

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

2nd Sunday in Advent
6 December 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
- 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. Limit of 15 people per family.

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. The purpose of the exercise is twofold: to make contact and offer a gentle invitation to people to St Pat's, and; to reach out and offer assistance to members of our local community. You will likely be receiving the Survey in the mail shortly.

If you would like to fill in the survey there are hard copies at the entrances to the Church. This will also allow us to update our records of existing parishioners and see what areas we can better respond to your needs within the parish and plan around that. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Peace and Joy. Fr Tom

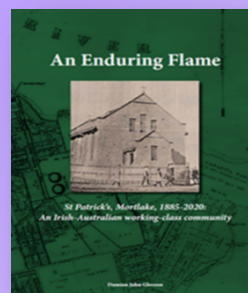
<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/census/>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES and MASSES

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



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



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: parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

Special Thank You to [Dr Damian Gleeson](#) on such a [scholarly work](#). It is a credit to him and our parish.

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her
that her time of service is ended, that her sin is
atoned for, that she has received from the hand of
the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the
Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the
desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain
and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and
the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be
revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth
of the Lord has spoken.

'Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to
Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of
Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming
with power, his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him, trophies all go
before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his
breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes

The Word of the Lord**SECOND READING**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter
2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.
The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being
patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day
of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar
the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and
fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be
burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky
will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the
heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised:
the new heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends,
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives
without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. It is written in the book of the
prophet Isaiah:

GOSPEL (continued)

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

SOCIAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON INVITE

Please come along and join us for a 3 course Christmas Lunch at Massey Park Brasserie on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 12 noon.

All inclusive - \$40 per person

As numbers are limited to 30 guests – please book early with Anne Manenti 0412 339 212

ADVENT PRAYER & MEDITATION

As have now entered 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 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 via ZOOM. (easy instructions)

The group will gently, prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Gospel. **Contact Susan for more information on 0400 195 350 or email thejourney.smn@gmail.com**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – ADVENT

Today is the 2nd Sunday in the season of Advent.

The Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary will have two candles lighting. Last week was **HOPE** this week the 2nd purple candle represents **PEACE**.

Today we hear more about getting ready for Jesus. We are using a different idea. We are going to hear about preparing the way for Jesus – like a path or a road and making that path as peaceful as possible. When we are ready and prepared this brings us great peace. We are going to hear about a special prophet who told people that Jesus was coming. This person is called **John The Baptist**.

Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of Mark. (Mark 1:1-8)

Let's listen to Fr Tom reading this week's Gospel for us. <https://youtu.be/QKQqHE4u2Fg>

Activity to do at home:

- As a family, make a list of things you think are important for your family to do during the Christmas holiday season. Prioritise everyone's favourite activity and make the season making the "path" as smooth and enjoyable as you can.
- Many organisations have collections during **ADVENT** to give gifts or food to those less fortunate. As a family, choose one or two drives that you would like to give to. St Patrick's is collecting non-perishable food every week. You can also choose a person from the Catholic Care frame and buy your person a gift for Christmas.
- Take a walk outside together. Look at the "rough ground" of a path. Talk about things you could do to smooth out the path and compare this to things you can do to help your life run more smoothly.
- Don't forget to add your prayer for **PEACE** on a purple strip and we will add your prayer to our Christmas Tree in the narthex/foyer.

A cartoon version of today's Gospel Mark 1:1-8
<https://youtu.be/pOPKWl61my0>

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

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: 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)

CATHOLIC CARE – GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already taken a name, if you are able to assist there are still names waiting to be taken with the gift suggestion.

These gifts will all be very much appreciated by all of the children.

Catholic Care are coming to collect all the gifts on **Thursday 18th December** to ensure that the children received their gift by Christmas. Your giving is very much appreciated.

Thank You

DAVID'S PLACE LUNCHEON

Thank you to the parishioners who organised, prepared and served the 19 visitors we had last Sunday from David's Place. We celebrated the 10.30am Mass together and afterwards proceeded to a lovely luncheon in the St Pat's presbytery. Our bbqers did a great job cooking in last Sunday's heat, and the Vinnies volunteers ensured everyone had enough food and dessert to see us through the day. Thank you to our volunteers and I hope this form of outreach can become a common feature for our parish.

PARISH FINANCES

For Parishioners who wish to commence Planned Giving (PG) or transfer to credit card/direct debit, please email parish@stpatmortlake.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 >

VOLUNTEERING IN THE ST PAT'S GARDEN

Would you be able to donate some time to help maintain our garden area around the Church? Do you have an hour once a week or once a month? Please email parish@stpatmortlake.org.au or contact Brenda in the office on Tuesday and Friday 9-3pm on 9743 1017.

VOLUNTEERS TO READ AT CHRISTMAS MASSES AND WEEKEND MASSES

There is a volunteer list for reading at the **Christmas Masses** on a clip board in the narthex area. 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@stpatmortlake.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**