

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C  
20 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 this Week

- **Communion Service:** Monday to Saturday 8am
- **Mass:** No Weekday Masses
- **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)

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

Communion Services will replace morning weekday Masses during this time. Thank you. **Fr Tom**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church in Gale Street Mortlake this year on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. Candidates will need to have been Baptised.

Ideally the children will be in years 2 or 3 to participate. There will be four weeks of compulsory instruction to prepare the candidates which will commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February in the parish hall commencing at 4.15pm.

If you wish to include your child as a candidate, please register by contacting Robert Mayor via email [mayor2411@gmail.com](mailto:mayor2411@gmail.com) or Phone 0418 228 689.

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel  
1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

**The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our  
sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear  
him. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of  
St Paul to the Corinthians  
1 Cor 15:45-49

**Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke Lk 6:27-38

**Be merciful as your Father is merciful.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## 1 MARCH - St PAT's ALPHA COURSE BEGINS

Commencing on **Tuesday, 1 March at 2pm**  
**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 Program will run from **2.00pm until 2.50pm on Tuesday's in the parish Hall.** To register please contact Fr Tom on **9743-1017** or email [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

## THE HEARTBEAT LENTEN SERIES

There will be a group gathering over zoom **each week of Lent** to pray and contemplate the Sunday Gospel and to ponder over the season of Lent. The sessions are very reflective and calm.

You are invited and encouraged to join in. It will be from **4pm to 5pm Wednesday** afternoon, commencing on Ash Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

The sessions will be emailed to you each week and some clear directions on zooming in. Please contact by phone 0400195350 or email [smneylan@gmail.com](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com)

## BAPTISMS

We congratulate and welcome into our community Matthias Hofstetter and Ariana Politano. **May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.**

**Peace & Joy**

## FEASTS DAY THIS WEEK

**Monday:** St Peter Damian  
**Tuesday:** St Peter (Apostle)  
**Wednesday:** St Polycarp



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Aquilina; Giuseppe Palmenta; Tony Hillyer; 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 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:** John Samuel (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Fiona Garcia; Salvatore Di Bella; Rory O' Kane (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Joe Modigliani (25 anniv); Riccardo Sommaro; 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; Engenio Alessio: Nance Walker: Rebecca & Ryan; Ethan Aflak; Archie Finn; Anthony Davis; Mary Beth; John O'Dea; Helen Behan; Evelyn McVeigh (Ireland); Diane Shore; Renee; Michael Ratinie; Charbel; Irene; Nikko; Gina Cocco; Kevin Walker: Lyndall; Katrina.

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

### EMAIL FRAUD - PLEASE BE ALERT

**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.

### TWILIGHT EVENING – St Patrick's Day. 17 March Call for Volunteers to assist

Following the successful Fiesta, our next Twilight Evening will be on St Patrick's Day from 5-8pm. **If you would like to volunteer or interested in setting up a stall on one of the future evenings, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or Email: [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au)**

### HELP WITH THE PARISH OUTREACH LUNCH – Sunday, 13 March 2022

On Sunday, 13 March after the 10.30am Mass the parish will be **hosting a luncheon for the Vinnies clients of the area** in the parish grounds.

**If you would like to assist with catering and serving at the luncheon, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) All ages welcome to volunteer, children and adults.**

Volunteers' duties will involve setting up, clearing and serving tables and sitting talking with guests, sharing their stories. Thank you.

