

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
5<sup>th</sup> September 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/>



**To all our father's and those in fatherly roles, we wish you Blessings, Prayers and Peace this Father's Day 2021.**

You play a vital role of leadership and support not only in your immediate family, but in our wider community. To those that have lost their fathers, we recall the role of our father's in our lives and thank God for their example.

For Fathers too that are struggling in with fatherhood— be it: separation; tense or difficult relationships; difficulty in forgiveness – may we know that God gives us the strength to re-engage in our roles in our families.

## **FATHERS DAY (continued)**

Life is full of challenges and we pray that in your role and responsibilities of fatherhood you know that you are supported.

Pope Francis has previously spoken beautifully of fathers when saying:

*"I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!"*

To all fathers and those in fatherly roles, may you know that we as a community are here to support and encourage you.

Thank You to our Dads and together with the parish community, may we continue to build a community of inclusiveness and hope at all times.

**This Sunday, let us all as a family pray the OUR FATHER in our households, ever mindful that we remember our God and Father in Heaven, every father amongst us, and our deceased fathers.**

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and  
the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

**The Word of the Lord**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James  
Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to  
inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in  
Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the  
making of distinctions between classes of  
people. Now suppose a man comes into your  
synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold  
ring on, and at the same time a poor man  
comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take  
notice of the well-dressed man, and say,  
'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell  
the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can  
sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see  
that you have used two different standards in  
your mind, and turned yourselves into judges,  
and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are  
poor according to the world that God chose, to  
be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the  
kingdom which he promised to those who love  
him.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bound  
down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

**Wednesday:** The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday:** St Peter Claver

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## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Mk 7:31-37

**He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## Afghan Refugee Appeal

The Sydney Archdiocese has launched an appeal to support the Afghan people seeking asylum who have been forced to flee their homeland. All funds donated will go to Afghan asylum seekers and refugees in Australia.

You can donate by visiting:  
<https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/>

**Thank you for your support**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY – FATHER'S DAY

Today is a special day for our Dads; it is the day when we celebrate our dads, grandpas, and uncles, Godfathers and all the significant men who help to shape our lives. **We say THANKS to our dads, let's listen and speak to them and tell them we Love them.**

Today's Gospel is about listening and hearing the Word of God. I am sure we all have a story about someone saying to us: "Can you hear me?" or "Are you listening to me?" This is most often the words we hear our mums and dads say! Sometimes we pretend we cannot hear but when we do we understand **what they are asking us to do is going to help us to be more charitable and more loving.**

Let's listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel:

<https://youtu.be/A5NPtma4iIU>

Jesus makes the impossible possible when he makes the person who cannot speak, able to speak, and the person who cannot hear, able to hear. This miracle invites us to speak and listen to people with charity to be the best follower of Jesus that we can be. So too, Jesus asks us to listen and act on His word in love and charity towards one another.

## Family Activity and Conversation:



- Make a phone call to someone you have not seen for a while;
- Make these cookies for dad or maybe make them with Dad as you celebrate Father's Day.  
<https://recipes.sainsburys.co.uk/recipes/fathers-day-cookies#>
- You might like to act out the Gospel with your family like these children.  
[https://youtu.be/r6O\\_GVGGs-w](https://youtu.be/r6O_GVGGs-w)
- A little Father's Day Fun Song:  
[https://youtu.be/UbJHLntUW\\_o](https://youtu.be/UbJHLntUW_o)



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pat Morton; Belinda; 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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giuseppe De Meio; Angelo Falgiatori; Guido Falgiatori; Domenico Masi; Carmelo Puglisi; Concetta Severino; Joseph Bezzina 1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Antoinette Watfa ( 4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Margaret Dix (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Santa Scarcella (10<sup>th</sup> anniv); Giuseppe & Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino & Francesca Lo Schiavo; Mary Galea; Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Barry Henry Peterson (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Elizabeth Johansen (20<sup>th</sup> anniv); Michele Vezza (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Peter Burnicle (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Marilena Valtellini; Maura Ruzic; Maddalena Ciacciarelli (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Lam O'Young (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Santina Russo; Romualo 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).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Helen Behan; Diane Shore; Michael Ratinie; 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/>

**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](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com) or phone 0400 195 350.

### 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](mailto: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!***