

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/>

OBSTACLES IN OUR LIFE AND FAITH **A Reality for each one of us**

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a frank one. It speaks about how **we should not be an Obstacle to one's pursuit of their Faith**. Meaning, we as Christians need to be encouraging and supportive to Build Up our community of Faith, and not tear it down.

I find great comfort in the knowledge that **every character in the Bible faces Obstacles**. From Moses to Zacchaeus to Paul, to Jesus himself. Life wasn't 'straight forward' for them. Obstacles take many forms in our lives, be it: physical; mental; spiritual; social; emotional, financial; etc.

The beautiful message of Christianity is that it doesn't seek to shy away from the Obstacles. I would say that our Catholic tradition especially seeks to address obstacles in their reality and acknowledges the human struggles and face them head on.

Obstacles are real in our Faith, Family Life and in Relationships. How do we deal with life's Obstacles?

- **We acknowledge and accept their reality;**
- We seek to **follow the message of Jesus Christ daily**, through prayer and good works;
- And we know that **God will never abandon us**, and I Trust in God's love that will redeem me, wherever I am.

This is a profound message of Hope and Joy amidst Life's Obstacles

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Spring parish community connection through prayer and the Sunday Gospel.

Sessions commence via zoom on Tuesday evening the **28th September for six weeks.**

You are invited and encouraged to join in these weekly sessions of listening prayerfully and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.

It will be for 1 hour and 15 minutes on Tuesday nights at **7pm to 8:15**, on Zoom.

The session notes will be emailed to you each week on the day before the session with some clear directions on joining the zoom group.

Please contact Susan Neylan on E: smneylan@gmail.com or 0400 195 350

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers
Nm 11:25-29

**Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees
that all people may prophesy?**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

3. So in them your servant finds
instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your
servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James
Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Who doesn't love receiving gifts? When receive a gift we feel excited and we feel special, we feel very grateful but sometimes in the excitement we forget to say thank you. I wonder why this is?

Today we are going to talk about another kind of gift that God gives us, a kind that we can't see or touch. Another word for this kind of gift is a **"talent"**. **God gives us each many talents and He expects us to use them for doing good for others.**

Let's listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel:

<https://youtu.be/ADg7yJffgdY>

What Jesus is saying is that every little good thing we do is important to Him. Jesus wants us to share kindness with each other, and to show that we have learned about the individual gifts and talents that God gives us. I wonder what special gifts you have that you can share this week?

Activities to do at home:

- ❖ Why not ask your family to make recordings of their talents and you could send them to your family – you might draw or sing or dance!
- ❖ Create a KINDNESS JAR at home and ask everyone to add to it by listing kind things we can do for each other.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday:	St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday:	St Wenceslaus & St Laurence Ruiz
Wednesday:	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Thursday:	St Jerome
Friday:	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Saturday:	The Holy Guardian Angels

WELCOME BABY EVANDER

With Joy we welcome Baby Evander into the world! Evander was born on 1 September. Proud grandparents and parishioners, Teresa and Bernard Tan, are overjoyed with the news.

Prayers, Peace and Joy!

ST PAT'S HISTORY BOOK – A GREAT GIFT IDEA

Looking for a unique gift for Christmas or an upcoming birthday for someone special?

An Enduring Flame – St Patrick's Mortlake 1885 – 2020: An Irish-Australian working-class community

Available from the Parish Office for only \$25.00. Free delivery locally.

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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; Marie Lawson; John McEvoy; Michael Cramsie; Sr Loretta Maher RSM; Sr Hazel Baker RSM; St Janet Quade RSM.

ANNIVERSARIES: Connie Piccin (4th anniv); Carmelo Puglisi: Giovanni (John) Profilio (21st anniv); James & Alfred Smith; Thomas & Peter Delahunty; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland 1st anniv); Eilen Burk (UK 1st anniv); 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); 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 Profilio; 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.

<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/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PATSY BOGGS - A VERY SPECIAL PARISHIONER

Patsy Boggs will be celebrating her 95th Birthday this coming week on the 28th September 2021

Happy Birthday Patsy and congratulations on a great milestone in your life. Peace and Joy!