

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake

Celebrating 125 Years



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
4 April 2021

1895 – 2020

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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

THANK YOU FOR THE
EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to the many parishioners who all contributed to our wonderful Holy Week Celebrations.

Special thanks to the Acolytes, Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Musicians, Altar Society Members, Covid-Marshalls, Brenda our parish Secretary, ladies that organise the display in the Church narthex, and the many more people who all work so hard in brining our celebrations about - **thank you**.

I encourage you to become involved in the many activities our parish offers as a means of engaging and growing in our faith community.

May we continue to grow as a Church community this year, knowing that the message of Hope in the Resurrection provides is open to each and every one of us throughout the year.

HAPPY EASTER 2021 – EMBRACE THE HOPE

Well what a difference a year makes! It is marvellous to be able to gather as a community again this Easter and take time out to reflect on the importance of Hope and Faith in our lives this Easter 2021.

Holy Week is all about the encounter of the human condition with the myriad of emotions and anxieties we all face daily. This Week we encounter the anxieties of: the disciples; the women; Pilate; the guards and the anxieties of Jesus himself.

If Jesus was given a 'job description', one of the key tasks in his role would be **'to relieve anxiety and tension for stressful human beings'**. One of the beautiful aspects of our liturgy is at the Communion Rite in the Mass, just after we say the Our Father, when the priest prays: *"... that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await in joyful hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."*

We need to embrace the Hope and message of Joy which Easter provides. It's about new opportunities, new beginnings and a pathway away from tension towards Joy.

Peace to you and your loved ones this Easter. Let us continue to be people of Hope and Joy in our Mortlake community.

GOSPEL – VIGIL MASS SATURDAY NIGHT

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord

FIRST READING – EASTER SUNDAY

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him,

FIRST READING – continued

Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power,

of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL - continued

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

THANK YOU ANNE MANENTI

We thank **Anne Manenti** who has stepped down as chair of the Social Committee after some 15 years of leadership.

Anne will continue to run her beloved Monday mornings BINGO/ TOMBOLA group, however, will step aside from the many tasks of organising morning teas, dinners and various functions within the parish which the Social Committee organise.

Thank you Anne for your remarkable service to our parish and we hope you are able to spend more time with your beloved family. And thank you to Frances Windon for stepping into the Social Committee leadership role.

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of utmost importance. The Safeguarding Office can be contacted on (02) 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

CHILDREN'S EASTER SUNDAY LITURGY

Welcome to Easter Sunday, we have all been on a long journey. We have finished our 40 days of Lent and today we begin our 50 day of Easter celebration as we start our next journey to Pentecost.

During this Holy Week we celebrated Holy Thursday, and the last supper, the first shared communion. Good Friday – the death of Jesus and the Stations of the Cross, today the gospel story tells us of how Jesus' friends are puzzled when they discover that his tomb is empty. We celebrate this discovery because we know that Jesus is risen – he is resurrected. This is why we so excited and happy today. When we are SO happy the joy spills out and we feel that we will just burst if we can't share it with others. That is how Easter is!

Join Fr Tom as he reads the Easter Sunday Gospel for us. <https://youtu.be/2S2IOMXWAuo>

I wonder how you would have really felt if you were one of the friends who discovered that Jesus' body was missing. Today you might have family and friends around for a meal, you might have an Easter Egg hunt and other Easter traditions that bring the joy of Easter to life in your home. **Happy Easter and welcome to the Pentecost journey.**

Activities to try at home as a Family:

- Celebrate! Have a family party to celebrate the great news of our Jesus' Resurrection!
- Think of one area of your life where you need to start over and make a new resolution.
- This week, think back on your Lenten experience. Is there anything you did together that you would like to continue doing?

Easter Sunday - Why are we happy?:

<https://youtu.be/Siv3MQcHrq8>

Easter Sunday is a Happy Day Song:

<https://youtu.be/FzxNOD3voo0>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trevor Lee; Barry Clark; 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: Samira Hanna - (1st anniv); Audrey Vertannes UK (1st anniv); Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary Galea; Deceased members of Di Giglio, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo, Galea & Michallef Families; Joe & Iris Moloney; 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 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 petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in outreach and volunteering, St Pat's has several groups and exciting new opportunities for engagement in 2021. Volunteering and outreach opportunities within the parish include:

- **Social Justice Group**, understanding the rich history of Catholic Social Teaching as the spiritual formation and basis of action.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, attending to the needs of locals who have fallen on tough times.
- **New opportunities in 2021** to assist in outreach lunches, hosted by the parish for various local groups in our community.
- **Pastoral Care Group**, who take a hands-on role in supporting those in our community that need company, companionship and attending to their practical daily needs (i.e., shopping, home visits).
- **Social Committee** assist with running weekly bingo on Mondays for our senior community members, help organise bus excursion trips and arrange celebratory functions for events such as children's reception of their first Sacraments.
- **Children's Liturgy** and engaging with the parish youth needs.
- **Liturgy**, including participating in Music, Reading, Altar Serving and being a Eucharistic Minister within the parish.
- **Faith Education**, includes teaching in our local public schools as a catechist; involved in preparation of students in the Sacraments; as well as Adult Faith formation opportunities.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- **Assist with Communications and IT Support** requirements of the parish.
- **Gardening** group in the parish - help in creating our blossoming parish garden and community vegetable garden.
- **Stewardship** - assist with governance requirements and obligations.

As you can see, there are many varied opportunities to engage with your parish and community. **Please contact the parish to find out more or visit our website below.**

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/St.Pats-Volunteer-Groups.pdf>

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



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An Enduring Flame



St Patrick's, Mortlake, 1885-2020:
An Irish-Australian working-class community

Damian John Gleeson

A book celebrating the
125th anniversary of St
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Cost - \$25

A great read!

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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

Please contact the parish on

9743 1017 or email : parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

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

EASTER APPEALS – where does the money go?

Good Friday Collection - Funds from this Collection (one only) are used to support the needs of priests of the Archdiocese in their duties. Envelopes on the seats can be used to make a donation.

Easter Masses Collection - the Collection taken at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses will go towards our St Pat's parish obligations to the Archdiocese's Charitable Works Fund (CWF). There are special envelopes on the seats today into which you can make a donation today or return them next week. **All donations to this collection are 100% tax deductible and your kindness is greatly appreciated.**

- * The parish will separately be making a donation to the Holy Places collection.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK – ROSTERS TO BE COLLECTED

For those members of the Pastoral Care Group that generously visit our aged and house bound parishioners and take them Holy Communion – please note that the Rosters are available for collection at the back of the church. Your name is listed on the envelopes in the box in front of the permanent notice board.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, we currently need additional Ministers of Communion to take Communion to house bound parishioners on the 5th Sunday of the month. To volunteer, please contact Betty Flynn on 8757 3307 or email

brian@bfynn.com.au

VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL

Vinnies has launched a flood appeal to help those affected by the heavy rains and flooding across NSW. Our local **Mortlake Vinnies Conference** is running a bucket appeal at Masses the weekend of 17/18 April.

All donations will go towards assisting people and communities directly impacted by the floods via the Vinnies network of members living in flood-impacted communities across the state, ready to provide people with practical assistance and emotional support.

Donations **can be made via the bucket collection on the weekend of 17/18 April** or by calling 13 18 12, or online at www.vinnies.org.au/NSWFloodAppeal.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Lenten Project Compassion Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office on Tuesday and Friday's between 9am and 2pm or left in the box in the Narthex (Church foyer) at weekend Masses. **Thank you**



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, or **buy a Timber Pillar** or **buy a Sandstone Log**.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR RECOGNITION

7 x Sandstone Logs (value per log) \$ 600.00

3 x Timber Pillars (value per pillar) \$1,000.00

BUY A BRICK offer** \$ 120.00

**** Within the design of the Green Space Parishioners will see a number of tan coloured bricks. These tan coloured bricks form the BUY A BRICK offer.**

If you look at the photo you will see the overall design element of the Celtic Cross and individual design elements of an altar (granite feature table), the Last Supper (the 13 timber pillars presenting Christ and the 12 apostles) and the Sandstone Logs. Thank you to the Parishioners who have participated in the Donation and BUY A BRICK offers.

Donations have been received for the Granite Feature Table, 10 of the 13 Timber Pillars and 7 of the 14 Sandstone Logs.

Order forms have been received for 90 of the 206 bricks available for engraving. The BUY A BRICK offer is focused on acknowledging the family identity of the St. Patrick's Community for past, present and future generations. **Donation and Order Forms are available at the back of the Church or online <https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick/>**