

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
2 August 2020

1895 – 2020

Parish Administrator: Fr. Tom Stevens
Parish Secretary: Brenda Johnston

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Phone: (02) 9743 1017
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Website: www.stpatsmortlake.org.au

Sunday Mass Times: **THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 8 AUGUST.**
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.
Limit of 50 ppl. (See note below)

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

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY
LEADER POSITION**

The Parish Youth Ministry is looking for a volunteer candidate who is interested in taking on the very important role of our parish Youth Ministry Leader.

The role's main focus is to encourage the youth of the parish to become involved in the life of the church and build relationships with other youth around the same age.

Some of the key activities include: organising social events for the youth group (such as pizza and movie nights); organising Sunday Masses in which the youth group participate; as well as representing the Youth Ministry at the Parish Council meetings.

If you are interested in learning more about the role, or wish to apply, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or send an email thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

We would love to hear from you!

NEW SUNDAY MASS BOOKING SYSTEM
REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

A new automated online booking system is now in place and available for Mass bookings,
<https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

New Mass times available:

- **Please Note: There will be no 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 8 August, for this week only.**
- **Sunday Masses - 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.**



Numbers remain limited to 50 people per Mass.

- Bookings can be made up to 2 wks in advance.
- No need to bring your ticket to Mass as your details will be pre-registered.
- Bookings can also be made by telephone with the Parish Secretary on Tuesday and Friday's in office hours, for those unable to book online. Telephone bookings must be made by Fri. 2pm

WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES & COMMUNION

SERVICES REMAIN unchanged. Please register on the sheet upon entry, no need to pre-register.

- **A General Dispensation** from attending Sunday Masses remains in place.
- **Online Masses:**
<https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 8:35. 37-39

*No creature can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

- (R.) **The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**
1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
 2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all
his deeds.
He is close to all who call him
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*
Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot.
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and
he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,

GOSPEL (continued)

'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

**"THERE IS NO NEED FOR THEM TO GO:
GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT
YOURSELVES."**

(Mt 14:16)

Matthew's Gospel of the feeding of the 5,000 is probably one of the best-known episodes of Jesus' life. We've all heard it: when at school; probably acted it out at some stage; discussed it; for centuries wives, in frustration, have referred to it when their husband's uninvited guests come to dinner why it even pops up in one of my favourite Johnny Cash songs. We know Jesus in this Gospel passage acts to provide comfort to the multitude in a time of uncertainty and has power over all created things.

The challenge of Matthew's Gospel is not only in seeking to assure us of God's love – **but in ensuring that we love one another, as God loves us.** The loaves and fishes' miracle isn't supposed to act solely as an abstract "Godly work" over created things, which we as humans are to marvel at the wonder and power of God. Jesus is trying to show us how to live a most fulfilled life, a life of loving service of others.

In today's Gospel we see the disciples wanting to send the people away, for them to look after themselves.

The disciples fail to understand the essence of Jesus's work here is to build community and to care for each other.

Jesus didn't want the people to be scattered, he wanted them united. Jesus directly challenges the disciples, when he says **"Give them something to eat yourselves."** Jesus hopes that his prior example would spur the disciples into action. But it didn't. The disciples respond by looking at the purely physical dimension of what they have *"All we have with us is five loaves and two fish"*.

They, like us, fail to enact Jesus's message on their own. **The charity of Christ is to be imitated by us.** To care, comfort and support each other. **The miracle then is indeed twofold – physical yes, but also the miracle of living a life in love and support for each other. To do as Jesus has done.**

Fr Tom

'ALPHA' YOUTH IS HERE

What is it?? It's not a youth group, it's a free meal, a video, discussion, dessert, place of no judgement, ask anything, a journey with fellow young people.

Everyone Welcome. Invite Friends!

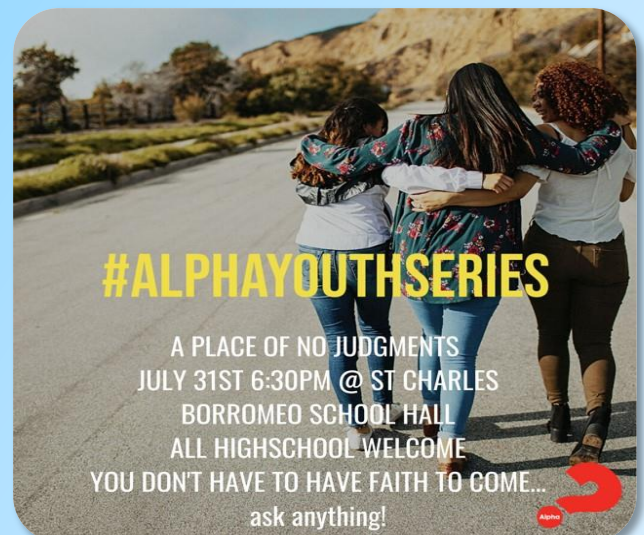
When: Friday 7 August 6:30pm – 8:30pm

at St Charles Borromeo School Hall Ryde.

Goes for 4 Friday evenings. Age guide: 14-20yo.

BOOK & WATCH CLIP: <https://bit.ly/3iCaZ09>

For more information: contact Ryde parish youth coordinator
Jemille West on: 0405 739 444 or youth@rgcp.org.au



RECENTLY DECEASED: Alf Sidlauskas; Maureen Hyde; Joyce Kelly; Peter Burnicle; Michele Vezza; Peter Doyle; Noeleen Smith; Maria Ow; Denise Kazanuk; Baby Pasquale Romeo; Jose Teran; Lam S Chan O'Young; Josephine Grech; Marion Edwards; Annette Sidgreaves; Bill Young; Carrie Gatt; Michael Gay; Patrick Noone; Thorcuato Herrero; Maddalena Ciacciarelli; Lynette Monaro; Pamela Ryan; Maria Luisa Segui; Fr. Peter Morrissey; Matthew Speers; Anita Johnson; Sr Sybille Colborne RSM; Andrew Deans; Audrey Vertannes; Gary Traill; Samira Hanna; John Walker; George Cepak; Michael Geoghegan; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Dix; Gloria Brown; Elizabeth Johansen; Antonio Mandile; Silvana Criscione; Giuseppe De Meio (41st anniv); Pina Bianca (2nd anniv); Favero and Peruzzi Families; Joe Dennis; Angelo Falgiatori; Eyvonne Hurrell; Giuseppe De Meio; : Gil Cocco (13th anniv); John Coulson (1st anniv); Angelo Piccin; Alexis & Walter Goh; George, Gregory & Brian Clarke; John Abraham.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Nico Relton; Paul Northey; Jacqueline; John Hawley; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Brian Flynn; Sandra Riley; Damian King; Mihael Novacic; Magda Cassis; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; 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.

BAPTISM BOOKINGS

Parish Baptisms will re-commence from Sunday 9 August at 11.45am. Baptisms will be limited to 15 people in each family, including the child, parents and godparents. Baptisms will be at 11.45am in either the Church or in the parish gardens. Please contact the Parish Secretary for all enquiries.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Mortlake this year at two 10:30am Sunday morning Masses on the **13th and 20th of September.**

There will be four weeks of compulsory instruction, to prepare the candidates which will commence on **Monday 10th August** in the parish hall in Gale St Mortlake from 4.15pm – 5.15pm.

The instruction and Masses will be conducted strictly with social distancing and other Covid-19 requirements.

If you wish to nominate a candidate, please contact Robert Mayor via email at mayor2411@gmail.com or Phone 0418 228 689.

<https://www.stpatismortlake.org.au/sacraments/holy-communion/>

READERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND LITURGIES

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday is a privileged and important ministry in the Church.

We are now looking for volunteers of all ages for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday Vigil; Sunday Masses: 9.00am; 10.30am and 6.00pm.

If you wish to volunteer please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or parish@stpatismortlake.org.au with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read. Training will be provided.

PARISH FINANCES

For 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 done via:

BANK TRANSFER

BSB: 062 784

Account Number: 5015 001

Reference: <your name>