

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

## The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Year A 25 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of the month.

Please call parish secretary with enquiries.

### CHRIST WALKS WITH US

Christmas 2022 marks a time for us all to reflect on what is important in our lives, as we realise Christ comes into the world in the form of one of the most vulnerable members of our community – a baby.

Christianity then is essentially asking of ourselves, every day, ***"How can I be more Christ like in allowing myself to be associated with the vulnerable?"*** Ours is a hard hitting, deep reflective faith that seeks to involve us in a rich, profound journey, giving meaning and purpose to our lives.

Hopefully our journey will ultimately lead us to a life of service and empathy for our fellow human being.

**God is present in our lives through the vulnerable, hurt, affiliated, marginalised, and in those many of us encounter in our daily lives.**

**God is in the middle of it all, if we have eyes and an openness to see and change ourselves.**

I pray Christmas 2022 is one where we give thanks for what we have, that we truly open our hearts and minds to Christ's presence in our lives. To those who mourn the loss of a loved one for this your first Christmas without them, know that you are especially in my thoughts and prayers. Others this year have experienced times of great joy and celebration, others have had periods of anxiety, poor health, and bewilderment. Christ is in the midst of it all.

**Thank you one and all for your support of the parish this year and to all who have worked so hard to create a Christmas period of celebration and joy.** This parish is blessed to have such amazing volunteers over so many areas and Ministries, and I thank you all for all the work you do for the parish. **You, the people of God, are the parish.** Your love, care, support and dedication to your parish is an inspiration. Peace and Joy for Christmas 2022, and may we look forward to the New Year and inviting all members of our community, young and old, to join this community journey of faith and fun.

**Fr Tom.**

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 9:1-7

**A son is given to us.**

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.  
For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.  
For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
is burnt  
and consumed by fire.  
For there is a child born for us,  
a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:  
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.  
Wide is his dominion  
in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David  
and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.  
From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM – continued

2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glorand his wonders  
among all the people. (R.)

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)

4. With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus  
Ti 2:11-14

**God's grace has been revealed to all people.**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has  
made salvation possible for the whole human  
race and taught us that what we have to do is  
to give up everything that does not lead to  
God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must  
be self-restrained and live good and religious  
lives here in this present world, while we are  
waiting in hope for the blessing which will  
come with the Appearing of the glory of our  
great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He  
sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free  
from all wickedness and to purify a people so  
that it could be his very own and would have  
no ambition except to do good.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

**(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

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## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 2:1-14

**Today a saviour has been born for you.**

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## FAREWELL TO PAULINE CEPAK

Pauline Cepak, long term parishioner of St Pat's, was farewelled Monday 5th December with a morning tea organised by Anne Manenti on behalf of the Social Ministry.

This was held at the Cape Cabarita Community Room where the Bingo has been held during the renovations of the Parish Hall.

Best wishes, Pauline with your move to your new home in Camden.

**You will be missed**

## SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 14th December 62 parishioners enjoyed a very delicious meal at the Family Brasserie at Massey Park Golf Club.

**Anne Manenti** welcomed guests and invited Fr Tom to say Grace.

A very generous raffle was held - proceeds of which are to be given to Father Tom as a contribution to the Hall Renovations .

**Connie McAnally** donated some beautiful gifts which were allocated to the Lucky Door Prizes.

**Denise Norman** thanked **Anne Manenti** for organising the day. It was a most enjoyable day with a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere , celebrating our friendships and Parish but keeping in mind the difficult times we have still been experiencing.

It is thanks to the generosity of volunteers such as **Anne Manenti, Frances Windon and Diane Chestney** and members of the Social Ministry that we are able as parishioners to enjoy these occasions.

Photos are on the parish website.

<https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/>

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** St Stephen  
**Tuesday:** St John, Apostle  
**Wednesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** St Thomas Becket  
**Friday:** The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph  
**Saturday:** St Sylvester I

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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](mailto: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](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

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## ST VINCENT de PAUL THANK YOU

Many thanks to the St Patrick's parish and school for their generous support of the 2022 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

The hampers have been packed and most have been delivered to our grateful local clients who can now enjoy a Christmas day that, without your kindness, would not have been possible.

All children received gifts and the donations of supermarket vouchers meant that several displaced individuals with little storage space for hamper items will be able to purchase groceries as needed.

We understand that cost of living pressures are impacting all of our community, and are especially appreciative of your generosity this year.

Your assistance has allowed the St Vincent de Paul to offer a dignified hand up to locals that will support them getting back on their feet and enjoying the festive season.

The members of the Mortlake Conference of St Vincent de Paul wish all the members of the St Patrick's School and Parish community a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful 2023.

## 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 Thank you.**

[www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf](http://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](mailto:admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au)



## 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](mailto:admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au) if you wish to receive a Parish Hall Giving Form.


[www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovation-and-appeal/](http://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovation-and-appeal/)

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joan Ward; Rose Crowley; Gino Falgiatori; 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); Terry Liston; Luigi Calligaro (Italy); Bridget Morkan (Ire); Joyce Buxton; Agnese Grego; Frank Santucci; Rodolfo Hernandez.

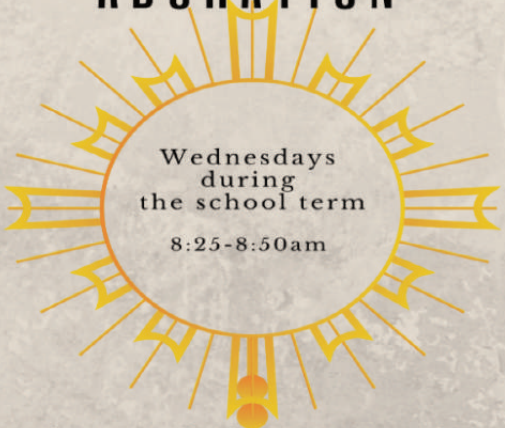
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerald Gleeson; Ron Stevens; Carmelo Puglisi: Natale & Giovanna Zappia; Giuseppe & Carmela Campagna; Paul Papadopoulos: Emmanuel Visiliades; Holy Souls; Bjarne Johansen (29 anniv); Sam Ferlatuto, Michele & Giusepia Goffredo, Nancy Buonanova, Sue Goffredo, Gus Fausti: Anthony Zacca Giacomo Di Mentio 10<sup>th</sup> anniv); ; June Patricia Murray (4<sup>th</sup> anniv); Andrew Manenti; Giacomo Di Mentio; Glenda Rutz (9<sup>th</sup> anniv); Des Dulihanty (39<sup>th</sup>anniv): John Dulihanty; Domenico Cardillo (10 anniv); Assunta Favero (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Frank Giacomobono, Paulo: Francey Bagala (1<sup>st</sup> anniv); Ian Geoghegan (19 anniv): Patricia Reilly (5<sup>th</sup> anniv); Patsy Boggs; Anna Krzanowski; Elizabeth Smith; Alvaro Bianchi (20<sup>th</sup>anniv); Don Khoury; Antonio Palmenta (1 month); Vincenza Calabrese (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.




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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](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)



**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 World 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 Sinaed Kent 0420 653 637 or email: [sinaed.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sinaed.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au)



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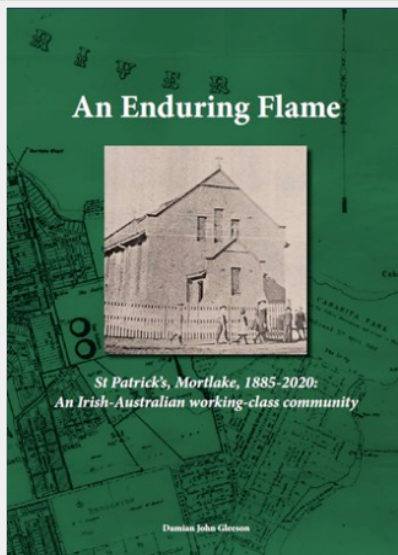
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## *Celebrating 125 Years 1895-2020*

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**

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