

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
31 October 2021**

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Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

All Mass Bookings – Please register online

<https://www.trybooking.com/641739>

or Contact the Office on 9743-1017 Tuesday & Fridays

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN INDOORS

Weekday Services:

- Communion Service: Monday and Saturday 8am
- Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8.00am
- Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
- Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of month.
Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The church reminds us, particularly in November, to pray for those who have died.

Here at St. Pat's, you are invited to write the names of your deceased family members and friends on cards and place these cards in a basket which will be left at the foot of the altar during November.

There are cards in the Narthex please take a card write your names on it and **place this card in the basket at the foot of the altar.**

Our family members and friends will be remembered as each Mass is celebrated.

This is the Communion of Saints at work!

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS MASS TIMES

All Saints Day: Monday 1st November @ 8am.

All Souls Day: Tuesday 2nd November
8am & 9.30am.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Due to the current pandemic, the Sacrament of Confirmation has been rescheduled to take place at a 5pm and a 7pm Mass on **Thursday 18th November** to be conducted by Bishop Brady and Fr Tom Stevens.

The two instructions for the sacrament will be held in the Parish Hall as follows:

Mondays: 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Session 1: 8 November

Session 2: 15 November

Anyone wishing to register to receive the sacrament should contact Bob Mayor at mayor2411@gmail.com or on 0418 228689.

WELCOME BACK TO BINGO

The Bingo Ministry will be welcomed back by Fr Tom with **Mass at 10.00am on Monday 1st November** then Bingo and morning tea will follow. Face Masks must be worn and all participants need to be vaccinated

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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

(R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed.

(R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: All Saints Day – 8am Mass
Tuesday: All Souls Day – 8 & 9.30am Masses
Wednesday: St Martin de Porres
Thursday: St Charles Borromeo

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark
Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

The Gospel of the Lord

PARISH WORKS AND MAINTENANCE GOING FORWARD

Please read of the planned Parish Works and Maintenance and what exciting plans we are looking towards in terms of building maintenance and refurbishments. To find out more and how you can support these works, please click: [Parish-works.pdf \(stpatismortlake.org.au\)](http://stpatismortlake.org.au/Parish-works.pdf)

CONGRATULATIONS

This Sunday Mary Anderson is turning 100 years young. Mary is our long-standing parishioner Denise Norman's mother.

Peace & Joy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today's readings are about the laws God gave us to live by. God knows how hard we find it to obey lots of rules and to follow too many instructions can be confusing.

So instead of a list of rules Jesus gives us two that we must try to follow to Love God and to Love Each Other.

Jesus was a Jew, and the bible is part of the Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and the New Testament, which is all about the time Jesus lived in. The Jewish people have some 613 laws/ rules that should be followed.

There were many rules that people had to follow and sometimes the rules became more important than people. **Jesus made it simple by saying we must follow 2 rules.**

Let's listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel from St Mark. (Mark 12:28-31).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBGyAT_deTI

Love is the most important action we can share with one another. Jesus says that we are to love God through our actions, our words, and our prayers. And we are to love our neighbour as much as we love ourselves. It is important to love ourselves and the lesson for us is to make sure we treat everyone with the same love and dignity as we have for God and ourselves. We can do this in so many ways:

**Being kind and considerate to others.
Helping people in need. Being grateful to
our families for all they do for us.**

Loving God is pretty much the same. When did you last say thank you and I love you to Jesus?

We show Jesus how much we love him the more we treat each other with love, respect and dignity. What can you do this week to show your love for God or for others?

Activities to do at home:

- Maybe everyone in your family could **write to someone in your family that you love** but have not seen for a little while.
- How about **writing a bedtime prayer** telling Jesus how much you love him?

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Don Khoury; Luw Kan; Les Boland; Sr Judith Clarke; Peter Delahunty; Anna Faraone; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jayden Clarke; Frank Arcella Snr; Frank Arcella Jnr; Rosa Arcella; Farone Family; Tony Neylan (6th anniv); John Roach (7th anniv); Joseph Triganza (1st anniv); Adrian Moore; Carmelo Puglisi; Giovanni (John) Profilio (21st anniv); James & Alfred Smith; Thomas & Peter Delahunty ; Jimmy Smyth (Ireland 1st anniv); Eileen 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); Matteo Di Pasquantonio (2nd anniv).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Patsy Boggs; Low Kan Keo; Pam White; 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**

READERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Proclaiming the Word of God at our Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday is a privileged and important ministry in the Church. In the next couple of weeks we will be preparing the roster for 2022. **We are now looking for volunteers for each of the Masses – 6.00pm Saturday; 9.00am, 10.30 am and 6.00pm Sunday.**

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Brenda on 9743 1017 or parish@stpatismortlake.org.au with your details (phone no. and email address) and the Mass at which you wish to read.

If you are a regular reader who stepped back during Covid but now wish to return to the roster, please contact Brenda and let her know.

If you are a regular reader and wish to make changes, please contact Brenda.

If you are a regular reader and do not wish to make any changes, there is no need to contact anyone!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY

Who doesn't love a good story? Our group offers an opportunity for children to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel with their peers. We open the Word of God together, using media, games, craft, and conversation. **We are currently a group of four leaders and two assistants. There is always room for more helpers.** All children are welcome. Watch this space for our Christmas Nativity Liturgy on 23rd December. **Please call Sinead Kent 0420653637 for more information.**

WELCOME GRANT STINSON TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

This weekend at the 9am Mass we welcome Grant Stinson who will be received into the Church.

Grant has walked with members of the Sacramental team, Bob Mayor and Denise Norman, in learning about our Catholic Faith.

Welcome Grant and may God's peace be with you and your family of Suzanne, Madeline, and Owen.

Know that you are always welcome here in the St Pat's community.