

12TH FEBRUARY 2023  
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

# BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish

## What is it to be a VIRTUOUS Individual?

The definition of a Virtue is to have "an habitual and firm disposition to do the good." We can train ourselves to do the good by doing good things repeatedly. These actions then become Habitual actions in doing the good. It sounds simple to be a person of virtue. I can form my character to be one that is in the habit of doing a good.

Unfortunately, I can also develop the same character patterns in undertaking actions of "Vice", actions against the Good. It's a battle daily to become a virtuous individual, but we can do it by walking in Christ's steps.

## PARISH CLEAN UP

Friday, 3 March, we will be having a parish 'Spring Clean' of the church & grounds from 8.30 to 10.30am. Bring a bucket and some old cloths to help clean.

To offer your services please contact the office on 9743 1017 or email: [parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au)



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, 22 Feb, is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and the beginning of Lent for 2023.

**Masses will be at 8am, 9.30am and 7pm .**

Masses will be celebrated with the Distribution of Ashes.



## Term 1 Family Masses

WE ARE INVITING ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A SUNDAY MASS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA IN THE PRESBYTERY BACKYARD AFTERWARDS.

**USHER - 19 FEB - 10:30am**

**WANGAL - 26 MAR - 10:30am**

**CHARITY - 26 FEB - 10:30am**

**PATRICK - 2 APRIL - 10:30am**



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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 enquires.

## First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF  
ECCLESIASTICUS YSIR 15:15-20

**He never commanded anyone to be  
godless.**

If you wish, you can keep the  
commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you  
prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given  
him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be  
godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 118: 1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

**R.) Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts.

**(R.)**

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.

**(R.)**

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.

**(R.)**

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.

**(R.)**

## Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER  
OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS  
1 COR2:6-10

**God in his wisdom predestined our glory  
before the ages began.**

We have a wisdom to offer those who  
have reached maturity: not a philosophy of  
our age, it is true, still less of the masters  
of our age, which are coming to their end.  
The hidden wisdom of God which we teach  
in our mysteries is the wisdom that God  
predestined to be for our glory before the  
ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the  
masters of this age have ever known, or  
they would not have crucified the Lord of  
Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the  
things that no eye has seen and no ear has  
heard, things beyond the mind of man, all  
that God has prepared for those who love  
him.

These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the  
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,  
even the depths of God.

**The Word of the Lord**

# Gospel Acclamation

## Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

## Alleluia

# Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW MT5:20-22.  
27-28.33-34.37

**Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.**

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. ‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

## The Gospel of the Lord



# FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: STS CYRIL & METHODIUS

FRIDAY: THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

# BAPTISMS

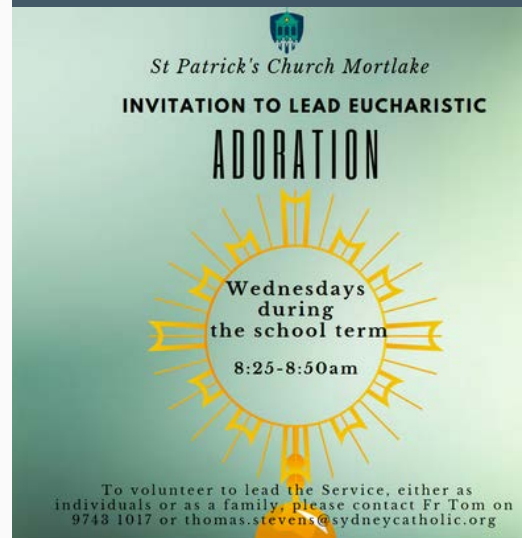
We congratulate and welcome into our community Marc Gelao, Andrew Ding, Kane McKenzie and Isla Nguyen

May you grow in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here.

Peace & Joy

# RIDDLE

I start with the letter e, I end with the letter e. I contain only one letter, Yet I am not the letter e! What am I?





## Recently Deceased

Ronald Bryyan; Bertha Sanchez; Kristie Gibson; Patricia Smyth; Anne-Maree Neal; Fr Ruben Elago; Joseph Crumlin; Ezio Epifania; Tony Smith; Barbara Lattari; Pauline Lintern; Kira Hennessy; Constance de Dassel; George Graham; Cardinal George Pell; Pope Benedict XVI; Giuseppe Carli; Agnes O'Connell; Joan Ward; Rose Crowley; Gino Falgiatori; Linda Santin; Joe Ginty; Natalie Bracci; Surya Wiryana; Bev Cathro; Diana Falgiatori; Archer Gray; Antonio Prevedello.

## Please pray for

Tina Colagiuri; Sr Jan; Roger Lintern; Antonietta: Lyn Kennedy; Peter Elliott; Giam Family; Jaz; Angelo; Baby William; 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**

## Anniversaries

Rory O'Kane (2nd anniv); Zahia Esber; Angelo Falgiatori; Giuseppe & Cristoforo Libro; Riccardo Sommero (22nd anniv); Elizabeth Azjan; Baby Shannan Azjan; Gaetano Patamia; Concetta & Domenico Severino; Anna & Romeo Dovico; Michael Abdallah; Rosa Esbers; Giuseppe & Carmela & Peppino Tuttucuoire; Franco Pirrone; Salvatore Di Bella (1st anniv); Vincenzo Verna (4th anniv); Bradley Boster; Ellen Kennedy; Kit Gannon; John Costigan. Gerald Gleeson; Ron Stevens; Carmelo Puglisi; Giuseppe De Meio; Natale & Giovanna Zappia; Giuseppe & Carmela Campagna; Paul Papadopoulos; Emmanuel Visiliades; Holy Souls.

## Parish Hall Renovation

The works are well underway and will modernise the Parish Hall facilities and enable it to be used for meeting spaces for parish, school and community groups.

To donate to the Appeal see link below or contact the parish on [admin@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:admin@stpatismortlake.org.au) to be sent a Giving Form direct.

<https://www.stpatismortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovation-and-appeal/>

**Thank You.**

## BINGO

MONDAYS FROM 9.30  
TO 11.30 AT CABARITA

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE  
CONTACT ANNE  
MANENTI ON 8765 8260




**St Patrick's**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MORTLAKE

## OPEN DAYS

**1 March 2023**  
3.30-5.30pm

**3 March 2023**  
9.15-10.15am

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magnitude for a  
long time...

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