

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Holy Trinity
Sunday
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"Jesus goes Fishing with Friends"
by Sonia from Kindergarten

DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING MASS

At this time, with limited capacity to attend Masses, we are asked to consider our health and that of others. During this time, **Catholics are granted a dispensation from the Sunday obligation of attending Mass**. The Catechism specifically provides that 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"** (see Catholic Catechism #2180 & #2181.)

If you are unable to attend Mass you may like to watch Mass online at: www.stambrose.org.au

ST PAT'S MORTLAKE ACCESS TO MASSES & COMMUNION SERVICES

I am pleased to advise of the following moving forward:

- **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 Monday at 8am and Saturday 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**. 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)

TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the fundamental teaching of the Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptised. One God, Three Divine Persons. It is indeed a great mystery of our faith. Today we invoke the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to guide our lives.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

34: 4-6,8-9

The Lord God Ruler of all, merciful and loving

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Daniel 3: 52-56. R v 52

R: Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of

St Paul to the Corinthians

Corinthians 2 Cor 13: 11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to John 3;16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. PAT's PARISH PROFILE – An Opportunity for us to read The '*Signs of the Times*' in our Parish

This week I received details of our **St. Pat's, Mortlake Parish Social Profile** (*click link to view: [Mortlake Parish Social Profile](#)*). The profile is generated mostly from information obtained through the 2016 Government Census and compiled by the Australian Bishops Conference. It provides a valuable insight into the parish demographics here at St. Pat's, Mortlake and is a useful tool in allowing us to examine and better understand our local community and assess its needs.

I commend the report to you to review, contemplate and for each one of us as parishioners, to ask ourselves – ***'How can I, though my parish of St. Patrick's, better serve this community of faith.'***

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR PARISH (2016):

- **Total Population within parish boundaries: 11,326**
- **Catholic Population: 4,415**
- **Catholics make up 39 per cent of the total population**
- **Median age of Catholics is 42 years**
- **Total Catholic families: 1,617**
- **298 Catholics live alone**
- **1,091 Catholics were born overseas**
- **118 Catholics do not speak English well**
- **165 Catholics need assistance with core activities**
- **1,541 Catholics have changed address since 2011**

Whilst I have not yet had an opportunity to thoroughly review the Parish Social Profile, three standouts initially struck me.

- i. The median age of the parish is 42 years old.
- ii. There are 165 people who require assistance with core activities, and a rising number of individuals (14.5%) who provide unpaid assistance to people with disabilities.
- iii. There is a rising number of single parent families as well as divorced and separated couples.

In order for our parish to be truly missionary and an outreach to people, this information is useful in formulating how we best respond to people's needs. An aspect of the Second Vatican Council was that it sought to emphasise that the Church must read the '***Signs of the Times***' to be an effective missionary body of Christ. To reach out to those of faith, and those of no faith, where they are at in their life journey, and to walk with them. Through this, we can then assess and review how our varied parish groups of: Social Committee; Pastoral Care; Youth Ministry; Adult Education; St. Vincent de Paul; etc., can make the message of Jesus Christ best heard in our parish. This link provides an explanation of the existing parish ministries and the tremendous work they undertake: [St.Pats-Volunteer-Groups](#).

I encourage you to review the [Mortlake Parish Social Profile](#) and welcome any comments you may have on it. The link is: <https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/2016-Parish-Social-Profiles/01-Sydney/Mortlake.pdf>

Fr Tom.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Young; 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: 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); Winifred Harrison; Gemina Simpson; Joan McGlynn; Teresa Sam; Robert White; Annie Parsons; Stella Parnell; Ellen Emerson; John Kingsley; Joseph Fernandes; John Sweetman; Ellen O'Neil; William Walsh; James Dunleavy; Annie Duffy; Teresa Summons; Philip Sullivan; William Bourke; James Tracey; Lavinia Veitch; Patricia Cattle; Michael Davis; Patrick Walsh; Veronica Hilliard; Alice Harnett.

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

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.**

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. 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 (02) 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

PARISH GREEN SPACE REMEDATION 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.