

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
28 June 2020

1895 – 2020

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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/stpatsmortlake



FIRST RECONCILIATION

This week (on Monday and Tuesday evenings) a total of 62 candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is an important step in their faith journey. We pray for the candidates, that they always know that they are loved, and that they always be gentle with themselves and others.

A special thank you to Bob Mayor and his team, for all the hard work they have done in preparing the candidates, and arranging for the parents to undertake the lessons at home during this lock-down period.

ACCESS TO MASSES

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). Register on sheet upon entry.
- **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

- A General Dispensation from attending Sunday Masses remains in place.
- **Online Masses** can be viewed through St Ambrose, Concord West –
<https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>
or
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings
2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2(R.)

(R) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel (R)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

GOSPEL (continued)

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ZOOM REFLECTION ON THE 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.

WE WELCOME AMELIA CHOWDHURY TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH

It is with joy that we will welcome Amelia Chowdhury into the Catholic faith at this Sunday's 10.30am Mass at St. Pat's.

Amelia and her fiancé have been with me on the journey now for some time, learning about the faith – in between her busy schedule of taking her doctors examinations and preparing a wedding. Amelia and Brian be assured of our prayers for you both and blessings on this day Amelia.

Fr. Tom

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.

THE ETHICS OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEMS IN A POST COVID WORLD

During this 'lock-down' period we have been inundated with news. I personally have found myself tuning out to much of the news. However, I have been interested to read what potential effect this crisis may have on our economic outlook and the ethics surrounding how we as a nation seek to structure our economy. If we as Catholics, believe in a "preferential option for the poor" (that is – caring for the poor is everyone's responsibility), as being foundational to our identity as followers of Christ, this should necessarily flow on to how our economy is structured. Pope Francis has repeatedly called for greater discourse on this issue, asking us to look for more just and equitable economic systems that embrace and empower the poor and marginalised.

The below linked article is from Sydney Business Insights from the University of Sydney Business School. SBI seeks to promote discussion on major issues and trends. I commend the article to you, as these are important discussions needed in our society, especially at this time.

What the 'new post-Covid economic order' will look like, we don't know. The threat of the rise of an unhealthy, intensified nationalism and populism also poses risks. We know things have changed in a real way, but perhaps we can make our systems fairer in this recalibration. This is a worthy discourse for us all to be engaged in. **Fr. Tom**

<https://sbi.sydney.edu.au/from-neo-liberalism-to-neo-keynesianism/>

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal is asking for your assistance for those in need. Due to restrictions we are unable to run the regular envelope and bucket collection this year and we are asking you to support those in need by donating to the [Appeal on the St Vincent de Paul website](#). **For those unable to access the website or uncomfortable donating online, there will be envelopes at the back of the church at St Patrick's. You can deposit your envelope into the Poor Box at the back of the church**, at the parish office, or place it in the beige locked letterbox outside the Presbytery.

Winter Appeal Link: donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/covid-19-emergency-appeal-nsw **Thank you.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Baby Pasquale Romeo; Josephine Grech; Marion Edwards; Annette Sidgreaves; Bill Young; Carrie Gatt; Michael Gay; Patrick Noone; Thorcuato Herrero; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Coulson (1st anniv); Angelo Piccin; Alexis & Walter Goh; George, Gregory & Brian Clarke; John Abrahams; Frank Snr 8th anniv); Frank Jnr Arcella (8th anniv); Maria Gioello (19th anniv); Christine Molyneux; John Bolster (1st anniv); Genserico Cocciolone (14th anniv); Michael, Elizabeth, Eugene, Patricia, Michael, Ethna and Sean 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); Ivy McCarthy; Vincent Manners; Desmond Reidy; Fr Kevin McCarthy; Winifred Fay; Dorothy Foley; Roy Tracey; Sylvia Vassallo; Mildred Davis; Norma Johnston; James Northey; Ellen Watterson; Marcus Morgan; Kevin Rigby; Emmengildo (Gil) Cocco;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Sandra Riley; Damian King; Mihael Novacic; Magda Cassis; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Paul Dovico; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Casey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta.

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

THANK YOU - PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to all Parishioners who have supported our Parish during the **2019-2020** financial year.

Parishioners who contribute through the **planned giving envelopes, the 2020/2021 envelopes are now available from the Narthex of the Church.** 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. Giving by Direct Debit can be effected through:

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 5015 001

Reference: <your name>

PARISH GREEN SPACE REMEDICATION WORKS

GREEN SPACE: 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 on 9743 1017 or email: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

Concept Design:

www.stpatismortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/St.Pats-Mortlake-Parish-Green-Concept.pdf

PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

We welcome baby Isaiah Pencev and his Dad, Martin Pencev, who are both to be baptised into the St. Pat's Community this weekend. Congratulations to both baby Isaiah and Martin - welcome to St. Pat's!!

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back our beloved 'Bingo Group', who are re-emerging for a Communion Service and Morning Tea on Monday in the hall. Great to have you back!!