

**Welcome to  
St. Patrick's Catholic  
Church Mortlake**



ST PATRICK'S PARISH  
MORTLAKE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Year A  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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**Sunday Mass Times**

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

**Weekday Services**

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

Please call the parish secretary with all enquiries.

**ST PAT'S PARISH**  
*Christmas Festival*  
Thursday 8th December 5pm to 9pm  
**LANEWAY MARKET STALLS**  
LIVE MUSIC + CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
HOT FOOD + KIDS ZONE  
ALL WELCOME

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
*Come help us make this event a success!*

Register here:  
[signup.com/go/GNePaNG](https://signup.com/go/GNePaNG)  
or email us at:  
[admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:admin@stpatsmortlake.org.au)

Supported by:  
 **City of Canada Bay**

**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](mailto: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

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Is 11:1-10

**He judges the poor with justice.**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and  
fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the  
king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's  
bounds. **(R.)**

3. For he shall save the poor when they  
cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

4. May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans  
Rom 15:4-9

**Christ, the hope of all people.**

Everything that was written long ago in the  
scriptures was meant to teach us  
something about hope from the examples  
scripture gives of how people who did not  
give up were helped by God. And may he  
who helps us when we refuse to give up,  
help you all to be tolerant with each other,  
following the example of Christ Jesus, so  
that united in mind and voice you may give  
glory to the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

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### SECOND READING - continued

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**The Word of the Lord**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew  
Mt 3:1-12

**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

### GOSPEL - continued

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

This appeal is to assist local families and individuals enjoy some Christmas spirit.

We are looking for **supermarket vouchers, toys and festive foods such as hams, cakes, puddings** and other staples that will allow the families to have a lovely Christmas which they otherwise could not afford.

Donations can be left in the Narthex, Parish Office or at the Parish Market Stall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm for the hamper and toys appeal.

**St Patrick's Parish at Mortlake have a wonderful history of generous support for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeals and we are extremely grateful for your ongoing assistance.**



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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dawn Carpenter; 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:** Glenda Rutz; Des Dulihamty (39<sup>th</sup>anniv): John Dulihamty; 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:** 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 Dulihamty; 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 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Everyone is welcome please come along. The Luncheon will be held on **the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Noon at the Massey Park Golf Club.**

**All enquiries Anne Manenti 0412 339 212 or Frances Windon 0410 465 771.**

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday:** St Nicholas  
**Wednesday:** St Ambrose  
**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
**Saturday:** Our Lady of Loreto

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec and 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Please contact Susan Neylan: 0400195350 or smneylan@gmail.com



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*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!