

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Thirty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
15 November 2020

1895 – 2020

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

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Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.

Limit of 50 people.

Register online for Mass at

➔ <https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or contact the office.

Weekday Services:

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is running their annual Christmas Appeal through November in 3 main areas listed below.

There are now baskets for donations for the hampers in the Church narthex. We are looking for festive foods such as hams, cakes, puddings and other staples that will allow the families to have a lovely Christmas dinner which they otherwise could not afford. Donations for the hampers will finish at the Sunday evening Mass of November 29th to be packed in early December for distribution.

To make Christmas bright, we will also be **hanging cards on the Parish Christmas tree for gift and toy donations.** These donations also need to be **finalised by November 29.**

Finally, we will be **running an envelope and bucket collection at Masses on the weekend of 21-22 November for financial contributions.** Thank you for any support you can give Vinnies at this time.

BOOK LAUNCH THIS SUNDAY

At 12 noon this Sunday the Parish history book will be launched by Msgr Usher. Unfortunately, due to Covid, numbers at the book launch itself are limited.

The Parish History book will be available for purchase at all Masses next weekend (21-22 Nov), and can also be ordered through Brenda, the parish secretary (details for how to order are on the back page of this bulletin).

Special thanks to Dr Damian Gleeson for his hard work and producing a quality publication of which we can all be proud. The book is a great gift idea for loved ones.

**THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS
FOR OUR 'SPRING CLEAN'**

A special thank you to the many hands that made light work of the 'Spring Clean' of the Church and Hall on Tuesday of this week. It was a lovely sunny day and there was good spirited 'banter' as we cleaned away.

(When doing tasks like this, I always think of the 7 Dwarfs from 'Snow White' working away bygones . . .)

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia



The Parable of the Talents

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

**Because you have been faithful over a few things,
enter into the joy of the Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

The Gospel of the Lord

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The church reminds us, particularly in November, to pray for those who have died. †

Here at St. Pat's you are invited to write the names of your deceased family members and friends on cards and place these cards in a basket which will be left at the foot of the altar during November.

There are now cards left in the Narthex and at the side entrance. Please take a card write your names on it and, when you come to the church, place this card in the basket at the foot of the altar.

Our family members and friends will be remembered as each Mass is celebrated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

15 November – 33rd SUNDAY

You are a GIFT! You have been given GIFTS from God to use every day.

Last week we talked about being ready to be with God. Does anyone remember how to be ready?

Let's hear what Fr Tom has to say to us this week about how we use our gifts and talents to honour him and show our gratitude for these gift or talents that we have been given.

Listen to what Fr Tom has to say about the Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21, and see what the servants do.

https://youtu.be/7FRAD-goe_k

It is our responsibility to use the gifts that God has given each of us to make the world a better place.

Activities for you to think about at home:

- Tell each person in your family the things that they are good at.
- Now think of ways that your family can use of these gifts and talents to help make the world a better place.
- If you are good at drawing then maybe draw a picture to send to someone who is sick.
- Make up a prayer to say each morning this week asking Jesus to stay in your heart all day and help you be close to him.
- Your family might like to come to 10.30am Mass next week when we welcome some special guests to our Mass and to Lunch from, David's Place.

A song about our gifts:

<https://youtu.be/G8vfPPfQ0bo>

Dream Big with Douglas:

<https://youtu.be/aJ1WZjQZDW4>

PARENTS DISCUSSION EVENING CHAT AND MEAL IN THE PRESBYTERY WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 6-7.30PM

Following our lovely evening and gathering of parents last month, **we are having another gathering of parents on Wednesday, 25 November in the presbytery.** This is part of the parish initiative to gather on a monthly basis with parents of the area and simply **share and discuss your thoughts, joys and struggles on parenting in these times.** Calling 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 also welcome to come along and play in the yard or hall, with child minding being provided for here in the parish, whilst we share a meal in what will be a relaxed informal setting.

So, if you're free on Wednesday, 25 November, 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 E: thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

CWF APPEAL

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** is happening this weekend. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

All parishes have been requested to assist and our quota here at St Pats is \$2,720. Any assistance is much appreciated.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer to credit card/direct debit, please email parish@stpatismortlake.org.au and envelopes will be supplied to you or 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 PG contribution as a tax deduction.

For those who wish to make contributions by **EFT transfer – details are:**
Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 5015 001
Reference: < your name or PG Number >

Banking

Would you have time to be part of a roster to count and bank weekly collections? If you would like to assist and be added to the roster please email stpatismortlake@gmail.com Banking occurs during Parish Office hours (Tuesday or Friday) each week and you would need to allow approx. 1 ½ to 2 hours for the task of counting and depositing the funds. Banking is always undertaken by two people.

EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL JOB – WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE TRAINEE

This new role with a Mortlake based company would suit a school leaver or recent school leaver. The role requires a keen and proactive warehouse and office trainee to learn and assist with the business operations of Dentaureum, a global leader in orthodontic and prosthetic products and supplier to dental practices and hospitals. The role will expand to form a solid, long term career opportunity. Importantly, this position is offered with a 1 (one) Year Traineeship undertaking a Certificate III in Business however, we are keen to take on someone who is looking for long term career opportunity. **To apply and for more information please contact: Kevin Ferrari, Director. Dentaureum Australia Pty Ltd. ferrari@dentaureum.com.au. Tel: 9743 4811**

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE(Where are the Aussie crabs and wombats?)**In Advent last year Fr. Tom wrote:**

'One of the highlights of my time spent in Rome was the anticipation of seeing various Nativity scenes unveiled around the city. It was a subtle public display of faith. I was especially fond of the personalised local touches the Nativity scenes included. I recall one Nativity scene having crabs, a Mediterranean seal and the famous swarming starlings of Rome.

I think we need to include a platypus, wombat and kangaroo in our own nativity scene. Or perhaps Nativity scene characters that symbolise: a refugee; a widow(er); a lonely husband or wife; an addict; a cancer patient; a corrupt official, etc. The Christmas message is that God is in the midst of all our anxiety and messiness.

This is where you come in!!

This year we wish to set up a crib scene in the narthex but we will need your help. Do you have any statues we could add to St. Pat's nativity scene?

If you have anything we could place in the scene could you drop them off to Brenda in the parish office. It would be good if we had these by Dec. 6. Many thanks for your help. Brenda is in the office each Tuesday and Friday and can be contacted on (02) 9743 1017 or parish@stpatmortlake.org.au

SAINTS FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Monday:	St Margaret of Scotland and St Gertrude
Tuesday:	St Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul
Saturday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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

**Book 1 ticket per household.**

That is, if your household has 2,4,6, etc, people – you only have to book once online, and your whole household is able to attend Mass.

ALL PARISHIONERS are encouraged to wear face masks during Mass.

Sunday Mass times available:

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

**Booking details:**

- 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 Fridays 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.

DAVID'S PLACE LUNCHEON IN PARISH

Our parish Vinnies & Social Justice Groups will be hosting some 15 people from David's Place in the St Pat's presbytery for lunch on Sunday 29 November, after the 10.30am Mass. David's place is an inner city space where Sydney's homeless and marginalised can come to find friendship, peace, spiritual nourishment and connect with the wider community. David's Place brings together both rich and poor, breaking down barriers in our city. Division in our communities is where many of our societal problems arise. **Thank you to our parishioners who are organising the luncheon.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosemary Rumble; Anna Anastasi (Italy); Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Reilly; (3rd anniv); Francesco Marrapodi (1st anniv); Leo Gallagher, Alvaro Bianchi (18th anniv); Joe Moloney (15th anniv); Iris Moloney (2nd anniv); Greg McGrath; Caterina Archetti; Soledad Bernuy; Helen Borg; Frank Dimech; Frank & Maria Cremona; Alvaro Bianchi; Lucy Cindric (16th anniv); Giovanni Palumbo; Giovanni Manenti; Gil Cocco; Nell & Ron Peak.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Anthony Cocco; Rene Schmitt; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton; Barbara & Barrie 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.

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

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.



CATHOLICISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE – WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

This week Fr James Martin SJ put up an interesting post on the internet, following news of President-elect Biden's victory in the US election, and in particular his referencing of the Catholic hymn *"On Eagles' Wings"* in his acceptance speech.

I think it is something for us all to think about. The post read:

"The surprise 'On Eagles' Wings' reference by Joe Biden, made me realize: this means four years of not only a Catholic president, but an injection of #Catholic culture into our national conversation in a way probably not seen since JFK."

Whilst President-elect Biden (like us all) will undoubtedly struggle and also experience great joys in various aspects of his faith journey, it did get me asking the more home-based question of myself:

'What does MY Catholicism look like in the public square?'

NAIDOC WEEK – 8-15 November

(National Aborigines and Islanders
Day Observance Committee)

Observing NAIDOC week with the Australian Jesuits Bookends Project

The Australian Jesuit Province's Bookends Project encourages everyone to observe National NAIDOC Week 2020, from 8 – 15 November 2020.

The theme for NAIDOC WEEK 2020, *'Always Was, Always Will Be'*, recognises that First Nations People have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

The Australian Jesuit Province's Bookends Project focuses on the two 'bookends of rejection' in Australian history: our treatment of First Nations peoples and our treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. The project is working to give the Australian Jesuit community a defined and meaningful space to reflect on the relationships we all hold, as humans, with First Nations communities and with refugees and people seeking asylum. And to determine a path forward through truth telling, to assist those communities in an environment of hospitality.

<https://justiceandpeace.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e20fe8ae3d2927c4c7faa4515&id=0a2d1553e1&e=a5adb9f12f>

- This site lists seven great ideas for engaging with NAIDOC Week this year.

STEWARDSHIP – VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The focus of the Stewardship Ministry includes: ensuring all Parish ministries comply with WH&S and Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable persons requirements; provide a link between the Parish and the wider community.

For more information or to become involved please contact: **Marie Piccin**
E: mtpiccin@gmail.com

ADVENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

As we are now close to entering into Advent, the season of preparing our hearts and souls for Christmas, may we be awake and aware. May we spread peace and good will.

What does it mean? How do I understand... 'God with us'? Who is Jesus Christ? How can I live and grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus the Saviour, the messenger? Can I understand Mary mother of Jesus and of all more deeply, as I ponder her life that was full of challenge, uncertainty, pain and loss? How do I prepare with awareness and inclusiveness?

You are warmly invited to take part in weekly scripture/prayer sessions over the 4 weeks of Advent on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8pm. Beginning on 24th November.

The group will gently, prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel in the hope that we may deepen our relationship with Jesus, with Mary and with the truth of Christmas.

Contact Susan for more information on 0400 195 350 or email thejourney.smn@gmail.com

**PARISH SOCIAL
MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING**

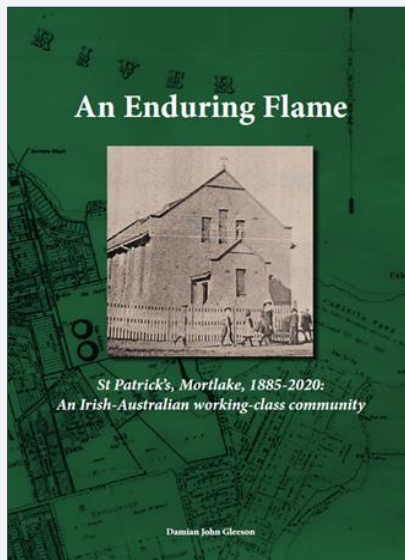
The Social Ministry committee meets three or four times a year to prepare a calendar of events and activities that are designed to encourage Parish participation in a more informal social environment.

The Social Committee is essential in running: Parish Bingo on Mondays; Bus Trips and Excursions; First Holy Communion Breakfast & Confirmation Supper; Communion Services and Pastoral Care Visitations. **Can you help?**

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



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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

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