

**ST PATRICK'S PARISH MORTLAKE**

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Administrator: Fr Tom Stevens

MASSSES: Saturday 9.00am Communion Service; (Vigil) 6.00 pm. Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Monday: Communion Service

Tuesday to Friday 8.00 am Rosary after Morning Masses

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm

Parish Administration: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda

**ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL**

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**FEAST DAY THIS WEEK:** Tuesday: St Turibius de Mogrovejo; Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord.

**“SOCIAL DISTANCING”- WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

I get excited when I learn new terms. In doing so, in my own self-delusion, I somehow feel that I'm with the “IT” or “HIP” crowd as I embrace these new terms. However, this week I wasn't terribly happy to learn a new term . . . . that of, “SOCIAL DISTANCING”. With the spread of COVID-19 we are being asked, amongst other things, to: avoid handshaking as a greeting; limit food handling and sharing of food; consider rescheduling non-essential travel and movement; keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres away from people; etc. This is essential and we must adhere with diligence to all of the Health Authorities' requests at this time. We rely on their expertise and are thankful for their gifts and talents helping us stay safe.

At this time, we as Individuals are asked to consider our own health, both our potential to infect others and our susceptibility to infection. If we feel unwell or susceptible to infection - we should remain at home. **In staying at home in these times, we should consider ourselves dispensed from the Sunday obligation** (see Catholic Catechism #2180 & #2181 – the faithful are obliged in our Sunday obligation, unless excused **“for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor”**). If staying at home, we are encouraged to continue prayer and reading of the Bible, on Sunday's especially. Good prayer websites include – [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org); [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org). There is also the ability to watch daily Mass online, via the website – <https://www.Northsydney Catholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand>. Sunday Mass is on channel 10 at 6am Sunday mornings. Family members may like to consider recording this for our seniors to watch in their homes.

**BUT WHAT IS “SOCIAL DISTANCING”?** In all of this, it is vital that we maintain our Christian identity. “Social Distancing” for the Christian has very little to do with the physical elements, to which we must adhere. We need to be aware of a loving community. We need to be calm and caring of others in our shopping patterns in times of panic and anxiety. We need to have compassion over fear. And when we may have to be in isolation because of sickness, we need to know that we do not need to be lonely, for Isolation and Loneliness are different. This is where Christianity and the message of Jesus Christ turns human fear, panic and distress on its head. **For the Christian, “SOCIAL DISTANCING” can in fact NEVER take place, because we are a community of love that goes much deeper than physicality, which links me to Christ himself in this Christian Community of St. Pat's Mortlake.** Fr. Tom

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

**PASTORAL HELP** – In these times especially, please let the parish know if you, or anyone you know, needs assistance with food, a prepared meal, shopping, or general welfare. We have volunteers and resources to help. Phone 9743 1017.

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS:** Contributions can be made via the Tap & Go Terminal which is always available in the foyer for contributions to the parish. All money received is credited to the Second collection. Contributions via Master or Visa card in multiples of \$5.00. Money received from the Second Collection supports the parish administration, pastoral programs (Children's Liturgy, Faith Education, Social Justice, etc) and buildings and grounds maintenance. Contributions made to the Second collection can be made via Direct Debit or Weekly envelopes attract a tax deduction of 30% of your offerings. If you would like to support St Pats using either method please complete a form located in the foyer or email [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) The new series of envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be collected at any time. Enquires Fr Tom.

**PARISH HISTORY:** Thank you to those who have contributed to the parish history. To reflect the parish's diversity, we invite ideas and photos from all migrant groups who made St Pat's Mortlake their 'New home'. We would especially like to include early Italian Community members, please leave ideas and photos with the parish office for our researcher. More photos pre 2000 of clergy and families would also be appreciated – please check your photo albums for marriages of parents and grandparents at St Pat's, children attending the first school (1895-1907) or second school (1917 – 1960) and the group of parishioners who attended Bishop Barry Collins' installation. Thank You Fr Tom.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Baby Florence Cook, Baby Eliana Salvartzis, Babies Myah Noonan and Elijan, Asher and Isla Kritsimas.

DIARY DATES	
Monday	POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Monday- Saturday	Rosary after Morning Mass
Wednesday	POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Friday's in Lent	Stations of the Cross after 8.00am Mass followed by the Rosary
Sunday	After the 9.00am Mass, prayer group to say prayers in front of the statue of Mary

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Walker: George Cepak: Michael Geoghegan; Raffaele Melizza (Italy): Maureen Johnson: John McAnelly: Gerard Lopez; Dovilio Favero; Brian Clarke.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Sam Ferlauto (33rd Anniversary): Michele & Giuseppa Goffredo: Nancy Buonanova: Sue Goffredo: Guss Fausti: Carmelo Tindiglia: Maria Lopes: Michael Donato: Patrick Nelson: Fredwick Walaron: June McDonald: Annie Powell: Annie Hornery: Clement Glancey: Salvatore Ferlauto: Daniel Tesoriero: William Lavery: Ellen Ritchie: Thomas Darque: Moira Murphy: Mona Cook.

**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; Steven Windon: Magda Cassis; Sr Judith Clark; Nanette; George; Jill; Edward Azjan; Maryellen Partlin; Tony P; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Bill Young; Don Khoury. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.