

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

First Sunday of Advent
in Ordinary Time
Year B
28 November 2021

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN INDOORS

Weekday Services

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

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Our communication ministry is a **very vibrant one which aims to address the spiritual and community building needs of the parish.** It does this by using communication models, processes, resources and technologies which will satisfy the needs of all generations.

This ministry was established by a group of volunteer parishioners, and it continues today with the generous involvement of volunteers.

The COMMS team is responsible for our **Social Media posts on Facebook and Instagram.** We also change the LED sign at the front of the church that lets our Parish Community know what's happening next. Please follow us and check out our LED sign. A newsletter which tells of the activities of the parish and parishioners over the previous few months is published at the beginning of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

If you would like to join this very active committee, please contact Brenda in the parish office on 9743 1017 or email: parish@stpatismortlake.org.au

CONFIRMATIONS LAST WEEK

Congratulations to our 42 special Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Brady.

Isabel Ballesty, Daniella Calderon, Leonardo Calderon, Christian Carreras, Dominic Catanese, Henry Celler, Makayla Day, Ethan DoLambert, Lucien Eaves, Charlie Graffeo, Sebastian Ignatiio, Nathan Licciardello, Eros Lo lacono, Benjamin Magill, Joshua Mannino, Michael McFarlane, Sienna Robarti Tinirau, Sienna Roache, Luca Scamarcia, Alonzo Spiteri, Christopher Vega. Chiara Biviano, Sienna Biviano, Aria D'Amico, Christian Espino, Isabella Espino, Matthew Freeman, Angus Green, James Hanna, Bianca Harris, Michael Korompay, Dominique Lattari, Archie Marshall, Lulu Marshall, Taj McDonald, Evelyn O'Neill, Alessandro Re, Alana Serra, Ashlee Serra, Ethan Toemoe, Henry Toemoe, Liam Walsh.

Thanks go to Bob Mayor, Denise Norman and Sinead Kent for all their work in running the course. To assist in future Sacramental programmes as an instructor, please contact the parish on 9743 1017.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Andrew
Friday: St Francis Xavier
Saturday: St John Damascene

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Jer 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke
Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;

CONGRATULATIONS – 40 years married

To Lauraine and Michael Muir who have been married 40 years. They received a blessing from Fr Tom at the 10.30 am Mass this weekend.
Lauraine, you are a Saint! Fr Tom

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GOSPEL – continued

men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord

NO SATURDAY 6pm MASS on 11 Dec.

The parish Classical Christmas Concert will be held at 5pm on Saturday 11 December. **The concert is now booked out** and will commence at 4pm for welcoming drinks for a 5pm concert. **There will no 6pm Mass the night of the 11/12/21.**

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

You are invited to join in prayer and reflection throughout Advent. We will use ‘Heartbeat’ sessions contemplating on the Gospel for each Sunday for the 4 weeks of Advent. There are two opportunities. **Tuesday's at 1:45 - 3:00pm** in the church with Covid safe care or **Tuesdays at 7 pm on zoom.** The silent times, the stillness and listening are a vital part of the heartbeat sessions.

If you would like to attend please contact Susan Neylan: 0400 195 350 smneylan@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE MASSES – THANK YOU

Thank you to Sinead Kent and the musicians for organising our Remember series of Masses this month. They were a rich time of healing.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It is the first Sunday of Advent today. It is also the very first Sunday in our Church year. This Sunday we focus on **HOPE**. Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting for Christ's coming, the birth of Jesus. We have many preparations to make before the birth of Jesus, and just as we prepare for the many special events that we celebrate in our lives, we will hear a lot about how the people waited in the next few weeks.

Let's listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel.

<https://youtu.be/orAf6iPB9HU>

What kinds of things can we do to get ready for Jesus' birth?

We could do good things for one another, extra jobs for family and friends, **pray as a family**, maybe with an Advent Wreath, we might buy presents for those who will not get any like the Mini-Vinnies collections or other charity collections in our Parish and local areas.

We use the Advent wreath to mark the four Sundays of the Advent season. Purple is a colour used to symbolise seriousness. There are 3 purple candles **HOPE, PEACE and LOVE**, that we use to show that we are seriously looking inside ourselves and working to make ourselves better people.

The message for us is to try to be the best people we can be.

Family activities to do at home:

- Spend some time with your child planning the next 4 weeks. How will you family spend the season of Advent?
- If you have not already done it, get out your Advent wreath and set it up. Today's candle is purple for HOPE. An Intro to Advent from Br Francis: <https://youtu.be/6pxPALw2abo>

Advent Song: <https://youtu.be/HZCtyhOU2gw>

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Assunta Favero; Michael John Veloso Patsy Boggs; Ania Krzanowski; Mary Di Bernardo; Adele Abraham: Don Khoury; Luw Kan; Lorraine Grace; 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: Jose Teran: Jacob Nabiha; Ray Elias; Michael Saliba Patricia Reilly (4th anniv): Anthony Geoghegan (18th anniv): Joseph Triganza (1st anniv); Domenico Ardillo (8th anniv); Jayden Clarke; Frank Arcella Snr; Frank Arcella Jnr; Rosa Arcella; Farone Family; Tony Neylan (6th anniv); John Roach (7th 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;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Anthony Davis; Mary Beth; John O'Dea; Pam White; Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Diane Shore; Renee; 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

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

The Pastoral Care Committee take a hands-on role in supporting those in our community who need comfort, companionship and support. Currently these members take Communion to 16 housebound parishioners. Offer transport for medical appointments, shopping and their commute to and from weekend Masses.

For more information why not contact Betty Flynn on 8757 3307 or email: brian@bflynn.com.au and have a coffee with her and learn more about this fulfilling Ministry

BAPTISMS

We Congratulate and Welcome into the St Patrick's community this weekend Giuliana Wastie, Estela Gonzalez and Rory Anderson.

May you all grow in Faith as a family unit here at St Pats and always feel at home here.

Peace & Joy

CHRISTMAS LUNCH PLEASE COME ALONG

The Lunch will be on **8th of December 2021** at Carmen's Restaurant at Barnwell Park Golf Club at noon. \$50.00 for 2 course Lunch Coffee/Tea. Please rsvp to **Anne Manenti on 0412 339 212 by 29th November to reserve your seat/s.** Thank you

Children's Nativity Liturgy with Communion Service

Thursday 23rd December from 5.30pm

We are inviting children to be part of the retelling of the nativity story!

Please reach out to Steph Tse

(steph.tse@gmail.com)

if your child is interested in participating.

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday 24th December from 6.00pm

We are inviting families to read and assist with the Mass. Please reach out to Sinead Kent on 0420 653 637 if you or your family are interested in participating.