

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

Mary, The Holy Mother
of God
Year A
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Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Services

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

Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary's faithfulness is evident as we are all reminded of how obedient she was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed.

The reflection in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear.

Mary's faithfulness grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan. **By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship** and is also called Mother of the Church.

May our call to discipleship reflect on the events in our lives, that we might see God's presence in our lives and to our community.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday:** St Basil the Great &
St Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday: St Raymond of Penyafort

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers
Nm 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke
Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jude Jalaty; Joan Ward; Rose Crowley; Gino Falgiatori; Linda Santin; Joe Ginty; Natalie Bracci; Surya Wiryana; Bev Cathro; Diana Falgiatori; Archer Gray; Antonio Prevedello; Tony Clarke; Bob Ings; Madge Sinclair; Henry Gatt; Bill Muldoon; Peter Gohery; Sr Bernice Bugler; Mary Patricia Jack; Tom O'Connor; Om Shrivastav; Marcia Bendeich; Antonio Mammoliti; Joseph Galea; Rev Tony Ward UK; John O'Dea; William (Bill) Patterson; Marjorie Findlay; Ted Sulkowicz; Argenide (Jenny) Salata; Antonietta Scavo; Sr Veronica O'Neill RSM; Mary Relton; Norah Gallagher; Beverley Smith; Edna Lavery; Brent Courtney; Zig Inge; Cosmo Lasorsa; Antonio Zappia; Anna Maria Miccinati; Eileen Barry; Mary Tubman (Ire).