

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
20 September 2020

1895 – 2020

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.  
Limit of 50 people (see below).

Weekday Services:

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

Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday

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

Facebook:  www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION CANDIDATES



Congratulations to the children who are receiving their **First Holy Communion** today at the 10.30am Mass. It is a special day in their faith journey, allowing them to participate more fully in the Mass.

Those receiving their First Communion today are:

*Dion Biviano; Marcus Biviano; Amelia Civitarese; Nicholas Craus; Liam Dixon; Sean Dixon; Christian Libro; Meeka Maxwell; Sienna Pizzinga; Jessica Sacco; Ashlee Serra; Ruby Polifroni.*

Thank you to the parishioners and teachers at St. Pat's Primary School for leading the instruction of the children. Special thanks to Bob Mayor our Sacramental Coordinator, Ashleigh Cameron, Gabby Shelhot, Shanna Howe, Sinead Kent, Camilla Vozzo and Denise Norman.

Thank you also to the parents and guardians of the children – the family unit is the First Church. A special thanks also to those parents/ guardians who might not be of the Catholic faith, for supporting your child and family in growing in their Faith.

Know that our Faith sustains us throughout our life. You are part of the St Pat's Mortlake community and I pray you always find Peace and Joy here.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

Join us at 9am or if you cannot join us in person, you can click on the link below and listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week the Gospel is all about being treated fairly - I wonder if our idea of fairness is the same as Jesus'? Join us and see...

Fr Tom Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<https://youtu.be/d2nitXSvmGM>

Is this story about being **FAIR** or is it about being **GENEROUS**? Do you think that the man was fair or generous? You might like to talk about this at home as a family. The man actually did pay each worker exactly what they agreed to work for, but most of us would feel that this was not fair.

This story tells us that God promises to treat us all the same from the moment we choose to follow him. If we are young or old, we receive the same love from Jesus. God is very generous with us.

This week as a family you might try some of these suggestions:

- **Be generous!** Buy an extra item this week if you go shopping together and donate it to your local St Vincent de Paul.
- **Do something in your community!** Is there something happening in your community that is unfair or needs to change? Get involved. Write a letter. Maybe the pedestrian crossing campaign in the newsletter could be a family focus.

**Thank you** for joining us again this week, we hope you are enjoying this new way of connecting, you can send in an email with your finished activities each week for our display window.

Join the Holy Tales Kids on [https://youtu.be/hhukTnG61\\_4](https://youtu.be/hhukTnG61_4) to listen to the Gospel again. We hope you enjoy this new link, any feedback would be most welcome, please email Sinéad at [skent00@gmail.com](mailto:skent00@gmail.com)

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 55:6-9

**My thoughts are not your thoughts.**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

**The Word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
Phil 1:20-24. 27

**For me to live is Christ.**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

**(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Mt 20:1-16

**Why are you jealous because I am generous?**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.

**GOSPEL (continued)**

Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too."

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

If any child (girls and boys) 8yo and over would like to assist in serving the Sunday Mass, can the parents please contact or speak to Fr Tom.

Assisting with the serving at Mass is a great means of: prayer; serving our local faith community; and having children learn about the rich nature of our liturgy.

Training will be provided.

Registration sheets can be collected at the Church entrances or parents can call Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

**BAPTISM THIS WEEK**

We welcome Adriano Carioti, Marcello Genca and Evelyn Heymans in Baptism this week may you all grow in Faith (and Weight!) with us all here at St Pat's.

**Peace and Joy!!**

**SAINTS' FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** St Matthew,  
**Wednesday:** St Pius of Pietrelcina  
**Saturday:** St Cosmas and St Damian

**GARDENING**

Would you like to join the volunteer Gardeners Team?

**New members are very welcome.**  
 This group waters and maintains the garden plants.



For all enquires please ring Brenda on 9743 1017 Tuesday or Friday 9.00-3.00pm or email: [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.org.au)

**FAMILY EDUCATOR POSITIONS VACANT**

Sydney Catholic Schools are looking for Faith Filled Individuals to join their Family Educator project in Primary Schools across Sydney.

Please watch the attached recruitment video and if you think this is you we would love you to apply!

<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/careers/job-vacancies>



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jimmy Smyth (Ireland); Eileen Burt (UK); Tom Bourne; Vincent Aquilina; Eileen Matthews; Joseph Bezzina; John Hourigan; Giulio Corte; Marie Verschuer; Dot Lawrence; Michelina Masi (Italy); Gloria Gaymer; Damian King; Linda De Martin; Melchor Munoz (Spain); Anne Cowper; Michael Paul; Augusta Leon Ramirez; Barry Peterson; 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:** Giovanni (John) Profilio; Jim Rodda, Carmen Bonnici; Charles Xuereb; Mary Bolster; Trevor Gale; Giuseppe De Meio; Thomas Delahunty; Alfred Smith; Tony Neylan; Domenico & Concetta Severino; Romeo & Anna Dovico; Dot Casey; Guido Natale (11 anniv); Paul Griffin (3 anniv); Matteo Di Pasquantonio (1st anniv); George Cepak; Margaret Dix; Gloria Brown; Elizabeth Johansen; Antonio Mandile; Silvana Criscione.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Samuel Kubyk; Nico Relton; Paul Northey; Jacqueline; John Hawley; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Brian Flynn; Sandra Riley; Magda Cassis; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Coleman; Tang.

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

### PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving, please email [parish@stpatmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatmortlake.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>

### MOBILITY SCOOTER

Red four wheeled mobility scooter available to good home. Will take up to 120 kgs. Useful to visit friends, local shopping or going to Church. Just call Pauline on 0413 654 087

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of the utmost importance. The safeguarding office can be contacted on 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

### 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>

**ALL PARISHIONERS are now encouraged to wear face masks during Mass.**

#### New Mass times available:

- **Saturday Vigil 6pm**
- **Sunday 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.**



#### Numbers remain limited to 50 people per Mass.

- Bookings can be made up to 2 weeks 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. Telephone bookings must be made by Friday 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/>