

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/>

PARISH FINANCE NEWS & UPDATE

Fr Tom has appointed Dominic Lo Surdo to the Finance Committee and he was welcomed at the Meeting on 26th August. Ruth Rawlinson has commenced as Parish Bookkeeper. Ruth is working from home during Covid. Contact with Ruth is accounts@stpatsmortlake.org.au. Welcome Ruth and Dominic.

Parish assets at September are \$217,000 plus the donated funding for the statue and in part mural. Surplus has been aided by the fundraising for pillars, blocks and bricks. **Thank you to all parishioners who have generously supported St Pats.**

During lockdown circumstances have changed with Parish (Second Collection) Income down to approx. \$5000 per month. Our "standing costs" for salaries, services, insurance, etc being \$9000 per month. Our annual insurance bill is now due, at \$20,756 which is 20% higher than last year.

The first collection income, which goes to a central fund to meet priest stipend and presbytery costs, has been minimal during the lock down period.

Parishes consequently are required, during Covid, to meet proportion of Presbytery costs previously met from the Diocese. **Applications have been made for available NSW Government subsidies for Cash Flow (\$15,000) and wages.** We await that outcome.

In terms of planned "major" works,

1. Hall. It was decided to move as far as DA application and review its timing as we exit Covid closures and "certainty" returns. The approval process will take time as it requires Diocese (AoEA) approval before submission of the DA. Funding sources will be considered across various avenues including Government Grants, Donation, Parish and borrowing

2. Church maintenance, propose to get a range of minor work (flooring, cracked walls) done during lock down. These will extend the timeframe for a more major overhaul.

Major concern is a regular weekly income especially taking into account the many personal demands on parishioners plus those of needy ministries, Vinnies, CWF, Priest Retirement, Refugees, etc. **Again, thank you for your ongoing support in this most difficult time.**

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James
Jas 3:16 – 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest.

So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

When we read and listen to the Gospel, we learn the way Jesus lived when He was on this earth. We see he was kind, loving and full of mercy toward others. **In today's reading Jesus talks about the first being last and the last being first** – this is a bit strange for us as we are always told to try our best and when we do this we can aim high and sometimes we might even win a prize and come first for our efforts.

It is normal for us to want to be noticed and sometimes we want to feel important and honoured. Jesus is not saying this is wrong but he does want us to think about why we do what we do. When we do things for other people to serve them, to make them happy this is a wonderful gift. Let's listen to Fr Tom read today's Gospel:

<https://youtu.be/ow6GYy6nHKO>

Jesus tells us that God makes everyone and we are to love and respect others, no matter who they are or what they can do. If we want to follow Jesus we have to reach out and serve each other. How might you and your family do this this week?

Family Conversation or activity at home:

- We are still in lockdown so there might be a neighbour that you pass when you go for a walk – **why not drop a note into their letterbox to say hello** and that you are thinking about them. You might like to say something you notice about them like how nice their garden is or that you miss their friendly wave.
- Maybe your family could make an extra meal and drop it to the Parish so Fr Tom can share it with a family in need?
- This week make a plan of all the ways your family serves one another. Everyone can share their kindness!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang

Tuesday: St Matthew

Thursday: St Pius of Pietrelcina

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RECENTLY DECEASED: June Roebuck; 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: James & Alfred Smith; Thomas & Peter Delahunty ; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland 1st anniv); Eilen Burk (UK 1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Angelo Falgitori; Guido Falgitori; 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 (11th anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Barbara Clark; Diane Shore; 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

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS LECTURES AND PODCASTS

During this time it's important to keep our spiritual lives enriched. The Thomistic Institute 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.**

<https://thomisticinstitute.org/podcasts>

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/>