

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

The Ascension of the Lord Year C 29 May 2022

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 9am; 10.30am; 6pm

Weekday Services

Communion: Monday & Saturday 8am
Mass: Tuesday to Friday 8am
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm
Baptisms: 11.45am on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sundays of the month.

Please call the parish secretary with enquiries.

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE TALKS

On Tuesday we commenced our Social Justice series of talks with Fr Peter Smith from the Justice & Peace Office leading an insightful talk and discussion about **the nature of Social Justice and how it seeks to change the systems and circumstances in society which give rise to inequality.**

One of the many highlights of the discussion was examining how we as Christians can seek to **change the Culture and Institutions which give rise to inequality (Social Justice). This is different from seeking to find a stop-gap solution for an immediate circumstance (Charity). Social Justice seeks to change the root cause of an inequality.**

Issues of Social Justice can be read more at the link below, dealing with: The Common Good; Sharing of Wealth; My Rights and Responsibilities to others; A Preference for the Poor; Caring for Creation; Decision Making at the Local Level; and more...

<https://ccsww.org/about-us/catholic-social-teaching/>

Our next Social Justice Discussion Series talk will be:

WHEN: Tuesday, 28 June, 6.30-8pm in the Parish Hall.

TOPIC: Eco-Implications. Living in a World Worth Living In.

A Practical Discussion about Environmental Sustainability.

All Welcome.

WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR PARISH?

FAITH EDUCATION MINISTRY

This a wonderfully active ministry in our parish which provides faith formation.

It undertakes activities in the following areas: adult and children's education; catechesis in the local public school; and Sunday children's liturgy.

This ministry coordinates presentations speakers, films a discussion group on faith topics and delivers the RCIA program which is the process of instructing and assisting adults to join the Catholic Faith.

If you would like to be involved, please give **Bob Mayor** a call on **0418 228 689** or email him at mayor2411@gmail.com

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God.

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SECOND READING – continued

So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St Justin
Thursday: Sts Marcellinus & Peter
Friday: St Charles Lwanga

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and welcome into our community

Luca Capra, Nicolas Barwell, Anthony Camilleri, Neve Rozel and Lola Burnicle.

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

Peace & Joy

BUY A BRICK ON PARISH GREEN



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSES THIS TUESDAY 31ST MAY

The signature bricks in the built area of the Parish Green are all installed.

There are other opportunities to continue the BUY A BRICK program if there is sufficient interest from Parishioners to expand the project.

Bricks will now cost \$200 per brick.

If you are interested in purchasing a signature brick for your family at a cost of \$200 per brick, please mail heidicrawford39@gmail.com with your **expression of interest by this Tuesday 31 May 2022.**

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Brent Courtney; Cosmo Lasorsa; Antonio Zappia; Anna Maria Miccinati; Eileen Barry; Mary Tubman (Ire); Terry Liston; Luigi Calligaro (Italy); Bridget Morkan (Ire); Joyce Buxton; Agnese Grego; Frank Santucci; Rodolfo Hernandez; Emily Hrvatin; Neil Stackpool; Agnese Grego (Italy); Antonio Portinari; Denham Cathro; Michael Mahony; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Young (2nd anniv); Domenico Paparo (9th anniv); Des Bolster; Paul Bolster: Maura Ruzic; Peter Zahra; Angelo Rostirolla (38th anniv); Becky Hammersley (4th anniv); Domenico Paparo (9th anniv); Maddalena Ciacciarelli (2nd anniv); Liliana Papalia 10th anniv); Brigid Morkam; Odelia Restuccia (1st anniv); Vince Garcea (3rd anniv); Michalangelo (Micky) Mascarello: Richard Pratt; Fr Peter Morrissey (2nd anniv); Helen Sundabert (1 anniv); Lucia Portolesi (2nd anniv); Diana Sita (7th anniv); Ante Cindric (8th anniv); Mathew Speers (2nd anniv); Brenda Price (1st anniv); Peter Delahunty; Robert Smith; Alfred Smith; Simon Peter Kolibac (16th anniv); Low Kan; Lau Kan Keo; Philip Chan; Shing Kok; Chau Yuk Ching; Mandy Chan; Shea Tak Fong; Edward Sin; Glorita Leung; Antonio & Maria Portinary; Carmelo Puglisi.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Felicia Bugeja; Om Shrivastav; Marie Dulihty; Rosanna Alessio; Arcella Family, Bella; Bill Cramsie; Martin Maguire; Margaret Attard; Sharon; Eileen Kenny (Ire); Margaret McMurray; Gladys Northey; Steph; Margaret Elias; Mick Breen; Patrick Carey (Ireland); Angelita Tolentino; 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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH PLEASE COME ALONG

This luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 6th July** at Noon at the **Massey Park Golf Club**. Cost will be \$45 for a 3 course Lunch, coffee tea and soft drink.

Please make your booking with **Anne Manenti** 0412 339 212 or **Frances Windon** 0410 465 771. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during opening hours Tuesday & Fridays.

PLAYGROUP UP AND RUNNING

Held on **Fridays in the Parish Hall during school term time from 9.15am to 10.15am** for babies and children aged 0-5 years.
No need to register and no donation required.
All Welcome

GARDENING

Volunteers needed

Would you like to become part of the St Pats Gardening Club?
They meet **every Saturday** here on the Parish Green and look after our expansive and beautiful Gardens with lots of conversation, laughter, and finish with a nice hot cuppa.
Please contact the parish office with your details. Phone 9743 1017 or email parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

ST PATRICK'S SINGING GROUP (Seniors)

This group meets **every Thursday** in the parish hall from 10.30am to 12pm just for **FUN!**

No need to book, just come along on the day and share a cuppa and sing and enjoy a few songs.
All Welcome