

Welcome to
St. Patrick's Catholic
Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

4th Sunday of Advent
Year A
17 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**

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

St Patrick's Parish 33 Gale Str. Mortlake www.stpatsmortlake.org.au

**THANK YOU – NATIVITY PLAY &
CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY**

On Thursday evening the Children gather at St Patrick's on the Parish Green for their **Nativity Play and Christmas Carols**.

It was beautiful to see so many children along with parents and family members, celebrating Christmas and the message of Hope which Jesus brings to every one of our lives. **Thank you to Stephanie Tse and the many parents who used their gifts to offer the children a great variety of ways to learn and love Jesus.**

The Children's Ministry offers the opportunity for the little people of our community to come and hear the Word of God from a child's perspective, every Sunday at 9am Mass.

We invite you to join this team of parents teaching children about their faith on a roster basis. For all enquiries please contact Sinead

Kent on 0420 653 637 or on

E: sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au

or Stephanie Tse on E: steph.tse@gmail.com

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 7:10-14

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

**(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - continued

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans
Rom 1:1-7

**Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the
Son of God.**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has
been called to be an apostle, and specially
chosen to preach the Good News that God
promised long ago through his prophets in
the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who,
according to the human nature he took, was
a descendant of David: it is about Jesus
Christ our Lord who, in the order of the
spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him,
was proclaimed Son of God in all his power
through his resurrection from the dead.
Through him we received grace and our
apostolic mission to preach the obedience of
faith to all pagan nations in honour of his
name. You are one of these nations, and by
his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all,
then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called
to be saints, may God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
Mt 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph,
a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of the utmost importance.

The safeguarding office can be contacted on 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

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

Many Thanks

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

To **Faith Salazar Karas** who made her First Holy Communion and **Gwen Lovely Karas** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 18th December 2022.

Peace & Joy

ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

The final prayer and reflection will be held on Tuesday 20th December.

There are two opportunities. Tuesday at 4:00 – 5:00 in the church or on zoom. There will be a repeat session on Tuesdays at 7pm - 8pm

Enquiries: Please contact Susan Neylan: 0400 195 350 or smneylan@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: St Peter Canisius

Friday: St John of Kanty

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AT ST PATS

If you are interested in outreach and volunteering, St Pat's has many fantastic groups and exciting opportunities for you to be engaged in our community.

Everyone is Welcome of ALL AGES.

Opportunities for volunteering 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.
- **Twilight Group**: welcome to join our team who organise our successful community Twilight Evenings, 3-4 times a year. A great way of social and community engagement.
- **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 at Sunday 9am Masses.
- **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, preparing students for the Sacraments as well as Adult Faith Formation.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- **Assist with Communications and IT Support** requirements of the parish.
- **Gardening** group in the parish - help in creating our beautiful blossoming parish 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 Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org or the visit our website below to find out more

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/volunteering-opportunities/>



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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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

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



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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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 on 9743 1017 or admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au if you wish to receive a Parish Hall Giving Form.

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



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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

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

Cost - \$25

A great read!

A wonderful gift idea!

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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@stpatismortlake.org.au

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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: Bjarne Johansen (29 anniv); Sam Ferlatuto, Michele & Giusepia Goffredo, Nancy Buonanova, Sue Goffredo, Gus Fausti: Anthony Zacca Giacomo Di Mentio 10th anniv); ; June Patricia Murray (4th anniv); 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: Jaz; Angelo; 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

