Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

7th November 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.

DONATIONS AND BUY A BRICK PROGRAMS UPDATE

<u>Donations</u>: Plaques have been affixed to the donated items installed on the Parish Green – the granite table, timber pillars and sandstone logs – the inscriptions are in accordance with each donors' request.

Buy a Brick: Of the 207 bricks available for engraving, 124 signature bricks have been installed and we hold orders for 55 signature bricks. **28 bricks are available for sale.** Forms are in the narthex of the Church and we would be pleased to receive orders for these 28 bricks. If we place an order for engraving within the next two weeks, the engraved bricks will be installed by the start of Term 1 of the 2022 School Year.

Orders can be handed to the Parish Secretary on Tuesdays or Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or sent by email to Parish@stpatsmortlake.org.

Any enquiries please phone Margaret McLennan on 0419 732 014.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is running their annual Christmas Appeal through November. It has been a particularly difficult year for many local families, and we are looking for your assistance to brighten up their Christmas season.

From the weekend 6-7 November we will put out baskets for donations for children's toys and Christmas hampers in the Narthex. We are looking for toys and festive foods such as hams, cakes, puddings, and other staples that will allow the families have a lovely Christmas dinner which they otherwise could not afford. Donations for the hampers and toys will finish at the Sunday evening Mass of November 28th so they can be packed in early December for distribution.

Finally, we will be running an envelope and bucket collection at Masses on the weekend of 20-21 November for financial contributions that will allow us to support struggling families across Christmas and into 2021.

This is very important, especially this year, with additional families struggling from loss of jobs and income due to the impacts of COVID.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings 1 Kgs 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.""

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

 It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.
 It is 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.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a manmade sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 12:41-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: The dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

Wednesday: St Leo the Great
Thursday: St Martin of Tours

Friday: St Josaphat

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dawn and John Meldrum who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many years of union to come! **Peace & Joy**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honour of St Francis of Assisi you are invited to the annual <u>Blessing of the Animals</u> at all weekend Masses of 27/28 November.

Register for Masses online and bring your pets along to one of our outdoor masses during where they will receive a blessing from Fr Tom. Click her to register:

https://www.trybooking.com/641739

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today's readings are about being generous. Being generous is about sharing well, not keeping everything to ourselves. God wants us to be generous with the gifts He gave us. What kinds of gifts would God want us to be generous with? Our time, love, talents, toys, food, money etc.

In the Gospel today, Mark tells us about a poor widow who was more generous than everyone else was because she gave what little she had so that others could be comfortable. Let us listen to Fr Tom read the Gospel from the Book of Mark. https://youtu.be/TRokNuCLZo4

The story is a great example to us in how we can best look after and serve our communities. Every Sundays during our Masses, we put money on the collection plate. This money helps to grow and care for our Parish, making it a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy. Other collects take place as well and these are for helping those who are doing it tough.

Activities to do at Home

- As a family you might like to think about the people in our Parish who 'share' their talents for the whole Parish community. eg: Musicians, Gardeners, Committees, St Vincent de Paul, Children's Liturgy etc..
- Maybe have a big toy sort out and choose a few to give to someone/charity shop.
- Together with your child, think of a way to save some money and choose a place to share it.

Animated version of the Gospel: https://youtu.be/GivTS-DBBWI

Song to share: A Gift To You: https://youtu.be/J g76phMf5E

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We Congratulate Henry Morell, Jayla, Jinson, Jackson Ge, Jinjin Sun and Hugo Walsh into the St Patrick's community. May you all gown in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.

Peace & Joy

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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; Giiseppina 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: 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); Eilen Burk (UK 1st anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Angelo Falgiatori; Guido Falgiatori.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: John O'Dea; Patsy Boggs; Low Kan Keo; Pam White: Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); 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 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 out 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@stpatsmortlake.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!

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!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – PLEASE COME ALONG

Will be held on the 8th December 2021 at Carmen's Restaurant at Barnwell Park Golf Club at noon. \$50.00 for 2 course Lunch Coffee/Tea.

Numbers are limited so please contact Anne Manenti on 0412 339 212 to reserve your seat/s.