

Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

St Pats will be completely closed during the entire lock down period. The Church will **NOT BE OPEN** for personal prayer or Masses.

There will be **NO WEEKEDAY AND NO WEEKEND MASSES** during the lockdown period. A General Dispensation is granted from attending Sunday Mass.

Fr Tom remains contactable on 9743 1017.



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
4-11 JULY 2021

This week is NAIDOC Week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) in which we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of ATSI peoples.

During this time, we also ask for Healing. Healing as a Community, realising that any healing process must first start with the Healing needed WITHIN MYSELF.

*"Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage."*

[https://www.commongrace.org.au/healingcountry\\_prayer?utm\\_campaign=prayer for healing country&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=commongrace](https://www.commongrace.org.au/healingcountry_prayer?utm_campaign=prayer+for+healing+country&utm_medium=email&utm_source=commongrace)

**A MESSAGE FROM FR TOM**

My friends, as we find ourselves in this lockdown period again, let us continue to see the message of hope and strength in God and in community as the pathway forward.

As is always the case, the first and most significantly affected by these times of isolation and uncertainty are those members of our society that are on the margins - the poor, weak, sick and aged. Let us always be people that recognise the needs of our sisters and brothers in times such as these and be prepared to assist them with good deeds as well as in prayer.

I remain available for home visits for pastoral reasons. **Please contact me should you require a home visit during this lockdown period.** Please feel free to call me direct on 9743 1017.

Please let me know if you require anything at all. I will remain here in the parish and am available for assistance and support. Let us continue to act and pray for each other during this time.

**Peace and Joy**

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel  
Ez 2:2-5

**The people are rebellious; they shall know  
there will be a prophet in their midst.**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians  
2 Cor 12:7-10

**I will glory in my infirmities so that the power  
of Christ may dwell in me.**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v.2

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading  
for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark  
Mk 6:1-6

**A prophet is despised only in his own country.**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If we have faith in something, then we believe in it. Another way to explain **FAITH is to say that you "see with your heart"**. God often uses ordinary people like you and me to spread his word. Today's Gospel reading from Mark 6:1-6 and it a sad time when the people from Jesus' hometown did not believe in Him. They knew Him as a boy and did not appreciate or understand that He could be the Son of God. Let's listen to Fr Tom as he reads to us a story from the bible: [https://youtu.be/8AlkixPT\\_Q0](https://youtu.be/8AlkixPT_Q0)

**It can be difficult to recognise the hand of God in the ordinary everyday things. Our stories, like Jesus story are passed on by telling the story.** The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have shared their stories in this way for centuries.

Something to do as a Family at home:

- Talk together about things that we know are real but we cannot see. Some examples might be the wind, electricity, love.

Other clips: Jesus Goes Home To Nazareth:

<https://youtu.be/xFTQo-CtfDA>

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** St Anthony Zaccaria  
**Tuesday:** St Maria Goretti  
**Wednesday:** Bl Peter to Rot  
**Friday:** St Augustine Zhao Rong

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH - POSTPONED

**THIS LUNCHEON WAS SCHEDULED FOR  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 12 NOON AND  
IS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

## FROM WHERE DO I GET MY 'MORAL COMPASS'?

### THE RISE OF THE 'CHRISTIAN ATHEIST'

I find in discussions with people that in using words such as 'Sin' and 'Morals', individuals can start to get a little squirmish. People think they're '*churchy words*'. This isn't the case.

The below article talks of a recent trend amongst some '*Intellectual Atheists*', in their recognition of the need for the Christian resurrection narrative in order to provide a sense of their moral compass towards humanity, and guiding principles beyond the self – even as they (*and we all!*) struggle on our Faith journey. It's an interesting read.

<https://mercatornet.com/the-turning-tide-of-intellectual-atheism/72999/>

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mike Bailey; Baby Carter; Mark Camillo ; Jan Rostirolla; Margaret Coulson; Judy Deehan; Maria Louisa de Angelis; Mary Doran; Nick Munsie; Mary Doran; Mila Terkes; Santina Russo Maria Secchiaroli; Thomas O'Sullivan; Patricia Patton; Turkan Demir; Lilly Schmitt; Sr Julianna Dwyer; Louis Petrin; Grace Palumbo; Helen Fogarty; Concetta Portinari; Sandra Riley; Trevor Lee; Barry Clark; Marie Lawson; John McEvoy; Michael Cramsie; Sr Loretta Maher RSM; Sr Hazel Baker RSM; St Janet Quade RSM.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Lam O'Young (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Santina Russo; Romualdo Dalla Camina (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Alexis Goh (16<sup>th</sup> anniv); Walter Goh (18<sup>th</sup> anniv); Leonardo Proia 10<sup>th</sup> anniv); Genserico & Maria Cocciolone; Patricia Cattle (11<sup>th</sup> anniv); John Bolster (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Alfred Smith (75<sup>th</sup> anniv); Domenico Paparo; Giuseppa Profilio; Michaelangelo Mascarello; Bill Young (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Francesco Cannone; Vincenzo & Maria Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loreta Ricchiuti; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Teresa Alvaro (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Dominic Alvaro (50<sup>th</sup> anniv); Frances Gleeson (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Maria Luisa Segui (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Carmelo Puglisi (15<sup>th</sup> anniv); Grazia Di Giglio, Giuseppina Tesoriero; Francesca Lo Schiavo; Mary Galea; Rosa Di Giglio; Maria Tesoriero; Maria Gioiello (20<sup>th</sup> anniv); Diana Sita (6<sup>th</sup> anniv); Vince Garcea (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Lillo Prevedello: Patrick Carey (Ireland); Eileen Nicoll; Maria Rosa De Angelis; Carmel; Fr Michael Walsh; Gregorio Gutierrez; Sergio Reginato; Cristina Libro; Kevin Walker; Marcus Lorenzito; Giuseppina Romanogli; Jon Kramar; Marcus Lorenzato; Caterina Cardillo: Desire Peters: Nicholas Jackson: Elizabeth Jackson; Jim Allen; Jean: Antonio Prevedello; Elizabeth Leacy; Jill; Edward Azjan.

**To have your petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718**

### SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to assist in future children's Sacramental preparation programs, please email Bob Mayor: [mayor2411@gmail.com](mailto:mayor2411@gmail.com) or contact the parish office on 9743 1017.

### FEEDING OUR FAITH IN THESE TIMES - All Parishioners of St Patrick's are given a General Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass during this period.

We are encouraged to continue to see Sunday's as a special period and take time out as a family or as individuals to either view Masses online or seek some spiritual nourishment through various resources available through the Sydney Archdiocese website (links are provided below);

**LINK TO MASSES ONLINE** <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

**LINK TO ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES** <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>