

ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens

MASSES: Saturday 9:00 am Communion Service and Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday: 8.00 am Communion Service

Tuesday to Friday: 8.00 am Mass

Rosary after Morning Mass - Tuesday to Saturday

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm

PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE COMMUNION SERVICES

ON MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER THROUGH TO SATURDAY MORNING 4 JANUARY 2020

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK: Tuesday: St Sylvester I;
Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God;
Thursday: St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen;

125 YEARS SINCE ST. PAT'S MORTLAKE

FOUNDATION STONE LAID - 30/12/1894

This Monday, 30 December 2019, marks the 125th anniversary since the foundation stone for our parish of St. Patrick's was laid by Cardinal Patrick Moran, then Archbishop of Sydney. The foundation stone is located at the right hand exterior entrance to the Church, as you face the church from Gale Street. The foundation stone was laid on 30 December 1894.

The church was completed in 1895. The parish history, which was commissioned for the 110th anniversary of the parish, and authored by D. J. Gleeson (who's parents and family have been longstanding parishioners) states, in relation to the building of the Church:

"Completed in 1895 St. Patrick's was a small brick building with an iron roof, located closest to the main street. Its construction during a period of economic and social hardship had significance for several reasons. Firstly, the name, St. Patrick's, signified the many Irish migrants and first generation Australians of Irish heritage who had settled in the district. Despite Sydney's Catholic community being predominately Irish, Mortlake represented only the third church named after Ireland's patron saint in the C19th century.

Secondly, this church, unlike most in the colony commenced without debt, due to the combined generosity of the late Dean McCarthy (founder of the parish) . . . and the men and women of Mortlake. . .

Finally, St. Patrick's Mortlake has the distinction of being the only Catholic Church built in the metropolitan area in the 1890's, a decade of high unemployment caused by the colony's worst economic recession in 120 years."

Therefore, this year is significant for our parish as we will celebrate 125 years of St. Patrick's, Mortlake. The church and community being an important landmark in people's lives and faith journeys. We will be organising celebrations to mark our 125th anniversary. If you would like to be involved in a steering committee to organise festivities for our 125th anniversary, please contact Fr. Tom Stevens on (02) 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMS: Baby Samuel John Winton and Baby Evelyn Russell.

SINCERE THANKS To each individual Parishioner of St. Patrick's as we stand in union with Our Lord, especially at Christmas. We say **"THANK YOU AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS"**. Special thanks to Choirs and Musicians, The Altar Society, Acolytes, Servers, Special Ministers, Wardens, Counters, Children's Liturgy leaders, Readers, and members of our various ministry teams including Pastoral Care; Finance; Social; Liturgy; Faith Education; Youth; Communications; and Stewardship. **THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE OUR 2019 CHRISTMAS VERY SPECIAL**

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES: WHAT ARE THESE FOR? – The money from these envelopes goes to a Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests of the Archdiocese. These include: sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies. Some of these priests are often **"out of sight, out of mind"** but they do need to be supported. **Please give them some thought especially at this time.**

GRATITUDE - NOTE FROM SR MAUREEN: Thank you so much for your outstanding generosity in providing your Christmas Gift of a voucher for adolescent refugees supported by Jesuit Refugee Services. May you and your families be greatly blessed for opening your hearts (and wallets!) JRS are enormously grateful!

TAP AND GO DONATIONS: With the shift towards a cashless society our parish, consistent with many other parishes, is moving towards installing a Tap Donation facility. The unit will accept donations electronically and securely using contactless card/phone/watch payments. **It is not intended to replace traditional collections.** It will be located in the Narthex and, subject to necessary banking approvals, be here very soon. There will be a preset amount (\$5) and donors simply tap and GO. All contributions will go towards our second collection. Any inquiries to Fr Tom or John Clarke 0419437474. **For a visual of the device, see the Noticeboard.**

DIARY DATES

MON	BINGO WILL RESUME LATE JANUARY – DATE TO BE ADVISED
MON - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	CHRISTIAN MEDIATION WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2020
SUN	After 9am Mass, prayer group in front of statue of Mary

RECENTLY DECEASED: Veronica Victoria Walker (Perth); Bridie Smyth (Ireland); Maria Mandato (Italy); Carmelo Musca; Gino Scarpa (Argentina).

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Teodoro Emphasis; June Murray; Grazia Di Giglio; Giuseppe Distefano (1st Anniversary); Charles Bonnici; Carmen Bonnici; Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary Galea; Deceased members of the Di Giglio, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo, Galea & Michallef Families; Francesco, Vincenzo, Maria Cannone; Andrea Angela, Loretta Ricchiuti; Giuseppe Libro, Giovannina Musumeci; Lorenzo Fede; Rosa Maniaci; Francesco D'Elia; Leo Kadia "Lodzia" Raczowska; Natale Polle; Ruth Nuinka; Elizabeth O'Neill; Margaret King; Albert Coffey; Frederwick Waugh; Mavis Burgess; Mary Cassell; Bertha Horsefell; Kieran Kinkead; Mildred Moyes; Rachel Sheehan; John Walford; Fred Baite; Elvezio Paoella.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Please join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; Edward Azjan; Maryellen Partlin; Tony P; Marie; Nancy Walker; Denis Klein; Loretta; Antonietta; Connie Calvisi; Theresa Tan; Peter Allen; George; Michael; George Cepak; Dave Roberts; Bill Young; Don Khoury. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.



PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE BY PURCHASING A CATHOLIC WEEKLY TODAY FOR ONLY \$2.00 - MANY THANKS