

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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Ordinary Time
Year B
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

St Pats will be completely closed during the entire lock down period.

There will be **NO WEEKDAY AND NO WEEKEND MASSES** during the lockdown period. A General Dispensation is granted from attending Sunday Mass. Fr Tom remains contactable on 9743 1017.

LINK TO MASSES ONLINE:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

20 years on . . . WHAT's MY 'RELATIONSHIP', and in turn my 'IDENTITY', linked to?

Saturday marked the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in the US. Tragic events that indeed have recently shaped many western countries' political and global outlook, whether we like it or not.

I think it's important to look at such major events in our world, such as 9/11 or indeed the Covid pandemic we are now in, and ask the question - **What's My RELATIONSHIP with this event? Is my identity and sense of being and purpose beyond this event**, or has it unfortunately somehow been caught up in the constant bombardment of news and views surrounding it?

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the beautiful question of his disciples - **"But YOU . . . who do YOU say I am?"**

Meaning, we have the individual freedom in thought and action to make a determination as to what I will believe, how I will act, and how I will treat others. **This is based around right Relationships to events and people.**

20 years on . . . (Continued)

Jesus' disciples follow him not because it's politically or socially advantageous, or because a church or institution said they should do so, but because he offers a **Hope and Purpose in Relationship** which they otherwise don't have. He offers a Relationship and Pathway to Truth and Freedom, beyond exterior events.

We pray we can see a pathway to truth, by asking that same question in my faith - **Who do I say Jesus is in my life - and How will I follow his message of Peace, Forgiveness and Love?**

Hopefully this will allow us to see beyond worldly events, **to the matters that truly shape our Identity. To be a loving person in direct Relationship with God, Humanity and indeed in union with all of God's Creation.**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St John Chrysostom
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Friday: St Robert Bellarmine

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

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.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The Word of the Lord

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James
Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of
death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to
the world.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

Kane Peterson (Barry and Ruella's son) has had a remarkable recovery with his badly injured leg now healing nicely. I know many have prayed for Kane's recovery over time and it's tremendous to hear such great news. **Prayers, Peace and Joy.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION EVENINGS ON ZOOM Sessions of listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels. **ZOOM Reflective Sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8.15pm. You can join any time** - If you're interested in joining these parish based prayer and meditation sessions, please contact Susan Neylan on: E: smneylan@gmail.com or phone 0400 195 350.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today we hear that Jesus asks his disciples to follow him even when the journey is not easy. **We all have a cross to carry.**

We are asked to follow Jesus and we know that it is not easy to do the right thing and to make the right choices all the time. By following Jesus, it does not mean that everything will be fantastic all the time.

We will have tough choices to make, but we know how much Jesus loves us and how much he cares for us. Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of Mark. (Mark 8:31-35). Let's listen to Fr Tom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-xbl9zIFkE>

One of the things we have to remember is that there are many people in our world finding life very tough right now. Refugees, asylum seekers, our Aboriginal communities, the poor, the homeless, but **if we look out for one another and act with love, kindness, care and compassion we will be helping to carry each other's crosses.**

By helping others we help to be in the image of Jesus. **It is not always easy to take the time to love.** Jesus will help us we just need to ask.

Family Activities to do at home:

- **WWJD? What would Jesus do?**
During the week, when your family have a problem, ask each other this question.
- **Make a large cross out of cardboard** together and decorate it to remind yourselves to follow Jesus. If you would like a home craft, why create a mosaic Cross for your family?
<https://youtu.be/8iSCFDaBY7Y>

I will follow Jesus Dance:
<https://youtu.be/Dx6RWOUf1M8>

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Oliver Coleman; Margaret Hickey; Robert Gonano; Louise Massavia; Jose Rodrigues; Giovanni Cama; Giuseppina Stagno; Nikola & Mila Terkes; Richard Marciales; Mary Cleary; Giuseppe Alvaro; Francesco Giacomobono; Judith Brogden; Des Bolster; Mike Bailey; Baby Carter; Mark Camillo; Jan Rostirolla; Margaret Hunt; Margaret Coulson; Judy Deehan; Maria Louisa de Angelis; Mary Doran; Nick Munsie; 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: Amelia Duggan (7th anniv); James & Alfred Smith; Thomas & Peter Delahunty ; Eileen Burt; Giuseppe De Meio; Angelo Falgiatori; Guido Falgiatori; Domenico Masi; Carmelo Puglisi; Concetta Severino; Joseph Bezzina 1st anniv); Antoinette Watfa (4th anniv); Margaret Dix (2nd anniv); Santa Scarcella (10th anniv); Giuseppe & Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino & Francesca Lo Schiavo; Mary Galea; Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2nd anniv); Barry Henry Peterson (1st anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20th anniv); Michele Vezza (1st anniv); Peter Burnicle (1st anniv); Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1st anniv); Lam O'Young (1st anniv); Santina Russo; Romualo Dalla Camina (5th anniv); Alexis Goh (16th anniv); Walter Goh (18th anniv); Leonardo Proia 10th anniv); Genserico & Maria Cocciolone; Patricia Cattle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Helen Behan; Diane Shore; Evelyn MvVeigh (Ireland); Michael Ratnie; Charbel; Irene; Nikko; Gina Cocco; 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; 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**

ST PAT'S PASTORAL CARE

Please let Fr Tom know if you need anything by calling 9743 1017.

FEEDING OUR FAITH: We are encouraged to continue to see Sundays 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 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/>

St Pat's Parish

"BAKE OFF"

Send in your Images

During these times, if you find yourself or your kids cooking more tasty dishes, send in images of the food and of the great chefs via email parish@stpatmortlake.org.au We will post images on the parish facebook page and outside the church on the new LED sign.

**A MORTLAKE
MASTERCHEF as it
were!**

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS LECTURES AND PODCASTS

During this time it's important to keep our spiritual lives enriched. [The Thomistic Institute](https://thomisticinstitute.org) has regular broadcasting lectures and conversations. The lectures last for about 40 minutes followed by 20 minutes of live Q & A with the online audience. **Lectures explore many more themes of prayer, philosophy, theology and literature.** You can click on the link below to browse the catalogue where you'll find videos and audio recordings of lectures and podcasts. **Peace and Joy.**

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