

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C  
13 February 2022

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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 & 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.

## ACOLYTE, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, HOME VISITATION MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & ALTAR SERVER TRAINING COURSE

**Saturday 26 February**

Adults and children, male and female, young and old, are invited to consider volunteering to assist as acolytes and altar servers at weekend liturgies.

Altar serving is a special ministry that promotes parish involvement in assisting leading our community in prayer and reflection. **Children 8 years and up are welcome to apply. Adults will be trained as acolytes.** *Children's applications forms are available on the website.*

Current Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Communion to homes are invited to attend, even as a 'refresher' course, in this vital parish Ministry.

A training and information session will be conducted in the afternoon from 3-4pm for adults and 4.30-5.30pm for altar boys and girls on Saturday, 26 February.

If you are interested, please register by contacting the parish on 9743 1017 or email Kevin Nelson-Smith at [kevin.nelson.smith@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.nelson.smith@gmail.com)

## 2022 St PAT's ALPHA PROGRAMME

**Starts Tuesday, 1 March at 2pm**

In March we will be running a 10-week ALPHA Programme here in the parish. Alpha is course that creates a space, where people are **excited to bring their friends for a conversation about meaning and happiness in life**, the story of who Jesus Christ is in that story, the importance of Faith and the Church and how we engage in communities of faith.

It is open to everyone. People wanting to learn about Christianity and Catholicism for the first time, people perhaps returning to the Church, and for many of us who are Catholic but would like to renew our understanding and ask questions. Old and young welcome.

The Programme will run from **2.00pm until 2.50pm on Tuesday's** in the parish Hall and will be led by Fr Tom. **I do hope you will join us and feel free to contact Fr Tom or register your interest at on 9743-1017 or email: [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)**

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## FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

Jer 17:5-8

**A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.**

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of

St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

**If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord**

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke

6:17. 20-26

**Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and  
stopped at a piece of level ground where  
there was a large gathering of his

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disciples a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Sts Cyril & Methodius

### CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

To Dianne and Walter Chestney who are celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary**.

They will receive a blessing from Fr Tom at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday night, the actual day of their anniversary back in 1972.

**Peace & Joy**

### ST PAT'S FIESTA – TWILIGHT FESTIVAL - THANK YOU

A big **THANK YOU** to all the hard work and planning that went into the successful St Pat's FIESTA. **It was a lovely evening and a great gathering of the local community with live music, kids games and gorgeous food and even some 'fizzy drinks'!**

It has taken many months of tireless planning to ensure the great success that it was on Thursday evening. I would like to personally thank the Committee: Stephanie Parker, Marie Piccin, Pauline Cepak, John Borger, Grainne Nixon, Roberto Zegarra and Mira Stafford who all helped with the event and to Brenda Johnston for all admin assistance and arranging.

To Stephanie Parker especially – thank you for your vision, hard work and creativity.

As in many cases a "Thank You" to each individual by name is impossible (we may miss someone) so can we please put out a big thank you to all the volunteers, especially the students from St Pat's at Strathfield, music groups including our very own Mortlake Ukulele music group and Northern Soul band who played on the night. To the food stall holders and the Zegarra family for the delicious South American BBQ. **Thank you.**

These Twilight Evenings are part of a new series of community engagement that we will run in the parish once a month over the daylight-saving months of the year.

**Our next Twilight Festival will be on  
St Patrick's Day, 17 March from 5-8pm.**

**All are welcome.**

**If you would like to volunteer or interested in setting up a stall on one of the future evenings, please contact Fr Tom in the parish on 9743 1017 or email:**

[parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au)

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Aquilina; Giuseppe Palmenta; Tony Hillyer; Salvatore di Bella; Emma Marsella; Michael Regan UK; June Noonan; John Punch; Adele Pavin; Giuseppe Velo; Sr. Patricia Smith: Br Emery Nash; Jennifer Henderson; Fr Jim Esler; Guerino Bombardieri; Baby Rose; Josie Lopez; Elsie Andreatza; 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:** Rory O' Kane (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Joe Modigliani (25 anniv); Frank Mautteuci; Willem Vandebeld (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Domenico Severino: Angelo Falgiatori: Maria & Giuseppe Satti; Andrew Manenti; Cynthia Fernandes; Brad Bolster; Sam Ferlauto; Michele & Giuseppa Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova: Sue Goffredo: Gussy Fausti; Anthony Zacca; Campagna & Zappia Families; Paul Papadopolous; Emanuel Visiliades; Gerry Gleeson (4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Natalina & Antonino Di Giglio; Mary Galea & Deceased Members of the Di Giglio, Galea, Michallef, Lo Shiavo & Tesoriero Families; Maurizia Xuereb; Bjarne Johansen (28<sup>th</sup> anniv); Glenda Rutz (8<sup>th</sup> anniv); Jose Teran.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** John Henry; Tony Elias; Philomena Delahunty; Rebecca & Ryan; 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: Lyndall.

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

### EMAIL FRAUD - PLEASE BE ALERT

There has been another case of a person purporting to be Fr Tom in email correspondence asking for assistance.

**Please note:** the parish does not send emails to parishioners requesting donations. Such emails are scams, and we ask you to delete and ignore them.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT FR TOM IS AWAY FROM MONDAY 21 TO 26 FEBRUARY

Communion Services will replace morning weekday Masses during this time. My sincere thanks to all the Ministers of Communion and Acolytes for their valuable service to the parish during this time.

Fr Tom

### BAPTISMS & WEDDING

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our community Audrey & Zachary Anderson and Willow Zafra.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Stefania Boitano and Marcell Puglisi who were married here last weekend, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here**

