

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

**3rd Sunday of Advent
Year A
11 December 2022**

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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.



**ST PATRICK'S
CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY PLAY
15 DECEMBER 2022
6pm Thursday
If your child would like to participate, please contact Sinead on 0420 653 673
Steph on 0402 333 288 or E: steph.tse@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MASS FOR SENIORS
23 DECEMBER 2022
10.30am Friday

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
24 DECEMBER 2022
6pm, 8pm & Midnight Saturday

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
25 DECEMBER 2022
7.30am, 9am & 10.30am Sunday



**Children's
NATIVITY PLAY &
CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 6.00PM
IN THE ST PAT'S PARISH CARPARK**

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY IS A SPECIAL EVENING FOR ALL TO CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. COME AND ENJOY A CASUAL EVENING OF THE NATIVITY STORY COME-TO-LIFE PERFORMED BY OUR PARISH CHILDREN AND SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT SINEAD (0420 653 637) OR STEPH (0402 333 288) BY COB FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER. THANK YOU!



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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 35:1-6, 10

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.
Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - continued

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James
Jas 5:7-10

**You also must be patient; do not lose heart,
the Lord's coming will be soon.**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for
the precious fruit of the ground until it has
had the autumn rains and the spring rains!
You too have to be patient; do not lose heart,
because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do
not make complaints against one another,
brothers, so as not to be brought to
judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to
be seen waiting at the gates. For your
example, brothers, in submitting with
patience, take the prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK


Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St Lucy
Wednesday: St John of the Cross

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you would like to volunteer as a Reader, Offertory Procession, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Money Collection, please write your name on the list that is in the front of the Church

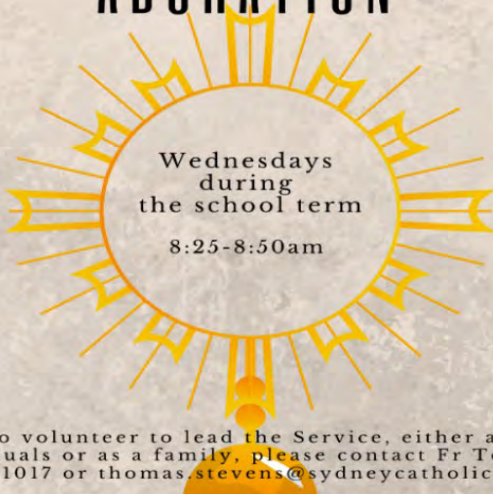
**We need volunteers at all our
Christmas Masses**

Many Thanks



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**INVITATION TO LEAD
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**



Wednesdays
during
the school term
8:25-8:50am

To volunteer to lead the Service, either as individuals or as a family, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org



MUSIC WORKSHOP

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO LEARN
CLASSICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PLEASE CONTACT 0460962705 FOR MORE INFORMATION





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An Enduring Flame



*St Patrick's, Mortlake, 1885-2020:
An Irish-Australian working-class community*

Damian John Gleeson

A book celebrating the
125th anniversary of St
Patrick's, Mortlake.

Cost - \$25

A great read!

A wonderful gift idea!

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Celebrating 125 Years 1895-2020

2020 marks 125 years since the beginning of St Patrick's Parish Mortlake. Since our earliest days, we have been blessed and enriched by priests, religious sisters and families who have made their home in Mortlake, and have made St Patrick's their parish. The faith, energy and commitment of the early Irish settlers has flourished, and successive generations of people from many different cultures and nationalities have contributed to the wonderfully diverse and vibrant parish community we share today.

Just as 2020 is a year we will never forget, 1895 is a focal point in the life of St Patrick's Parish. It is when we began, and the passing of time weaves the threads of our story across the years – the highs and lows, opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows. These significant personal, spiritual and communal events in our history have been captured beautifully in Damian Gleeson's new book:

An Enduring Flame

*St Patrick's Mortlake 1885-2020
An Irish-Australian working class community*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: *Damian John Gleeson specialises in Irish-Australian historical research. Damian has written a number of parish histories including the 2017 award winning publication, The Rock of St George. Damian is a past president of the Australian Catholic Historical Society and an active member of the Silvermines Historical Journal, County Tipperary, Ireland.*

TO ORDER A COPY

Please contact the parish on

9743 1017 or email : parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

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ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

You are invited to join in prayer and reflection throughout Advent for the Gospel for each Sunday and then the week before Christmas.

There are two opportunities. Tuesdays at 4:00 – 5:00 in the church or on zoom. There will be a repeat session on Tuesdays at 7pm – 8pm if there is expression of interest.

Dates are 13th Dec and 20th Dec. Please contact Susan Neylan: 0400 195 350 or smneylan@gmail.com

PARISH HALL RENOVATION APPEAL

You will see that the Parish Hall renovations have now commenced.

Works are scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2023.

Details of the renovations and how to contribute to the works are found in the Appeal booklets at the church entrances or via the website below.

Please direct any enquiries to Fr Tom or admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au if you wish to receive a Parish Hall Giving Form.

www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovation-and-appeal/

REMINDER PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Will be held this Wednesday 14th December at Noon at the Massey Park Gold Club. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Anne and Frances

BUY A BRICK ON PARISH GREEN SECOND ROUND OFFER

The opportunity to continue the **BUY A BRICK** program is now on offer. Your donation of \$200 provides you to have your name/s engraved into a brick as a permanent record.

The brick will be permanently installed in the Green Space here at St Patrick's Mortlake.

If you are interested, please drop your form/s which are available in the Narthex of the Church into the Parish Office on Tuesday or Fridays 9-3pm or Wednesdays Noon – 5pm, all enquiries 9743 1017 or email admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all for the hard work and planning that went into the successful St Pat's Christmas Festival.

It was a lovely evening and a great gathering of the local community including Santa along with Christmas carols, live music, kids zone, and a wonderful array of different foods.

It has taken many endless hours of planning to ensure the great success that it was on Thursday evening. I would like to personally thank **Stephanie Parker** for all her creativity and vision and hard work in creating this wonderful evening and as she would attest, without her team of so many individuals it just would not happen.

**"Thank You Team and all the Volunteers
It would not be possible without you all"**

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AT ST PATS

If you are interested in outreach and volunteering, St Pat's has several groups and exciting new opportunities for engagement in 2022. Volunteering and outreach opportunities within the parish include:

- **Social Justice Group**, understanding the rich history of Catholic Social Teaching as the spiritual formation and basis of action.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, attending to the needs of locals who have fallen on tough times.
- **New opportunities in 2022** to assist in outreach lunches, hosted by the parish for various local groups in our community.
- **Pastoral Care Group**, who take a hands-on role in supporting those in our community that need company, companionship and attending to their practical daily needs (i.e., shopping, home visits).
- **Social Committee** assist with running weekly bingo on Mondays for our senior community members, help organise bus excursion trips and arrange celebratory functions for events such as children's reception of their first Sacraments.
- **Children's Liturgy** and engaging with the parish youth needs.
- **Liturgy**, including participating in Music, Reading, Altar Serving and being a Eucharistic Minister within the parish.
- **Faith Education**, includes teaching in our local public schools as a catechist; involved in preparation of students in the Sacraments; as well as Adult Faith formation opportunities.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- **Assist with Communications and IT Support** requirements of the parish.
- **Gardening** group in the parish - help in creating our blossoming parish garden and community vegetable garden.
- **Stewardship** - assist with governance requirements and obligations.

As you can see, there are many varied opportunities to engage with your parish and community.

Please contact the parish to find out more or visit our website below.



The Man Walk provides an opportunity for men of all ages to get together to walk, talk and support each other in a regular and healthy way. We want to make it ok to talk, and we want to make it ok for men to ask for help if they need it.

The Details:

Meet us weekly at 6.15am
on Wednesday mornings

Location: St Patrick's Church,
33 Gale St, Mortlake

Duration: 45-60 minutes

More information:

<https://themanwalk.com.au/>
thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

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Every
Wednesday
6.15am
All welcome



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Please scan the below QR code
to donate directly to our page



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

Please help us make a difference for
the vulnerable in our local community and
donate to our Mortlake Conference



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
invites you to

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

PRESENTED BY **paynterdixon**

8-25 DECEMBER 2022

We invite our parish families and all
people of goodwill across Sydney to
come together at St Mary's Cathedral
during Advent to prepare for the
birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Festivities begin at 7pm with:
Christmas market stalls, food,
fun activities for the kids and live
entertainment.



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RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Guinty; 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); Terry Liston; Luigi Calligaro (Italy); Bridget Morkan (Ire); Joyce Buxton; Agnese Grego; Frank Santucci; Rodolfo Hernandez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Manenti; Giacomo Di Mentio; Glenda Rutz (9th anniv); Des Dulihanty (39thanniv); John Dulihanty; Domenico Cardillo (10 anniv); Assunta Favero (1st anniv); Frank Giacomobono, Paulo; Francey Bagala (1st anniv); Ian Geoghegan (19 anniv); Patricia Reilly (5th anniv); Patsy Boggs; Anna Krzanowski; Elizabeth Smith; Alvaro Bianchi (20thanniv); Don Khoury; Antonio Palmenta (1 month); Vincenza Calabrese (2nd anniv); Francesco and Maria Cremona; Antonio Mammiti; Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary & Joseph Galea; Deceased Members of Di Giglio, Galea, Tesoriero, Lo Schiavo & Michallef Families: Giuseppe Libro (15th anniv); Sam Ferlauto; Nancy Buonanova; Guss Fausti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Shane Halliday; Giuseppe Carli; Baby William; Tony Smith; Peter Coyne; Nando Musolino; Sue Wheelahan; Andrew Spiewerka; Katrina Hillard; Robert Garritano; Baby Anthony; Felicia Bugeja; Marie Dulihanty; Arcella Family, Bella; Martin Maguire; Margaret Attard; Eileen Kenny (Ire); Margaret McMurray; Steph; Margaret Elias; Mick Breen; Philomena Delahunty; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee; Kevin Walker; Nico Relton.

To have your petition included, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

PARISH REGISTRATION AND DATABASE UPDATE

As a part of updating the parish records, if parishioners **could take the time to update their family records by completing the attached Parish Registration form if you have not done this previously**

Our records **need updating to ensure we are best able to meet the needs of our parishioners.**

Forms are in the church and can be downloaded per the link below.

They can be dropped off to the office, emailed, or left in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you.

www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

A Children's Liturgy is held each Sunday at the 9am Mass. The Liturgy is currently run by a number of parents and parishioners in our Parish on a roster basis.

Children's Liturgy offers the opportunity for the little people of our community to come and hear the Word of God from a child's perspective.

The Gospel is delivered by adults from our Parish using differing activities; drama, music, craft, art, worksheets and reinforced with gentle discussion.

If you would like to use your gifts to offer the children a great variety of ways to learn and love Jesus each week we invite you to become one of our leaders. Commitment is on a roster basis.



To volunteer or find out more, please reach out to Sinead Kent
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