

**Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake**

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
5 July 2020**

1895 – 2020

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Parish Secretary: Brenda Johnston

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Website: www.stpatsmortlake.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/stpatsmortlake

**JOSE TERAN - 102yo PARISHIONER,
CALLED HOME TO GOD**

On Wednesday, we celebrated the life of our oldest parishioner, Jose Teran, with a Requiem Mass here at St. Pat's. Jose died last week. He was 102 years. He had been widowed since 2013, when his dear wife, Eva passed away.

He and Eva migrated to Australia from Ecuador in 1972. They brought with them 7 of their 8 children, having lost one child in Ecuador. Jose had 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He lived in the Concord area and close to St Pat's Parish all of his time in Australia. Jose was a Master Carpenter, first working in a furniture factory but spending most of his working years in Australia as a carriage and wagon builder for NSW Railways.

A remarkable life. A life of faith and love. Thanks to Denise Norman, parishioner, who for some 10 years, would pick up Jose, and drive him to the 9am Sunday Mass here at St. Pat's.

Farewell good and gentle man.



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](https://www.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/covid-19-emergency-appeal-nsw). **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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

- (R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.
1. I will give you glory, O God my King
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

GOSPEL (continued)

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ACCESS TO MASSES – St. Pat's still limited to 50 people maximum

Even with relaxed restrictions in NSW coming into force from 1 July – due to the limited floor space of our Church, we will remain at a maximum of 50 people. This will remain in place until the distancing restrictions are lifted.

Process for attending Masses:

- 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 thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

General Dispensation from attending Sunday Masses remains in place.

Online Masses

<https://www.stambrose.org.au/on-line-masses/>

"COME, LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM HUMBLE AND GENTLE IN HEART" (Mt:11:29)

Matthew's Gospel theme this week continues with Jesus telling his followers that it is in living a simple, humble and caring life, that we find joy. Matthew's Gospel says: *"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children."* Jesus is not saying, intelligence and learning is to be dismissed, but warns against what they can inadvertently do to us – they can make us full of pride, ego and hubris, when they are not viewed in light of being a gift from God. Pride and ego can make us detached from life's realities, to see ourselves as superior in some way to others. We need to always retain the thirst for knowledge and truth, with a childlike inquisitiveness. To be open to ideas and experiences. To see God's work in the new and unknown. As humans we try to pigeon hole and urbanise God. Children in their thirst for life, knowledge and truth, do not.

This week in our parish 62 children received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A tremendous Sacrament, often misunderstood, and sometimes even dismissed by adults as: 'unnecessary'; 'outdated'; or 'something Mum and Dad did'. The beauty in the theology of Reconciliation is in recognising something that is wrong, and gently acknowledging that. We are then asked to make amends and seek God's forgiveness, which our loving God, we know, gives freely. I think perhaps the important aspect we unfortunately may skip over, is the question – **Do I then FORGIVE MYSELF after I have been to Reconciliation?**

The children this week knew that this Sacrament in the Church was special. On the night of their First Reconciliation, the children knew that God loves them, that they can always be forgiven. We as adults need to realise this too. That there is always a pathway back, in any relationship, workplace, habit or addictive behaviour, we may have procured over the years. Forgiveness and Redemption are the cornerstone of our faith. I thank Bob Mayor and his team, as well as the parents and guardians of the children, for preparing the candidates so beautifully.

Forgiveness and Love. **Fr Tom**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noeleen Smith; Denise Kazanuk; Baby Pasquale Romeo; Jose Teran; 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; Gary Traill; Samira Hanna; John Walker; George Cepak; Michael Geoghegan; Raffaele Melizza (Italy); Maureen Johnson; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gil Cocco (13th anniv); 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, Giuseppa Profilio (4th anniv);

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: 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.

ZOOM REFLECTION ON THE GOSPELS

You are invited to join in weekly short sessions listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. Sessions are emailed to you prior and go for 40 minutes, Tuesday nights at 7pm. Please email: thejourney.smn@gmail.com or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.

PARISH GREEN SPACE REMEDIATION 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](#). I welcome your comments on it. Should you have any thoughts on this project please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

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

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@stpatsmortlake.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>

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.