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BULLETIN

Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING Monday, 20 March When 7pm-8.15pm Human. Dignity Human. Rights St Pat's Presbytery Where 35 Gale Street, Mortlake All ideas welcome! All welcome to attend to discuss how our parish can engage in Human. Comp meaningful social justice initiatives. *Please RSVP to Fr Tom at thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org Put your faith into action! or call (02) 9743 1017 ST PATRICK'S EASTER TRIDUUM TIMES Please note the following Service and Mass times for Easter period of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. THURSDAY, 6 APRIL AT 7:30PM FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 3PM Mass of the Lord's Supper. washing of the feet, veneration at the Altar of Repose on the Parish

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM Stations of the Cross for Adults in the Church

Green until 12 midnight

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM **Stations of the Cross for Children** on the Parish Green

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL AT 7PM Easter Vigil - Festival of Light

EASTER SUNDAY, 9 APRIL 7:30am; 9am & 10:30am Masses (NB: There will be No 6pm Sunday night Mass)

ONLINE TALK ON EARLY AUSTRALIAN CHURCH HISTORY DR DAMIAN GLEESON 11AM, TUESDAY 4 APRIL

Dr Damian Gleeson, author of our St Pat's history book, is presenting a zoom talk through the NSW State Library detailing his findings and observations of the Fr John Therry collection of papers. Issues will include: Fr Therry's leadership and role in the early church, state and convict relations, the complex issue of re-marriage and bigamy in early NSW, and Fr Therry's numerous financial and property disputes. A talk not to be missed.

Bookings can be made via the link. https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/damian-john-gleesonfather-john-joseph-therry-colonial-irish-catholic-priest

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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.

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First Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL 1SM16:1,6-7.10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him.' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse. 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Responsorial Psalm

PS 22R

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm - continued

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS ESP 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord

(R.)

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN JN 9:1 6-9, 13-17,34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his signt restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground marie a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

FEASTS DAY THIS WEEK

MONDAY: ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAY: ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

SATURDAY: THE ANNUNICIATION OF THE LORD

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND:

We congratulate and welcome into our community Zoe Zak: Jack Stevenson, Heidi Norman, Sofia Gibbons, Alina Sufferini and Maia Nonato.

May you grown in Faith with us at St Pat's and always feel at home here. Peace & Joy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent after the 8am Mass

ADORATION, WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Held every Wednesday morning from 8.25-8.50am. If you would like to assist in leading Adoration, please contact the parish on parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au

Riddle: What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?

Fr Tom on pilgrimage, leave and change of weekday Masses from 10 April until 26 May

During this time:

- all Weekend Masses will remain the same (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 6pm Masses).
- there will be no Weekday Masses during this time. Communion Services will replace all Weekday Masses

Special thanks to Fr Geoff Plant who will be doing the majority of Sunday Masses during this period, and Brenda Johnston and the parishioners who are taking on additional responsibilities.

Parish Hall Renovation

Now nearing completion the new facilities will enable the hall 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@stpatsmortlake.org.au to be sent a Giving Form direct.

https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovationand-appeal/ - Thank You.

Recently Deceased

Nora Lai; Angelica Staszewska; Maria Fasulo; Nicola Shepis; Concetta Fede; Ronald Brayan; Sergio Grasso; Bertha Sanchez; Kristie Gibson; Patricia Smyth; Anne-Maree Neal; Fr Ruben Elago; Joseph Crumlin; Ezio Epifania; Tony Smith; Barbara Lattari; Pauline Lintern; Kira Hennessy.

Please pray for

Gracie V. John Tannous; John Goode: Margaret O'Neill; Ray O; Tony C; Emily Scanlan: Lyn Kennedy; Tina Colagiuri; Sr Jan; Pat Murray: Roger Lintern; Antonietta: Peter Elliott; Giam Family; Jaz; Angelo; Baby William; Peter Coyne; Kevin Walker; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee.

To have your petition included, call Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718 Anniversaries

Anna Mandato (1st anniv); Peter Grogan; Alfio Castoriana (5th anniv); Burgen Campbell (1st anniv); Girolomo Pelle; Sonja Moore (9th anniv); Peter Johansen (6th anniv); Giuseppina Zappia (4th anniv); Angela Cesar (3rd anniv); Alfio Castorina (5th anniv); Michael Daly (1st anniv); Simon Peter Khoury (4th anniv); Michael Geoghegan (3rd anniv); John McAnelly (3rd anniv).

FAITH EDUCATION

This ministry focuses on assisting parishioners and our youth with information on our Catholic Faith. Each week our Catechists go into Mortlake Primary School in their School Term to deliver Scripture lessons to the Catholic students in each class. Also, for all the children of the Parish we carry out instruction classes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

We also offer instruction to adults who think they may wish to join the Catholic Faith. General faith education sessions for parishioners will recommence soon following the re-opening of the parish hall. If you would like more information on any of our activities please contact Bob Mayor at mayor2411@gmail.com

BINGO

MONDAYS FROM 9.30 TO 11.30 AT CABARITA

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT ANNE MANENTI ON 8765 8260

Answer: Flood lights