

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

CORPUS CHRISTI
The Body & Blood of Christ
14 June 2020

1895 – 2020

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Website: www.stpatismortlake.org.au

Sunday Mass Times: Sunday 9am and 10.30am.
Limit of 50 people. (See note in bulletin on how to register).

Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am.
- Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday at 8am.

Reconciliation: By appointment.

Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries. Limit of 15 people per family.

Facebook:  www.facebook.com/stpatismortlake



**ZOOM REFLECTION ON THE
SUNDAY GOSPELS**

You are invited and encouraged to join in weekly short sessions listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels.

It will be for 40 minutes, Tuesday nights, 7pm, recommencing on **Tuesday 23rd June**. The sessions will be emailed to you each week and some clear directions on joining in.

Please email: thejourney.smn@gmail.com or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.

**PARISHIONERS AWARDED OAM's
in QUEEN's B'DAY HONOURS LIST**

Congratulations to parishioners **Paul Zammit** and **Mike Bailey** on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) this week in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Both gentlemen are always ready to lend a hand in the parish and wider community, but significantly, Mike was awarded his OAM for services to rugby league and the community, being well known for his advocacy for the Wests Tigers. Paul was awarded his OAM for service to the parliaments of Australia and NSW, and to the community. It should be noted that Paul being awarded his OAM now puts him on a par with his lovely wife Rita, who was awarded an OAM some six years ago for her work with the marginalised and disadvantaged in our society. A high achieving household!!

Gentlemen, thank you for your service to the community, and I certainly hope that, even in these restricted times, you were able to celebrate this achievement in a befitting manner that not only honours your accomplishments, but also reflects the spirit of celebration and thanks the St. Pat's Parish has for you both! **Well done!**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Dt 8: 2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.
Jesus said to the Jews:*

Jesus said to the Jews:

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v 12

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

GOSPEL (continued)

For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but any one who eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gospel of the Lord.

BAPTISM BOOKINGS

We are again taking bookings for Baptisms with **parish Baptisms to commence from Sunday 9 August at 11.45am.**

At this stage, baptisms will be **limited to 15 people** in each family, including the child, parents and godparents. Hopefully as restrictions ease, numbers can increase.

Baptisms will be at 11.45am in either the Church or in the parish gardens.

Please contact the parish for all Baptism enquiries.

CHURCH SECURITY

Dear Parishioners, recently there has been some items taken from the St. Pat's Church and grounds.

Just a reminder to please be vigilant and to contact Fr. Tom if you notice anything unusual. Thank You.
Phone: 9743 1017

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 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

CORPUS CHRISTI - CHRIST BEING TRULY PRESENT in the BODY & BLOOD

My friends – this Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi – acknowledging the REAL PRESENCE of Christ in each of our lives in the Eucharist. This has been harder for us in these times when we haven't been able to celebrate Mass together as a Parish Community. But the Eucharist is our ULTIMATE PRAYER, it is the memorial of His Sacrifice of infinite love. It is a constant reminder of His LOVE and what we are asked to do as Christians - **in service and solidarity to love each other, FOUNDED by the example of CHRIST's LOVE !!**

Jesus, in giving Himself to us in the Eucharist, shares our same journey. To follow His path of service, of sharing, of giving – and what little we have, what little we are, if shared, becomes wealth. The power of God transforms our poverty.

Discipleship, communion and sharing. Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist moves us always to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion, to share with Him and with our neighbour who we are. Then our lives will be Eucharistic Celebrations and be truly fruitful.

Fr. Tom

ACCESS TO MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES

I am pleased to advise of the following:

- **WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES.** Weekday Masses and Communion Services have now resumed as per the 'pre-Corona' liturgy schedule (Masses: Tues-Fri at 8am; Communion Services: Mon at 8am and Sat at 9am).
- **LIMITED CAPACITY SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES have now resumed.** You will have to **Register** to attend the Sunday Mass, as these will be limited to **50 people**. Sunday Masses will 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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Young; Carrie Gatt; Michael Gay; Patrick Noone; Maddalena Ciacchiarelli; 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: John Bolster (1st anniv); Genserico Cocciolone (14th anniv); Michael, Elizabeth, Eugene, Patricia, Michael, Ethna and Jean Smyth; Patricia Cattle (10th anniv); Domenic Paparo (7th anniv); Patricia McLennan (7th anniv); Ante Cindric; Giuseppa Profilio (4th anniv); Ciaran Phelan (1st anniv - England); Simon-Peter Kolibac (14th anniv); Renzo Trinco (1st anniv); Carmelo Puglisi (14th anniv); Mary Quinn; Ellen Geaghan; Alois Spitzer; Mary Toohey; Beatrice Carter; Harry Lowe; Phillis Lyne; Margaret Moloney; Peter Dulihanty; Philomena Tracey; Patrick Gallagher; Tonino Battisto; Gertruda Misiaszek; Gilbert Dodds; Alan Byrne; Vincenza Paoella.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Damian King; Magda Cassis; 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.

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all Parishioners who have supported our Parish during the **2019-2020** financial year through Planned Giving (envelopes and credit card deductions) and those Parishioners who have supported by cash, bank transfers and **Tap and Go**.

Parishioners who contribute through the planned giving envelopes, the 2020/2021 envelopes will be available from the Narthex of the Church from **Sunday 14 June 2020**.

Receipts for the **2019-2020** Planned Giving will be available from the Narthex **Monday 13 July 2020**.

For those Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email parish@stpatismortlake.org.au and envelopes will be supplied to you or the credit card/direct debit process will be advised. Receipts are issued at the end of each Financial Year with Parishioners able to claim 30% of their planned giving contribution as a tax deduction.

Thank you.

Giving by Direct Debit can be effected through:

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 5015 0001

Reference: Your name.

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. 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.

Sketches have now been produced for the remediation of the green space. I attach the architect's and landscaper's initial **concept design** for the green space. I welcome your comments on it. 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.

➔ [Click here to view the Concept Design](#)