

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
18 October 2020

1895 – 2020

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

Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am.
- 8am Weekday: COMMUNION SERVICES (20-23 ONLY)

Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday

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



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Celebrating 125 Years 1895-2020

2020 marks 125 years since the beginning of St Patrick's Parish Mortlake. Since our earliest days, we have been blessed and enriched by priests, religious sisters and families who have made their home in Mortlake, and have made St Patrick's their parish. The faith, energy and commitment of the early Irish settlers has flourished, and successive generations of people from many different cultures and nationalities have contributed to the wonderfully diverse and vibrant parish community we share today.

Just as 2020 is a year we will never forget, 1895 is a focal point in the life of St Patrick's Parish. It is when we began, and the passing of time weaves the threads of our story across the years – the highs and lows, opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows. These significant personal, spiritual and communal events in our history have been captured beautifully in Damian Gleeson's new book:

An Enduring Flame

St Patrick's Mortlake 1885-2020
An Irish-Australian working class community

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Damian John Gleeson specialises in Irish-Australian historical research. Damian has written a number of parish histories including the 2017 award winning publication, *The Rock of St George*. Damian is a past president of the Australian Catholic Historical Society and an active member of the *Silvermines Historical Journal*, County Tipperary, Ireland.

TO ORDER A COPY

Please contact the parish on

9743 1017 or email : parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

**WEEKDAY COMMUNION
SERVICES REPLACE
WEEKDAY MASES**
From Tuesday to Friday
20th to 23rd October

Fr Tom will be away from the parish next week. Communion Services will replace the weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday (20-23 October).

The parish secretary can be contacted on Tuesday and Friday (9am-3pm) for all enquiries.

**VOLUNTEER WALKERS
WANTED**

We will shortly be carrying out a letter drop of all households in our parish. If you are a regular walker and would like to volunteer to assist in dropping off envelopes to households, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

A book celebrating the
125th anniversary of St
Patrick's, Mortlake.

Cost - \$25

A great read!

A wonderful gift idea!

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church
in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and
peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith
in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that
you have been chosen, because when we
brought the Good News to you, it came to you
not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Click on the link below and listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel especially for children and families who cannot attend our Children's Liturgy during our 9am Sunday Mass.

This week the Gospel is all about being 1st, or the best!! We all like to come first, be the best at things and to feel important. But Jesus always makes us think differently.

Let us see what Jesus has to say!!!

Gospel of Matthew read by Fr Tom:

<https://youtu.be/21Pe9exttDc>

God does not cause problems for us. God is the reason that we are happy. If we put God first, everything else will be ok. Maybe this week you could think about ways that you can put God first in your life.

Chatterbox Craft: Chiara, who is one of our youth leaders, has created a video for you showing you how to make a Chatterbox. Click on the link below and have fun with your family and friends. **Thank you, Chiara.**

https://youtu.be/yK8zBTf_4mQ

SAINTS FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Sts John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues;
St Paul of the Cross
Thursday: St John Paul II
Friday: St John of Capistrano
Saturday: St Anthony Mary Claret

**Family Activity**

As a family you might like to:

- Make a poster/picture with 10 reasons why we should praise God. Bring it to church next week we can display it for everyone to see.
- Write a prayer to say each day about Jesus and other people who are Number 1 in your life.

Get in the Groove with Jesus: Have some fun as you sing and dance along:

<https://youtu.be/nfcxVgrVgpo>

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>

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING

The Social Ministry committee meets three or four times a year to prepare a calendar of events and activities that are designed to encourage Parish participation in a more informal social environment.

All Parishioners are invited to attend these events, and everyone is very welcome.

Some of the activities and services provided include:

- Bus Trips and Excursions
- The First Holy Communion Breakfast
- Confirmation Supper
- Healing Mass Brunch
- The Parish Dinner
- Special Parish Celebrations that require Social committee support
- Weekly Bingo
- Communion Services and Pastoral Care Visitations

For more information or to become involved, please contact **Anne Manenti** on 8765 8260 or email manenti@ihug.com.au

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY HAS GONE DIGITAL!

With the **Catholic Weekly** returning to print, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile.

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CAN YOU ASSIST OUR VOLUNTEER GARDENERS?

Our gardening team has asked if anyone has any unwanted plant pots (plastic, ceramic, or terracotta, up to 30cm in height) and are happy to give the pots a new home at the parish.

Please feel free to bring the pots up to the parish and leave them by the shed on the parish green. Our gardening team thank you in advance.



'SPRING' PARENTS EVENING

**A chat and meal in the Presbytery,
Wednesday 28 October: 6-7:30pm**

I would like to start a small (Covid friendly) gathering of parents/ guardians of children to meet monthly in the presbytery to share and discuss your thoughts, joys and struggles on parenting in these times of high stress.

There is a lot currently being placed on those with parenting duties in these times, and given the last government Census data for our area showing a growing need for parental support, I'm inviting ALL parents (in the many forms we come in): single; married; de facto; same sex attracted; grandparents heavily involved in care- all parents are welcome to come, have a chat and casual meal on a lovely spring evening in the presbytery.

Your children are welcome to come along and play in the yard or watch a movie, with child minding provided here in the parish on the night, as we share a meal in what will be a relaxed informal setting.

So, if you are free on **Wednesday, 28 October from 6-7.30pm and keen for a casual evening to chat about parenting - I'd love to meet and listen to you.**

Numbers will be limited to 12, and all Covid restrictions followed. **To register please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org**



Pope's Encyclical on Fraternity & Social Friendship

Pope Francis' new encyclical ***Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship***, issues a strong challenge to xenophobia and an exaggerated focus on national self-interest. It encourages social and economic inclusion at all levels and stresses that all human beings are sisters and brothers, members of one human family. This is a timely message for us all.

Vatican News reported that **"The Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti* is about love and attention – the kind of attention that brings a broken and bleeding world back to health. It is a social meditation on the Good Samaritan, who recognises love and attention as the preeminent law, and models for us creative social friendship."** "Pope Francis asks us to gaze at the world similarly, such that we come to see the basic, indispensable relation of all things and people, near and far. In its simplicity of call, *Fratelli tutti* is a devastating challenge to our ecological, political, economic, and social life. But above all it is a proclamation of an ineradicable, joyful truth, presented here as a well-spring for a fatigued world."

The full text can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

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.

Safeguarding

Support Officers: Marie Piccin
Brenda Johnston

Sacramental

Program Facilitator: Bob Mayor

Children's

Liturgy Facilitator: Sinead Kent

RECENTLY DECEASED: Audrey Clark; Joseph Triganza; Bernard Trinco; Ersilia Miracola; Franco Calligaro; Gaetana Salvaggio; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland); Eileen Burt (UK); Tom Bourne; Vincent Aquilina; Eileen Matthews; Joseph Bezzina; John Hourigan; Giulio Corte; Marie Verschuer; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Maria Cremona; Alvaro Bianchi; Lucy Cindric (16th anniv); Giovanni Palumbo; Giovanni Manenti; Gil Cocco; Nell & Ron Peak; George Gioiello (16th anniv); Nell & Ron Peak; Members of the Walker family; Carmelo Pugisi; Finola & Denis O'Sullivan; George Gioiello; Adrian Moore (6 anniv); 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: Anthony Cocco; **Rene Schmitt**; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton;; Barbara Clark; Billy Brandt; Sandra Riley; Jean Morton; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Kevin Walker; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; Clare Coleman; The Tang Family; Leon Booth; Els Heymans & Family.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

We welcome Babies Henry Watkins, Laura Ciacciarelli, Grace Stevenson and Isabella Brooks,

May you all grow in Faith with us here at St Pat's
Peace and Joy!!

BINGO GROUP IS BACK!

It was with great joy that we welcomed the Bingo Group back last Monday, after almost some 7 months absence. It was great to see your familiar faces and the hear the melodic cries of **"BINGO"** or **"TOMBOLA"!!!**

Special thanks to Anne Manenti and her team of ladies for working so hard in bringing this about and for the cuppa afterwards.

It was great to have everyone back!! **Thank You.**

ZOOM MEETING

REFLECTING ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

You are invited and encouraged to join in listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. It will be for 1-hour Tuesday nights, 7pm.

A new session commenced on Tuesday 6th October. The sessions will be emailed to you each week with some clear directions on joining in.

Please email: thejourney.smn@gmail.com or contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350.





ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MORTLAKE

Annual Animal Blessing

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 2020 - ALL SAINTS DAY

Together with your pet, join us for our special
Outdoor Family Mass at 10.30am.

Due to Covid Restrictions, numbers at Mass will be limited so,
Father Tom will remain in the Parish Parklands until 1pm to
Bless all of Gods creatures.

Registration for Mass open 18 October 2020 at
<https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

No pre-registration required for blessings after Mass.



A WORTHY READ – COLUMBAN BULLETIN

Looking for some extra spiritual reading?

I often find the Columban bulletin an interesting read. The Columbans are a missionary society of priests who work in cooperation with lay people and Columban Sisters in 16 countries from a standpoint of solidarity with the poor and integrity of creation. Formally founded in 1918, St Columbans Mission Society takes its name from St Columban, Ireland's 6th missionary.

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/newsletters-and-bulletins/columban-bulletin/>

VOLUNTEERS TO PAINT BENCHES

If anyone would like to paint one of the benches outside the parish hall, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or email: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

PRAYER FOR CAREGIVERS

Loving Father, help me as I care for others to have your heart, the heart of a loving Father who cares deeply for these beautiful people.

Please bless the work of my hands as I tend to physical needs, inspire my words as I offer comfort and support, and strengthen my heart to always seek to love.

I lay before you the weariness I can feel, the challenges I face and the suffering I share in.

Abba Father be my carer as I seek to give out your blessings to those in need.

Amen.

A 'SNEAK PEAK' inside the PARISH HISTORY BOOK – 'AN ENDURING FLAME'

In the first of a series of articles in the lead-up to next month's exciting release of the parish's official history, our historian, Damian Gleeson provides a brief overview of the earliest events in St Patrick's history between 1885 and 1895.

2020 is the 125th anniversary of St Patrick's Church, which when constructed in 1895 was originally less than half the current size. It was also the only Catholic Church built in Sydney during the 1890s economic depression that was debt free thanks to a bequest from Dean Callaghan McCarthy of the Burwood (now Concord) Parish and the generosity of so many early Irish working-class members, especially the Callaghan, McNeeve, McCarthy, Moloney, and Toohey families.

Given 1895 is such a key date in our parish's history, why does the sub-title of our parish history, *An Enduring Flame*, refer to 1885? The inclusion of 1885 is intentional as a means of giving due recognition to the earliest development of a Catholic community at Mortlake. From 1885 poor Irish immigrants and their families began to settle at Mortlake, often in small shanty cottages in what was then called New Burwood Road (now Gale Street), or in Lake Street (which would be taken over by the Australian Gas Light Company), or in Edwin and Mortlake Streets, for example.

Given the scarcity of housing at Mortlake, quite a few Irish labourers lived at Burwood, including at several public houses, and thus their 'abode' is listed as Burwood when their children were baptised at St Mary's Concord. The first identifiable Mortlake family in terms of a baptism were the McFadden's, on 28 December 1886 Julia Catherine, the eldest child of James McFadden and Julia King was born at Mortlake.

'AN ENDURING FLAME' (continued)

Dean McCarthy baptised Julia at Concord on 16 January 1887. From the mid-1880s Dean McCarthy had identified the needs of this emerging Catholic population of Mortlake and the accompanying small villages of Riverview and Beaconsfield. He appreciated the transport distance and difficulties for those people living at the northern and eastern ends of the peninsular who wished to attend Mass at Concord.

1889 was a critical year in the lead-up to a Catholic Church at Mortlake. Through the dean's instigation, the Archdiocese of Sydney purchased land at Mortlake on 17 July 1889. The same year marked the first Mortlake district marriage: James Rourke, a native of County Kildare, Ireland, aged 27 and a labourer at the Gas Works, married Annie Giles, 18, a domestic servant on 21 September.

The Parish of St. Pat's Mortlake would like to thank the City of Canada Bay Council and Trevor Lee & Son funeral directors for supporting our 125 years Parish Celebrations.

