

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**Third Sunday of Advent
in Ordinary Time
Year C
12 December 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.

SINGER(S) NEEDED

Hoping to get one or two parishioners who can sing (hold a tune) **to assist Bob Mayor at the 8pm Mass on Christmas eve.** Bob can play the music but has no singer(s) at this stage and is hopeful that one or more singers may be able to assist with singing the carols and parts for the Mass.

If you are interested, please give Bob a call on 0418 228 689 or email mayer2411@gmail.com

**We can have a practice or two before Christmas.
Thank you.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you would like to volunteer as a Greeter, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Family Offertory please write your name on this list in the front of the church.

We need volunteers at all our Christmas Masses.

Many Thanks

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: St Lucy

Tuesday: St John of the Cross

Happy Birthday Jesus



CHRISTMAS LITURGY AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday 23 December

10am - Mass for Seniors

6pm: Children and Family - Outdoor Service and children's nativity play in the Church Grounds

7.30pm: Carol and Communion Service Liturgy in the Church

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday 24 December

8pm and Midnight Mass

6pm: - Children's Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday 25 December

7.30am, 9am and 10.30am

BOXING DAY MASS

Sunday 26 December

9am Mass

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
Zep 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Cont

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians
Phil 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the
Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness.
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the
Lord is very near. There is no need to worry;
but if there is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will guard
your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) **Cry out with joy and gladness: for among
you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We Congratulate Domenico Marano,
Billie Ryan-Thomas, Finley Slattery,
Leonardo Cancino & India Bennett
into the St Pat's Community.
May you all gown in Faith with us and always
feel at home here.
Peace & Joy

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord

PARISH REGISTRATION AND DATABASE UPDATE

As a part of updating the parish records, I ask if parishioners **could take the time to update their family records by completing the attached Parish Registration form.**

Our records **need significant updating to ensure we are best able to meet the needs of our parishioners.** Forms are in the church and can be downloaded per the link below. They can be dropped off to the office, emailed, or left in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you.

<https://www.stpatmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we light the 3rd candle on the Advent Candle, it is Rose or pink in colour. **This candle represents JOY and we are joyful because the long wait for Jesus is almost over.**

This week, we hear about John the Baptist again telling us how to get ready for the birth of Jesus. **We are getting ready every week and we are using symbols to help us countdown.**

Our Nativity Crib is building every week. People giving of their own time are setting all of these things up. Would you like to help? Everyone is invited to be part of St Pat's in helping.

Let's listen to Fr Tom read today's Gospel:

<https://youtu.be/CKvDJkRAWt0>

We talk a lot about how we should share our gifts and talents, how we are supposed to be nice, kind and aware of people. Being honest in the way we treat each other and remembering not to put ourselves and our needs and wants higher than others.

Family activities you might like to try together.

- Celebrate together! When you light the pink candle in your Advent wreath today, pray that you remember John's message of love.
- As a family think of someone who might appreciate a random act of kindness.

Advent Grace: <https://youtu.be/-6OeD4sj9Pk>

The story of St Nicholas from Brother Francis:

<https://youtu.be/gbHRIpF5HCY>

CATHOLIC CARE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Catholic Care greatly appreciates and thanks all the Parishioners of St Patrick's for your past and continued support to make Christmas special for so many children and families.

Your gifts can be left under the Christmas Tree.

Catholic Care will be coming to collect all the gifts on **Friday 17th December 2021.**

Thank You.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Josie Lopez; Elsie Andreazza; Edna Rumore; Alan Butler; Francey Bagala; Assunta Favero; Teresa Cama; Sr Judy Quirk; John Hughes; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maurizia Xuereb; Bjarne Johansen (28th anniv); Glenda Rutz (8th anniv); Jose Teran; Jacob Nabih; 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Nance Walker; Ethan Aflak; Archie Finn; Anthony Davis; Mary Beth; John O'Dea; Pam White; Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Diane Shore; Renee; Michael Ratinie; Charbel; Irene; Nikko; Gina Cocco; Lillo Prevedello; Kevin Walker.

To have your petition included, please phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

You are invited to join in prayer and reflection throughout 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. Please contact Susan Neylan on 0400 195 350 or email smneylan@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul THANK YOU

We are delighted to thank the St Patrick's Parish and School for their wonderful support of the 2021 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. A financial total of \$3,635.75 was donated at Masses across the weekend of 20-21 November from the tap and go machines (thanks Fr Tom!), in envelopes and via the bucket collection. This will be used to assist struggling families and individuals across the Christmas and holiday season.

The wonderful Parish and School donations of all things festive mean that many local families can have a plentiful Christmas meal and a bright, seasonally decorated table.

Because of your generosity, local children in need were provided with beautifully wrapped gifts to ensure a very happy Christmas.

Special thanks go to Ashleigh and Kirsty from the School for all their assistance with the organisation of the children and hampers.

Your help has allowed the St Vincent de Paul to offer a dignified hand up to all local families and individuals in need this Christmas.

Thank you again for your wonderful generosity.