

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake

**Celebrating 125 Years**



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

**Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe  
22 November 2020**

**1895 – 2020**

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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.

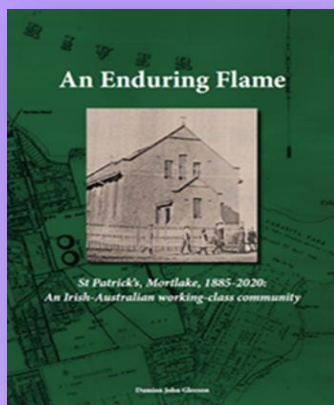
## Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday at 8am
- Reconciliation: 5.30pm Saturday

Baptisms: 11.45am on 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/stpatismortlake](https://www.facebook.com/stpatismortlake)

## PARISH HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE – COST \$25



Last Sunday our Parish History book was launched by Msgr John. It was a lovely afternoon with Sr Barbara Bolster doing the acknowledgment of country and opening prayer, Fr Tom speaking on behalf of the parish and the author Dr Gleeson providing details of the book contents. Mike Bailey did a fantastic job MC'ing the event. I am sorry we could not invite everyone to the book launch, but we obviously had to adhere to strict Covid-restrictions.

### *The book is a Great Read and a Wonderful Gift Idea!*

The book celebrating our parish history is now available for sale. You can order a copy by completing the order form at the back of the Church or contacting the parish office on Tuesday and Friday's on 9743 1017 or email: [parish@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatismortlake.org.au)

Special Thank You to **Dr Damian Gleeson on such a scholarly work**. It is a credit to him and our parish. Thank you to John Clarke, Bob Mayor and Marie Piccin who assisted throughout the process from the beginning of the year.

**A special thank you also to the 125 Year Planning Committee of Marie Piccin, Monica Dutton and Frances Windon** for your time in meeting, planning, drafting invitations and flyers, inviting guests and organising a lovely light luncheon with refreshments.

**Thank you to Brenda Johnston** for all the administrative work in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Thank you to the St Pats Primary School staff and the many parish volunteers, our gardening volunteers, who all did so much work in ensuring the parish looked lovely and everything ran smoothly on the day. All these events take a great deal of planning and preparation. Nothing happens by accident and I thank all for your contributions.



**The book is a tremendous testament to our parish and something we should all be very proud.**

**BAPTISMS & WEDDING THIS WEEKEND**

We congratulate babies Jacob Sraih, Dante Eivazi and Akua Agyei in Baptism and Daniela Biviano and Giuseppe Crifo in Holy Matrimony this weekend at St Patrick's. **Peace and Joy!**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

**You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**The Word of the Lord**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

**He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so  
that God may be all in all.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**The Word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Mt 25:31-46

**He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**CAN YOU ASSIST WITH BANKING?**

Would you have time (about once every two months) to be part of a roster to count and bank weekly collections? It takes approx. 1½ -2 hrs. If you would like to assist, please email [stpatismortlake@gmail.com](mailto:stpatismortlake@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

In today's Gospel from the book of Matthew (Mtw 25:31-46) we hear that God will look at the way we have lived our lives – whether we have made good or bad choices. Let's listen to Fr Tom and hear what things God likes us to do.

➔ <https://youtu.be/dAkScGd5-RY>

In the Gospel we heard about the judgment day when the good and the bad people will be separated from each other. God wants us always to remember to act like Jesus. How we act toward each other is how we act toward God. So, if we are mean to somebody, it's like being mean to God, if we do something nice, it's loving God.

**Something you might like to do at home:**

- Think of someone who needs your help.
- Feed the hungry! Buy a food item to donate to your local food pantry.
- Clothe the naked! Go through your family's clothing and pull out the ones you no longer need and donate them to Vinnies.

Here is a song to help you remember the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy.

➔ [https://youtu.be/\\_8QGtMEv82k](https://youtu.be/_8QGtMEv82k)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rosemary Rumble; Anna Anastasi (Italy); Vincenza Calabrese; Rose Awaness; Audrey Clark; Joseph Triganza; Bernard Trinco; Ersilia Miracola; Franco Calligaro; Gaetana Salvaggio.

**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.

(To have your petitions included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718)



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

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.

Feel free to come along and share as parents. Wednesday, 25 November, 6-7.30pm. 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](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

## **READERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

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 for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday; 9.00am, 10.30 am and 6.00pm Sunday.**

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read.

## **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

There are now baskets for donations for the hampers in the Church narthex. Please feel free to drop off non-perishable food items in the baskets.

Donations will finish on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

This weekend there will be a **bucket collection for financial contributions for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. Thank you for any support you can give Vinnies at this time.

## **PARISH FINANCES**

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer to credit card/direct debit, please email [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.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: 100000520  
Account Name: Mortlake Parish  
Reference: < your name or PG Number >

### Transactions

Some transactions this week have been:

Computer Support	\$874
Sound Mixer	\$280
Reply Paid Envelopes	\$116

## **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<sup>th</sup> 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. **Thank you to our parishioners who are organising the luncheon.**

## **ADVENT PRAYER & MEDITATION**

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 **24<sup>th</sup> November**. The group will gently, prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel in the lead up to Christmas.

**Contact Susan on 0400 195 350 or email: [thejourney.smn@gmail.com](mailto:thejourney.smn@gmail.com)**