

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
28 March 2021

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm.

Sunday Mass Bookings: [Register online for Mass at https://www.trybooking.com/641739](https://www.trybooking.com/641739) or contact the office on 9743 1017 on Tuesday and Fridays (9am-2pm).

Weekday Services:

- Communion Services: Monday 8am and Saturday 9am
- Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8.00am
- 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

**FIRST RECONCILIATIONS
ON FRIDAY NIGHT**

On Friday evening we had a **record number of 62 candidates** who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our church. The schools represented were St Patrick's Primary Mortlake, Mortlake Primary School and a few other neighbouring schools.

A big thank you to the parents of the candidates for supporting them in this most important stage of their spiritual development. Special thanks to those parents/ guardians who may not be of the Catholic Tradition, and yet have journeyed with their family in ensuring their child receives this beautiful Sacrament of healing, which we all need.

Thank you also to our Catechists and Bob Mayor who assisted with the instruction of the candidates and to St Patrick's Primary School for assisting with the preparation of such a large number of candidates.

It is worth remembering that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in our parish on Saturday afternoons from 5.30pm.

All are welcome.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES & MASSES

Please note the following Service and Mass times for the Easter period of **Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday**.

- **Holy Thursday, 1 April at 7.30pm**
Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet, veneration at the Altar of Repose on the Parish Green until 12 midnight.
- **Good Friday, 2 April at 10am**
Stations of the Cross for Adults in the Church.
- **Good Friday, 2 April at 10am**
Stations of the Cross for Children on the Parish Green.
- **Good Friday, 2 April at 3pm**
Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion.
- **Easter Saturday, 3 April at 7pm**
Easter Vigil - Festival of Light.
- **Easter Sunday, 4 April Masses:**
7.30am; 9am; 10.30am & 6pm Masses.

Bookings can be made online:

www.trybooking.com/BPTXF

or by phoning the parish on 9743 1017 on Tuesday and Friday's between 9am and 2pm.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are
assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians
Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
(R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Mk 14:1 – 15:47

N It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

N and they were angry with her. But Jesus said, **J** Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

N Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to

GOSPEL – continued

hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

C Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

N So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **J** Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

N The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

J I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

N They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

O Not I, surely?

N He said to them,

J It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

N And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them saying,

J Take it; this is my body.

N Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

J This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many.

I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

GOSPEL – continued

N After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,
J You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N Peter said,

O Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N And Jesus said to him,

J I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

N But he repeated still more earnestly,

O If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

J Stay here while I pray.

N Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

J My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

N And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,

J Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

J Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

N Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

J You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

GOSPEL – continued

N Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elder. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.' **N** So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O Rabbi!

N and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.

Then Jesus spoke,

J Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

N And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked. They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

N But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

O Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

GOSPEL – continued

N But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,
O Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed one?
N Jesus said,
J I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.
N The high priest tore his robes, and said,
O What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?
N And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.
 Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,
C Play the prophet!
N And the attendants rained blows on him. While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,
O You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.
N But he denied it, saying
O I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.
N And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,
O This fellow is one of them.
N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,
C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.
N But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,
O I do not know the man you speak of.
N At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.
 First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

GOSPEL – continued

O Are you the king of the Jews?
N He answered,
J It is you who say it.
N And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again
O Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
N But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.
 At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,
O Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
N For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.
O But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?
N They shouted back.
C Crucify him!
N Pilate asked them,
O Why? What harm has he done?
N But they shouted all the louder,
C Crucify him!
N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.
 The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,
C Hail, king of the Jews!
N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

GOSPEL – continued

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who were coming in from the country, to carry his cross.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get.

It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

C Listen he is calling on Elijah.

N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying,

O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All Kneel and Pause a Moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he died, and he said,

O In truth this man was a son of God.

GOSPEL – continued

N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead.

Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Volunteers are needed for ministries during Holy Week. Lists are in the Narthex.

If you are able to volunteer for any of these important ministries, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

**We welcome to our community:
Martha Cahill and Tiana Crespín.**

**May you grow in Faith with us here at St Pat's
and always know you're at home here.**

Peace & Joy

PARENTS DISCUSSION EVENING WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 6-7.30PM

Calling **ALL** parents (in the many forms we come in): single, married, de facto, same sex attracted, grandparents involved in care - all welcome. Your children are welcome to come, with child minding being provided for in the parish.

Psychologist, Emily Scanlan will be speaking on the topic of ANXIETY and how to cope with it.
So, if you are free on **Wednesday 31st March 2021** from **6-7.30pm** come along.

To register please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

There are many opportunities to volunteer within our parish, be it in: Social Justice; Pastoral Outreach to the sick and housebound; assisting with Bingo for our senior citizens and social outings. Details of opportunities can be found at: <https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/St.Pats-Volunteer-Groups.pdf>

PARISH FINANCES

THE FIRST COLLECTION: Money received from the first collection supports the need of the parish priest (Stipend, Household costs (food, utilities, etc))

THE SECOND COLLECTION: Money received from the second collection supports pastoral programs, maintenance and provision of parish buildings, staffing, priest's car expense. The collection includes envelopes and cash on the second collection plate, Tap and Go and Card.

For those who wish to make contributions by EFT transfer – details are:

Bank Transfer BSB: 062 784
Account Number: 100 000 520
Account Name: Mortlake Parish
Reference: < your name or PG Number >

Thank you for your continued support

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of a week of special liturgies. The people who lived during Jesus' time used palms a bit like we use flags or confetti at special events. As Jesus entered the city the people were excited to see him. The celebrations we will have this week are Holy Thursday, Good Friday the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday.

On **Holy Thursday** we celebrate **Jesus' last supper** with his friends.

On **Holy Thursday** we have a special Mass and I will **wash the feet** of people.

On **Good Friday** we remember the **death of Jesus** as we pray the Stations of the Cross.

At the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday Masses celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead.

The people in the story who are excited about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem are the same people who want him to be crucified on Friday. Fr Tom here reads the Gospel to us.

<https://youtu.be/B0UKwQZE6z8>

Suggested activities to do as a family:

- Make a Palm Cross together.
- Talk about the different holy days that we will celebrate this week and share with your child the Easter traditions that you celebrate in your family.

Make a Palm Cross together:

https://youtu.be/znDyR8_POCU

The Holy Week story:

<https://youtu.be/t2TiXMhATPg>

Palm Sunday Song: <https://youtu.be/5jtDqKkdS1M>

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April at 10am: If children would like to take part in the **Stations of The Cross**, we need 14 readers; 2 candle carriers; 1 cross carrier.

Please call/text Sinead Kent 0420 653 637

Parent Helpers or Year 7/8/9/10 students would be greatly appreciated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Lawson; John McEvoy; Michael Cramsie; Sr Loretta Maher RSM; Sr Hazel Baker RSM; St Janet Quade RSM; Jorge (Coco) Zegarra (Peru); Bishop Bede Heather; Yolanda Annechini; Rory O'Kane; Willem Vandebeld; Nonie Squardrito; Angelo Calzetta (Italy); Niall Power; Cira Iodice; Curtis Alfonso De Lisser (UK); Santo Piccin (Italy); Marshal McMahon; Brian Norman; Lan Franco Matteucci; Matina Geraketeys; Frank Lloyd.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sam Ferlauto; George Cepak (1st anniv); Mary Walker; Harold Walker; Marie Maguire (2nd anniv); John Walker (1st anniv); Carmelo Tindigia; Maria Satti; Michael Donato; Giuseppe De Meio; Cira Iodice; Peter Johansen (4th anniv); Sonja Moore (7th anniv); Beverley McGriskin (2nd anniv); Ninetta Ragusa; Liliana Papalia; Leonardo Re: Sr Dorothy Costigan; Liam Delahunty (3rd anniv); Veronica Rasmussen (2nd anniv); Ersilia Falgiatori; Gil Cocco; Carmelo Tindigia; Lachlan Adam; John Samuel (4th anniv); Natali Pelle (11th anniv); Michael Geoghegan (1st anniv); Domenico & Maria Concetta Severino; Gerald Lopez (1st anniv); John McAnelly (1st anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Christina Libro; Kevin Walker; Marcus Lorenzito; Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Marcus Lorenzato; Caterina Cardillo; Desire Peters; Nicholas Jackson; Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean: Antonio Prevedello; Ted Cramsie; Elizabeth Leacy; Howard Brown; Frank Ng; Rene Schmitt; Magda Cassis; Nico Relton; Barbara & Barrie Clark; Billy Brandt; Sandra Riley; Robert McAdam; Felicia Bugeja; Cecilia Kramar; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Sr Judith Clark; Jill; Edward Azjan; Marie; Liz.

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

ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY PROJECT GREEN SPACE

Over the years our Parish has sought donations to undertake the renovation to our Church and the construction of the presbytery. We are proposing similar opportunities for the ongoing maintenance of the Green Space and for support, for the upgrading of the Hall to create a more user friendly and multi-use community space.

Donations are sought by way of recognition on items within the Green Space. Parishioners can choose to **BUY A BRICK**, to have recognition on the chestnut-coloured bricks which form the cross, on a timber pillar or sandstone log.

Donation options are outlined in the two flyers and donation/order forms available in the Narthex or online

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick/>

INVITATION TO CARERS' MASS AND LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, 14 April 10am Mass followed by a Light Luncheon

On Wednesday, 14 April we will be hosting our first in a series of Parish Hospitality Luncheons and Mass. We will have a 10am Mass followed by a Light Luncheon in the Hall. **We know that Carers in our community truly are the unsung heroes.** According to the 2016 Federal Government Census data of our parish area, some **14.5% of people in our parish boundaries are Caregivers, either full time or part time for someone.**

So, if you are a Carer, or know someone in our community that is a Carer, please extend this **Invitation to register for the St Pat's Carers' Mass and Luncheon on Wednesday, 14 April.**

Registrations can be made by contacting Fr Tom on 9743-1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org