

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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St. PAT's – 125 years. Did you know?

In 1931, as the Great Depression deepened, the Mortlake St Vincent de Paul Society, led by Harold and Rose Taylor, established a soup kitchen at the rear of Solomon's barber shop near the Mortlake wharf. The kitchen fed at least 50 poor and unemployed families each day.

Women of St Patrick's including Mrs Potter, Mrs Flynn and Mrs Moloney, the mother of the late Joe Moloney, operated the kitchen. This ecumenical initiative was strongly supported by William Solomon, an Anglican. He and his brothers had sent their children to the Sisters of Charity-operated St Patrick's School.

Harold Taylor was a respected builder and a great charity worker. His son, William Howard Taylor became a Vincentian priest (RIP 1989).

We would welcome anyone who might have a photo of the Taylor family – or other pioneers - please contact our researcher by Email: damiangleeson64@gmail.com

MAY – the month of MARY & the ROSARY

In the Catholic tradition, May has been a month of special devotions to Mary the Mother of God. The Pope asks us if we might like to pray the rosary, a traditional prayer dating back over 800 years, as a family or as individuals, during this month asking Our Lady's intercession. Rosary beads will be available in the basket outside the parish hall. Learning how to pray the rosary can be found at the link below. As a community, we are invited to pray the rosary in May.

www.catholiccompany.com/content/how-to-pray-the-rosary

FR PETER MORRISSEY - RIP

It is with great sadness that I advise of the death of Fr. Peter Morrissey, who entered eternal life on Tuesday evening, 28 April. He was 91 years of age. Fr Peter was ordained on 30 July 1955 at St Mary's Cathedral by His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy. He was a priest in over 10 parishes in the archdiocese in his remarkable life. He was appointed Parish Priest of St Patrick's Mortlake in 1997 where he remained until his retirement in 2003.

Please read a lovely piece on the [parish website](#), [written by Damian Gleeson, about Fr. Peter's life](#). His funeral will be at St Patrick's Mortlake, it will be a private funeral in these times of restricted numbers.
Rest in Peace Good Pastor.

EASTER TO PENTECOST PRAYER SESSIONS

You are invited to participate from your home via Zoom, or you can receive and read the Scripture/ Prayer sessions between Easter and Pentecost. The sessions can be emailed to you each week preceding the following Sunday. You can join the programme at any time, even if you need to miss some weeks.

The emails will be sent on Mondays and the sessions via Zoon will be on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. **If you are interested please phone Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350 or email thejourney.smn@gmail.com**

WORLD-WIDE PENTECOST TALKS

Free virtual chat room talks led by international and acclaimed Catholic speakers until Pentecost, 31 May. Register online at pentecostpilgrimage.com

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.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
1 Pt 2: 20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to
the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:1-6. R. v.1.

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY?

During these times we may question, 'What is our notion of Community?' When pillars of our traditional sense of community engagement have been momentarily sidelined, such as: extended family gatherings; weekly Church attendance or our ability to pop into the Church to say a prayer; club or school sporting activities; regular volunteering commitments; pub or restaurant visits - our sense of participation in our Community has changed.

We see in the readings, notably in the Acts of the Apostles, the strength of the early Christian community following the death of Christ. I commend us all to read the Acts of the Apostles during this time. Through it we indeed gain a tremendous insight into the strength of the early Christian community.

Whilst acknowledging pains and tensions which come through times such as these, we as Christians must always see signs of Hope. We are people of the Resurrection. This pandemic offers us a chance to effect positive and creative change – in myself, in my community, in my Church.

I may take this time of isolation as a period where I can look out for the "saints next door" in my community. Understanding that God never abandons his people, we need to see the saints at work in our community. The medical providers, those continuing to serve the most marginalised, those parents struggling yet doing their best with the tensions in the home environment with a young family; those caring for our older residents either at home or in nursing homes. These are the saints of our community. They don't wear a halo, rather they roll up their sleeves and make the best of a changing situation. These people keep our Community going.

Our ability to recognise these saints is perhaps how we can see this period as a period of positive and creative change.

Fr. Tom

WELCOME – DRAWINGS & PRAYERS for CHURCH WINDOW

If any parishioner has taken to drawing pictures, composing prayers or poems during this time, feel free to slide the images under the glass entrance doors of the Church foyer (narthex). May is the month of Mary. Fr. Tom will be sure to put the drawings/prayers up in the Church window.

PARISH PASTORAL HELP / VOLUNTEERS

In these times especially, please let the parish know if you, or anyone you know, needs assistance with: food; a prepared meal; shopping; being a 'phone buddy' to check in on each other; or general welfare.

Volunteers are always welcome.

**Please call the Parish on 9743 1017
if you require ANY assistance or email:**

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DONATIONS & PLANNED GIVING

For those of you who are able and wish to continue to assist the parish financially, either through donations or the planned giving programme, you can Direct Debit funds to St. Patrick's through the website:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/mortlakeparish>

Or, by direct debit: **BANK TRANSFER DETAILS**
BSB: 062 784
Account Number: 5015 0001
Reference: Your name.

If you wish to contribute by way of your existing 'Planned Giving Envelopes', then those envelopes can be physically placed in the beige locked letterbox, located outside the Presbytery (35 Gale St). **Thank you.**

EASTER / ANZAC DAY DECORATIONS

- **Thank you** to the Altar Ministry ladies/ Comms. Team and the various hands that have decorated the Church foyer windows with lovely displays and lighting over the last few weeks. Your artistic eye has been greatly appreciated by our community. If you have any ideas going forward for displays, please do contact the parish.

- **Re: ANZAC Day**, I was pleased to learn that, apart from 25 April, under NSW law, we are also allowed to play "2 UP" on, 15 August (Victory in the Pacific Day), and 11 Nov (Remembrance Day).

Good times are coming "HEAD EM UP!!"
Fr.Tom

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Paul Dovico; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Casey (Ireland); 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 petitions included, please see one of the group or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Peter Morrissey; Matthew Spears; Anita Johnson; Sr Sybille Colborne RSM; Andrew Deans; Audrey Vertannes; Jennifer McAfee; Gary Traill; Samira Hanna; John Walker; George Cepak; Michael Geoghegan; Raffaele Melizza (Italy); Maureen Johnson; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez; Dovilio Favero; Brian Clark; Simon-Peter Kolibac (14th anniv); Frances Gleeson (4 yrs); Renzo Trinco (1st Anniv).

PRAYER RESOURCES AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

I commend the below resources as a means of keeping ourselves healthy – spiritually; mentally and physically:

- www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses;
- <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>
- <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>
- **Black Dog Institute:**
<https://blackdoginstitute.org.au/coronavirus-anxiety-resources>
- **The Brave Program:**
<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/child-program> This is a free online anxiety program for parents and children (3-17yo)

"DINNER AND A SHOW!!"

Struggling to find things to do? Whilst we mightn't be able to partake in our usual banter with the staff at our favourite restaurant or pub, we can still take in a show or art gallery tour. These useful sites may remind us of life's art & beauty:

- **The Shows Must Go On.** A new youtube channel showing different Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals every two days. Tune in and sing along.

"Don't cry for me Argentina"

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPihKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag>

- **Art Gallery free virtual tours.** Visit some of the world's most famous galleries by taking a virtual tour of: The Louvre; Vatican Museums; The Metropolitan; Van Gogh Museum; British Museum, and many more.

www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2020/04/02/these-museums-are-offering-free-virtual-tours/