

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
3rd October 2021

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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/>

PRAYERS FOR PLENARY COUNCIL SESSION

Let us pray for the wise and open discernment of members of the Plenary Council that will commence this **Sunday, 3 October**.

The Plenary is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country and **seeks to dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia as they discuss how the Church can proclaim the Gospel most effectively in our Australian society today.**

I know many parishioners here at St Pat's contributed submissions in the initial dialogue sessions. We now ask that the Holy Spirit inspire the delegates, as they seek to guide our Australian Church forward.

Come Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU MARIE PICCIN & BRENDA JOHNSTON

Special thank you to Marie and Brenda for all the hard work in completing the parish's annual report on Child Protection and Safeguarding Protocols and ensuring all our parish volunteers are registered and compliant with government regulations. This seeks to ensure our parish is safe, welcoming and a faith filled one for children and their families. As you would appreciate, the area of Child Protection regulations has been a fast evolving one over recent years and our parish is well on top of regulatory requirements.

Adhering the parish meets these requirements falls under the parish **Volunteers Ministry of STEWARDSHIP**, which looks after regulatory and legal requirements. If you would like to assist in this task, please feel free to contact Marie on 0414 588 846 or mtpiccin@gmail.com

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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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis
Gen 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother
and joins himself to his wife, and they become
one body.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 2:9-11

**He who sanctifies, and those who are
sanctified have one origin.**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while
made lower than the angels and is now
crowned with glory and splendour because he
submitted to death; by God's grace he had to
experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of
his sons into glory, it was appropriate that
God, for whom everything exists and through
whom everything exists, should make perfect,
through suffering, the leader who would take
them to their salvation. For the one who
sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are
of the same stock; that is why he openly calls
them brothers.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v.5

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our
lives.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark
Mk 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Francis of Assisi
Wednesday: St Bruno
Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday: St Denis and St John Leonardi

PARISH PRAYER IN THESE TIMES

Thinking of all those who have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions during this period of lockdown.

Thinking of all those who have suffered loss.

Thinking of all those who are ill or whose loved ones are ill.

Thinking of the HSC students facing exams in this most difficult year.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today's readings are about one of the greatest gifts that God gives each of us – **our families**. Families come in all shapes and sizes, some families have many people other families are small but the **one thing makes a family, is love and the commitment we have to one another**. Children are a special gift that families protect and take care of. Children are filled with innocence, truth, wonder and awe, and as we get older we tend to find it more difficult to be open to the gifts of God. **The happiness and love that children have is important to God and a wonderful example to adults.**

Let's listen to Fr Tom

read the Gospel of Mark 10:13-16:

<https://youtu.be/FhD8IEZqIYo>

Jesus tells us very clearly, who the people are that are most important. In the time of Jesus, children and women were on the margins. Jesus warmly and lovingly invited the children who were not considered important in the world, to come around him. Jesus loves each and every one of us. We are invited to look around our own community and our own society to see where the people are that are not considered important – **where are the refugees, and where are the homeless, where are the people who are on the margins**. The message of Jesus is that the last shall be first and that we can all be great teachers to one another, especially children.

Activities to do at home:

- Make a Family Heart (like a family tree). Add all the names of the people you love and who love you, the people you are related to and the people outside your family who are important to you. You might be surprised how many people there are.
- Arrange a ZOOM gathering with family members you cannot visit maybe have a game of BINGO or a Talent Quest.

Yes, Jesus Loves Me:

<https://youtu.be/owx3ao42kwI>

Animated story of the Gospel:

https://youtu.be/QPDL_xFCqhw

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Delahunty; John White; Robert Rago; Ralph Wadley; Ruth Lawlor (Ireland); Carmela Tomarchio; 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: Adrian Moore; 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); Santina Russo; Romualdo 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); 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**

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

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/>