

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

4th Sunday in Advent
20 December 2020

1895 – 2020

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Limit of 100 people Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.
Register online for Mass at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or contact the office.

Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- 8am Weekday: 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.

Facebook:  www.facebook.com/stpatsmortlake

**PARISH SUPPORT SURVEY
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Our parish is currently conducting a Support Survey Questionnaire letterbox drop of every house in the parish boundaries.

If you would like to fill in the survey there are hard copies at the entrances to the Church. You are welcome to take one, fill it in and simply place it underneath the collection boxes at the Church entry points or drop it off to the parish office. You can also fill the Survey in online, by following the link below.

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/census/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Peace and Joy. Fr Tom

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous gifts of food, gifts/ presents for children and families and monetary assistance, all part of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. St Pat's continues to be a parish that is extremely generous and ever mindful of Christ's call to be present in our world through charitable love.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES and MASSES



Wednesday 23rd Dec 6.00pm Children & Family
7.30pm Carol Service

Thursday 24th Dec 12 Noon, 6pm, 8pm & Midnight

Friday 25th Dec 7.30am, 9am & 10.30am

Please register for Christmas Services with this new link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/680925> or by ringing the Parish Office on 9743 1017 on Tuesday or Friday.

THE NARTHEX FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you to the various people who have worked hard in decorating our church narthex for Christmas. Special thanks to **Eric Kent** for building the stable, **Sr Barbara and Marie Piccin** and others for setting up the Nativity scene, and special thanks to **Gian Luca D'Errico** for allowing the beautiful traditional Italian Nativity scene (Presepe), which he has personally made, to be displayed.

Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our parish in this most precious Christmas period.

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel
2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (continued)

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Rom 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

An automated online booking system is now in place and available for Sunday Mass bookings, <https://www.trybooking.com/641739> or call the parish office on 9743 1017 (Tues & Friday)

Book 1 ticket per household

That is, if your household has 2,4,6, etc, people – you only need to book one ticket.

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Alessio Guardascione into the St Pat's community this weekend.

Peace and Joy!!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 4th Sunday

This is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Today we are going to talk about another special person who said YES to God. **Let's hear Fr Tom read today's Gospel** (Luke 1:26-38).

<https://youtu.be/QvKOPu1duos>

It is about a young girl who did something very special for God. She trusted God so much that when God asked her to do something very hard, she said YES to God.

- **Who was this girl called Mary? She was going to be Jesus Mum.**
- I wonder if it was hard for Mary to say YES to God? Maybe doing what our parents ask is hard or, being nice to someone we don't like or maybe we find going to church a hard thing to say YES?

Enjoy this song about saying YES!

<https://youtu.be/4b-El-90TUG>

Activities to do at home:

- Discuss as a family ways that you know God wants you to behave. How will you say YES with a smile?
- Christmas is almost here! Take some time together to pray for the people who bring Jesus into your lives.

If you have **registered for the Family Carols and Communion Service on the 23rd at 6pm** and you would like to participate in the **Nativity Story** as we share it together, please **call or TEXT Sinead on 0420 653 637**. All children are invited to come dressed as Shepherds, Angels, Sheep, Stars or any animals you think might have come to visit Baby Jesus! Please don't forget your masks for singing.

If you have registered for the **Children's Nativity Mass on 24th December at 6pm** and would like to come as Shepherds, Angels, Sheep, Stars or any animals you will be most welcome. **Has your family had a new baby this year?** If you would like to be part of our Mass **call or TEXT Sinead on 0420 653 637**.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerald Gleeson (3rd anniv); Glenda Rutz (7th anniv); Domenica Musumeci; Cynthia Fernandes; Bjarne Johansen; Andrew Manenti; 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: Frank Ng; 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.

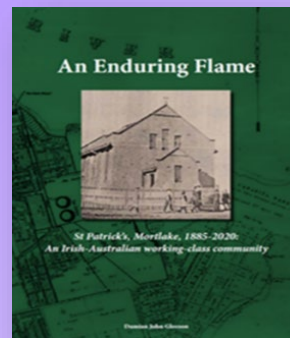
(To have your petitions included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718)

PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer to credit card/direct debit, please email parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au
For those who wish to make contributions by EFT transfer – details are:

Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784
Account Number: 10000520
Account Name: Mortlake Parish
Reference: < your name or PG Number >

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



The book celebrating our parish history is now available for sale. You can order your own copy by completing the order form at the back of the Church or contacting the parish office on Tuesday or Friday on 9743 1017

or email parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

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

ST PATS'S SOCIAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 9 December, another successful Parish social gathering for 30 parishioners was held at Massey Park Brasserie. Father Tom began the proceedings with Grace, and a prayer of thankfulness after such a challenging year. A delicious three course meal was served, with a Christmas theme. The highlight, as usual, was the Lucky Door Prizes.

Many thanks to Anne Manenti and Dianne Chestney and the Social Committee for organising this event. Another luncheon was also organised for the Bingo Group, on Monday 14 December. We are so fortunate to be able to attend these functions after so many restrictions during this difficult year. God bless.

VOLUNTEERS TO READ AT MASSES

If you would like to read, please write your name on this list. **We are also 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 with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read and how often you are available.

Many Thanks