

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Year C  
20 March 2022**

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## Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

**Every Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross  
after the 8am Mass**

## Weekday Services

- **Communion Service:** Monday and Saturday 8am
- **Mass:** Tuesday to Friday 8am
- **Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.30pm
- **Baptisms:** 11.45am on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month
- Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

## PARISH OUTREACH IN ACTION SUCCESSFUL PARISH LUNCH

Last Sunday a Luncheon was hosted in the presbytery for the SVDP clients in our local area. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all around the meal table, with plenty of wonderful conversation and laughter.

**A Lebanese feast was prepared by Natalie Quinn and her sisters, and everyone was delighted at the delectable pavlovas created by Wendy Ballesty and Maree Munro.**

Congratulations to our Mortlake conference of St Vincent de Paul which is very strong in numbers and quick to help all those in need at any time. Thanks also to Canada Bay Council for their support and to Councillor Anthony Bazouni for attending on the day.

A special **"Thank You"** to our volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food and hosted our guests. More parish outreach lunches are to come. If interested in assisting at future events, please contact parish on [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au)

## THANK YOU - ST PATRICK'S DAY TWILIGHT EVENING

A big **THANK YOU** to all for the hard work and planning that went into the successful St Patrick's Day Twilight Celebration. It was once again a great gathering of the local community with lots of Irish food, Irish sing a longs and Irish stalls. St Patrick's would have been quite proud of it all. . . to be sure, to be sure!

There are just too many people to thank individually, so let us just say **"Thank you to each of you for all that you individual contributed to this wonderful evening"**.

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

**Our next Twilight Festival will be on  
Thursday 13 October 2022**

**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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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus  
Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

**This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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.)**
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 does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of  
St Paul to the Corinthians  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.**

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

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## SECOND READING – continued

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**The Word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 13:1-9

**Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## ALPHA COURSE

**Not too late to come along –  
Start at 3.30pm this week**

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.**

**Please feel free to come along on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.30pm.**

## FEASTS DAY THIS WEEK

**Wednesday:** St Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Thursday:** St Oscar Romero

**Friday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

**We congratulate and welcome into our community** Jaxon DeCastro-Clifford, Isla Cenere, Reuben & Vincent Gentle & Charlotte Elias.

May you always feel welcome and at home here at St Pat's as you grown in Faith.

**Peace & Joy**

## THE HEARTBEAT LENTEN SERIES

The Lenten Series continues to pray and contemplate the Sunday Gospel and to ponder over the season of Lent. **All are welcome.**

The sessions are very reflective and calm. It will be from **4pm to 5pm Wednesday** afternoon. The sessions will be emailed to you and some clear directions on zooming in. Please contact by phone 0400 195 350 or email [smneylan@gmail.com](mailto:smneylan@gmail.com)



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Daly; Bruna Rettore; Giuseppina Traino; Anna Mandato; Joseph Tabone; Fina Rago; Eugene Malyshev; James O'Toole; Ted O'Connor; Francis Ng; Jennifer Blair; Salvatore Di Bella; Eva Sutton; Joanna Knight; 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Walker (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Peter Johansen (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Maria Francesca Traino (41<sup>st</sup> anniv); Giuseppe De Meio; Jakob Anderson; George Cepak (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Audrey Vertannes (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Michael Geoghegan (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv); Simon Peter Khoury (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv); Sonja Moore (8<sup>th</sup> anniv); John McAnelly; Concetta Cataldi (10<sup>th</sup> anniv); Natale Pelle; John Samuel (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Fiona Garcia; 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).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Mick Breen; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Angelita Tolentino; Neil Stackpoole; 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 Ratnie; Charbel; Irene; Nikko; Gina Cocco; Kevin Walker; Lyndall; Katrina.

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



**Biggest Morning Tea**  
SAVE THE DATE

St Patrick's Parish  
invites you to join us on  
**Friday 6th May 2022**  
Seated Morning Tea **9.30am - 11am**  
Carnival Delight **3pm - 5pm**  
33 Gale Street Mortlake

**Volunteers Needed**  
After last years success, we know it comes down  
to our wonderful volunteers & this year we are  
anticipating needing 20+ for each event.  
So please call now, to help on the day.  
~ 0415 829 679 ~

  
**BOOK NOW**  
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### STEWARDSHIP –

#### Volunteering Opportunities

As a Parish Community we have a responsibility to provide for the responsible management of the resources entrusted to our care. Some of our activities include:

- Ensuring the parish complies with Covid safe plans.
- Ensuring our Volunteers are compliant with Safeguarding and Child Protection legislative requirements.
- Organising Risk assessments for the Parish activities, involving children and safety measures.
- Providing a link between the Parish and the wider community.

These are just a few of the initiatives we are involved in. If you would like further information or if you are interested in joining the Stewardship Ministry, please email Marie Piccin. [mtpiccin@gmail.com](mailto:mtpiccin@gmail.com)