Michael Donato (15th Anniv); Peter Grogan; Alfio Castoriana (5th anniv); Burgen Campbell (1st anniv); Girolomo Pelle; Sonja Moore (9th anniv); Peter Johansen (6th anniv); Giuseppina Zappia (4th anniv); Angela Cesar (3rd anniv); Alfio Castorina (5th anniv); Michael Daly (1st anniv); Simon Peter Khoury (4th anniv); Michael Geoghegan (3rd anniv); John McAnelly (3rd anniv).

Please pray for

Gracie V. John Tannous; John Goode: Paolo Zappia; Rocco Zappia; Margaret O'Neill; Ray O; Tony C; Emily Scanlan: Lyn Kennedy; Tina Colagiuri; Sr Jan; Pat Murray: Roger Lintern; Antonietta: Peter Elliott; Giam Family; Jaz; Angelo; Baby William; Peter Coyne; Kevin Walker; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee.

To have your petition included, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

BINGO

MONDAYS FROM 9.30
TO 11.30 AT CABARITA

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE
CONTACT ANNE
MANENTI ON 8765 8260



Children's Stations of the Cross

A special Stations of the Cross for the children
will be held on the
Parish Green on Friday 7th April, 10am.

If your child would like to be involved
please contact Steph (0402 333 288)

*Riddle answer: None. Moses
wasn't on the ark, Noah was.*