

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

Second Sunday of Advent  
in Ordinary Time  
Year C  
5th 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month. Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

## VOLUNTEERING - SOCIAL MINISTRY

This ministry runs a weekly Bingo group, plans bus trips and excursions. coordinates and caters the Parish functions the Healing Mass and lunch, Annual Parish Dinner, First Holy Communion Breakfast; Confirmation Supper; Bingo Christmas Lunch and other social events in the parish.

**These events are designed to encourage whole Parish participation. If you would like to assist or become involved, all are welcome.**

You can contact the parish on 9743 1017 or email Frances Windon via email: [fpwstpats@gmail.com](mailto:fpwstpats@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS FOR OUR 'SPRING CLEAN'

A special thank you to the many hands that made light work of the 'Spring Clean' of the church and Hall last Saturday. There was plenty of good spirited 'banter' as we cleaned way, preparing our Church for the coming Christmas festivities.

**Thank You.**

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 Baruch  
Bar 5:1-9

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Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.  
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
since God means to show your splendour to every  
nation under heaven,  
since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
'Peace through integrity, and honour through  
devotedness'.  
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
and turn your eyes to the east:  
see your sons reassembled from west and east  
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has  
remembered them.  
Though they left you on foot,  
with enemies for an escort,  
now God brings them back to you  
like royal princes carried back in glory.  
For God has decreed the flattening  
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide  
shade  
for Israel at the command of God;  
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled  
with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

**(R.)**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Cont

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of  
song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians  
Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

### Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with  
joy, remembering how you have helped  
to spread the Good News from the day  
you first heard it right up to the present. I  
am quite certain that the One who began  
this good work in you will see that it is  
finished when the Day of Christ Jesus  
comes. God knows how much I miss you  
all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.  
My prayer is that your love for each other  
may increase more and more and never  
stop improving your knowledge and  
deepening your perception so that you  
can always recognise what is best. This  
will help you to become pure and  
blameless, and prepare you for the Day  
of Christ, when you will reach the perfect  
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in  
us for the glory and praise of God.

**The Word of the Lord**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 3:1-6

**All people shall see the salvation of God.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** St Nicholas  
**Tuesday:** St Ambrose  
**Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
**Saturday:** St Damasus I

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's readings we are told that someone **very special is coming**. Who do you think that might be? John the Baptist tries to help people get ready for this special person. Let's think some more about this today. Let's listen to this week's readings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdVl12thQrQ>

God speaks to John while he is in the desert. What does John then go out and do? **John the Baptist goes round to the people and tells them to be prepared for the coming of Jesus.** He offers to baptise and forgive people.

Advent is a time when we think about our actions and try to make sure that we are ready for the coming of Jesus. **What do you think you could do differently, so that you can try to be ready for Jesus?**

### Activities to do at home:

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57808/789120/version/1/Prayer\\_family\\_2nd-week-Advent.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/57808/789120/version/1/Prayer_family_2nd-week-Advent.pdf)

## NO WEEKDAY MASS – Tuesday, 7 Dec

A Communion Service will replace the weekday Mass on Tuesday, 7 December. Thank you.

**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 228689 or email [mayer2411@gmail.com](mailto:mayer2411@gmail.com).

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



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 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; Louise Massavia; Jose Rodrigues; Giovanni Cama; Giuseppina Stagno; Nikola & Mila Terkes: Richard Marciales; Mary Cleary; Giuseppe Alvaro; Francesco Giacomobono.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Glenda Rutz (8<sup>th</sup> anniv); Jose Teran: Jacob Nabihah; Ray Elias; Michael Saliba Patricia Reilly (4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Anthony Geoghegan (18<sup>th</sup> anniv); Joseph Triganza (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Domenico Ardillo (8<sup>th</sup> anniv); Jayden Clarke; Frank Arcella Snr; Frank Arcella Jnr; Rosa Arcella; Farone Family; Tony Neylan (6<sup>th</sup> anniv); John Roach (7<sup>th</sup> anniv); Adrian Moore; Carmelo Puglisi; Giovanni (John) Profilio (21<sup>st</sup> anniv);

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Ethan Aflak; Archie Finn; 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**

### 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**. Beginning on Tuesday 23rd November.

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 or email [smneylan@gmail.com](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com)

### NO SATURDAY 6pm MASS ON

**11 DECEMBER:** The parish Classical Christmas Concert will be held at 5pm on Saturday 11 December.

**The concert is now booked out.**

**There will be no 6pm Mass the night of the 11/12/21.**

Getting ready for  
Christmas at St Patrick's!

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](mailto: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 (0420 653 637) if you or your family are interested in participating.