

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Pentecost
Sunday
31 May 2020

1895 – 2020

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"Pentecost" by Molly, 11yo. Beautiful colouring!!

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy
His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**ST PAT'S MORTLAKE
ACCESS TO MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES**

I am pleased to advise of the following moving forward:

- **WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES resume from Monday 1 June.** Weekday Masses and Communion Services will resume as per the 'pre-Corona' liturgy schedule (Masses Tues-Fri at 8am; Communion Services Monday at 8am and Saturday at 9am).
- **SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES resume from Sunday 7 June.** You will have to Register to attend the Sunday Mass, as these will be **limited to 50 people**. Please see below on how to register. Sunday Masses will be on a new schedule, with Sunday Masses to be held at 9am and 10.30am (there will be no Saturday night or Sunday night Masses).

To 'Register' for a Sunday Mass, **please contact Fr Tom** on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

It is important to note that:

- **Access to the Church is through the SIDE DOOR only.** The front doors of the Church will remain closed.
- **Only 50 people are permitted in the Church at any one time.**
- **The 4 square metre rule applies to all activities that we engage in at all times.**
- **Regular hand washing using hand sanitisers is required.**

Fr Tom. (Phone – 9743 1017)

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R v30.

**R: Lord send out your Spirit
And renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES

A special thank you to all who have been able to support the parish with financial assistance during this time. For those wishing to make a contribution to the Parish, secure payments can be made through the website:

www.bpoint.com.au/payments/mortlakeparish

Or, by direct debit:

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 5015 0001

Reference: Your name.

'Planned Giving Envelopes', can be physically placed in the beige locked letterbox, located outside the Presbytery (35 Gale St). **Thank you.**

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of utmost importance. The Safeguarding Office can be contacted on (02) 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

**PENTECOST – COURAGE BRINGING
UNITY & DIVERSITY**

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It was a birth which came about in a most timid, and almost reluctant, set of circumstances. Christ's followers were gathered in fear behind closed doors, expecting persecution. Yet it was in this setting that tremendous courage and power was to be given to them, making these scared individuals, courageous and willing to take a stand for something which truly completed their identity. The Holy Spirit gave a promise of unity in faith to these individuals and allowed them to understand their universal humanity and diversity in light of God, without borders or racial differences.

This Church is at its best when it lives this universality and unity of heart. It is in the strength of unity that the Church is able to best embrace diversity.

"It was in one Spirit that all of us, whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit."
(1 Cor 12:13)

The Spirit therefore acts as an agent for freedom, allowing us to grow in Christ. However, to accept the path takes courage on our part. It takes courage to be a unifying aspect in any family or community. It can be easier for some to be divisive, to drive 'wedges' between people and communities, than to unify them. We see this constantly at play in our world. The courage to Unify relationships and communities is needed today, just as in any other moment of history. The need for unity should be a constant prayer for us as Christians. As Christian churches, in seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, perhaps our greatest shame is that we have allowed divisions to separate us from one another in worship of our God. The division amongst Christians truly is a scandal. For most mainstream Christians, it is indeed our common Baptism that unites us. The Spirit seeks unity.

The question I need to ask myself, is what sort of disciple, what sort of Church, are we? Are we huddled in the corner, defensive and fearful? Or, are we a courageous individual, and a courageous Church, prepared to speak out and journey with others in their lived reality. We need to call upon the Spirit daily, to give us the courage to challenge us to embrace unity and diversity.

Fr Tom

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Gay; Maddalena Ciacciarelli; John Healy; Lynette Monaro; Pamela Ryan; Maria Luisa Segui; Fr. Peter Morrissey; Matthew Speers; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Domenic Paparo; Patricia McLennan (7 year anniv); Ante Cindric; Giuseppa Profilio (4 year anniv); Ciaran Phelan (1st Anniv - England); Simon-Peter Kolibac (14th anniv); Frances Gleeson (4 yrs); Renzo Trinco (1st Anniv); Carmelo Puglisi (14th anniv); Antonio Musolino (1st anniv); Vince Garcia (1st anniv); Margaret Blay; Benjamin Geagea; Nicole Panico; Pietro Flego; William Gibb; Ann Molloy; Mavis Whitelaw; Ileen Jones; Dorothy Backhus; Ethel O'Riely; Nancy Bell; Victor Martin; Beatrice Ninness; Patrick Fennell; George Lynskey; William Laurence; Bridget McGuigan; Robert Stafford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Damian King; Magda Cassis; Bill Young; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Paul Dovico; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Casey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Nanette; George; Jill; Edward Azjan; Tony P; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Don Khoury.

To have your petitions included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

125 YEARS – VOCATIONS from ST. PAT'S

In putting together the Parish History book, we are compiling a list of religious vocations from the parish. If you can add to the list below, please contact the parish office. **Thank you.**

Parish Vocations: Fr Geoffrey Abdullah, Maronite Rite; Fr Bruce Bramley; Sr Marge Coulthard (Sr Eymard), RSM; Sr Maureen Heffernan, RSC; Sr Helga Neidhart, RSC; Fr William Howard (Bill) Taylor, CM (Vincentian).

ONLINE MASSES

St Ambrose Parish, Concord West have an online Mass every Saturday at 5pm celebrated by Fr Brian or Fr Chaminda which can be viewed at that time or at any time afterwards. The Mass can be viewed from the safety of your home, please go to www.stambrose.org.au

GRIEVING APP AVAILABLE

During these times, grieving can be especially difficult as we do not have the same ability to gather as a community to support one another. The link below to the **MyGrief App** ... I have found quite useful and may be worthwhile for those of us, our family, who might be grieving at this time.

www.grief.org.au

PARISH GREEN SPACE REMEDIATION WORKS

GREEN SPACE: Remediation is essential to the green space adjacent to the Presbytery to allow for school use, parking and church community use. Sketches are being produced for a proposal for the remediation of the green space. We have had discussions with a landscape designer, Catholic Education Office and their architect on the basis of remediating the space focusing on Parish longer term needs including a meeting and celebratory space. The Architect costs are being paid by the CEO.

The Architect has also looked at the hall and been asked to provide some thoughts on its potential if upgraded. He has made an observation that the hall kitchen could be opened up allowing integration into the green space plans, thus increasing its value to our community. This is early stages with possible costs yet to be received and evaluated in conjunction with broader discussion to decide its place in the Parish financial plans.

Should you have any thoughts on this project please contact Fr Tom.