

Welcome to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Mortlake



ST PATRICK'S PARISH
MORTLAKE

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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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"The Wise Men from the East mark a new beginning. In them we find the journeying of humanity towards Christ.

Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the star that is the word of God, let us follow it in our lives, walking with the Church in which the Word has pitched his tent. Our road will always be illuminated by a light that no other sign can give us. And we too shall become stars for others, a reflection of that light which Christ caused to shine upon us." **Pope Benedict XVI**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lorraine and Frank O'Young – 50 years married.

Margaret and John Cullen – 64 years married.

A source of great joy for your families and our community as we celebrate these commitments of your love. May God continue to bless you and thank you for sharing this with our parish community.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. 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.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians
Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and welcome into our community
Mikaela O'Young and Enzo Menegazzi
May you always feel at home here at St Pat's.