

2 APRIL 2023  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD  
YEAR A

# BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



## EASTER TRIDUUM TIMES



### 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

**Mass of the Lord's Supper,**  
washing of the feet, veneration at  
the Altar of Repose on the Parish  
Green until 12 midnight

#### FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM

**Stations of the Cross for Adults** in  
the Church

#### FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 10AM

**Stations of the Cross for Children**  
on the Parish Green

#### FRIDAY, 7 APRIL AT 3PM

**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**)

St Patrick's Parish, 33 Gale St, Mortlake  
www.stpatsmortlake.org.au

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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.

## PARISH PLANNED GIVING

There are many ways to help out in our parish, whether by volunteering or registering as part of the planned giving program. Funds contributed to the 2nd Collection help support parish programs, maintenance, staffing, insurance, priest's car expenses, etc. If you would like to assist the parish in this way, you can join the parish planned giving by completing the form at the link below, or paper forms located at the church entrances and return the form in person or by email. Every little bit helps in these times. Thank you for your support.

Support us here: <https://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf>

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY INVITATION



Our Children's Liturgy is held each Sunday at the 9am Mass.  
The Liturgy is run by a number of parents and parishioners  
in our Parish.

The Liturgy offers the opportunity for the little people of our  
community to come and hear the Word of God  
from a child's perspective. All welcome.

The Gospel is delivered by adults from our Parish using different  
activities, drama, music, craft, art, worksheets and reinforced with  
gentle discussion. **We also invite you to become one of our leaders.**  
Commitment is on a roster basis, usually once a month for 1 hour at the  
9am Mass.

To volunteer or find out more, please reach out to Stephanie Tse on  
steph.tse@gmail.com or call 0402 333 288



## First Reading

A READING FROM THE PROPHET  
ISAIAH IS 50:4-7

**I did not cover my face against insult  
and I know I will not be ashamed**

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the  
wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck  
me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my  
beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'  
(R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

## Responsorial Psalm - continued

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!  
(R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are  
assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST  
PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS PHIL2:6-11

**He humbled himself to become like us  
and God raised him on high**

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of  
Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord**



## Gospel Acclamation

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

## Gospel

**The reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

Please be seated and take this time to sit in contemplative prayer, as we listen to the Passion reading.

## Accommodation Required

St Vincent de Paul has been asked if they can assist in finding accommodation for a man currently living in Brisbane.

He is 62 years old, has early on-set dementia and is cared for under an NDIS package.

The man's extended family live in the Inner West of Sydney, and he would like to relocate from Brisbane so he can live closer to them.

Accommodation in a unit/granny flat would be most appropriate.

If anyone has such accommodation available for rent and would like to consider having this man as a tenant, please contact Linda Hager by email through [ConcordWest.Conference@vinnies.org.au](mailto:ConcordWest.Conference@vinnies.org.au)

*Celebrating*  
**ST PATRICK'S HISTORY**

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 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**

**\$25**  
Available for purchase at the Parish Office

St Patrick's Mortlake, 1895-2020:  
An Irish-Australian working-class community

Damian John Gleeson specialises in Irish-Australian historical research. He 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 your copy: [parish@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:parish@stpatismortlake.org.au) | (02) 9743 1017

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS! WE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO UPDATE YOUR FAMILY RECORDS BY COMPLETING THE PARISH REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE.**

**IT'S A QUICK AND EASY PROCESS THAT WILL HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE AND ENSURE THAT WE CAN STAY CONNECTED WITH YOU MORE EFFECTIVELY.**

**TO ACCESS THE FORM, SIMPLY CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER**

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

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## FEAST DAYS/ EVENTS THIS HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY  
THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY  
PASSION OF THE  
LORD

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF CHRIST

*Riddle:* An archaeologist finds a coin dated 48 B.C. How did he know it was a fake?

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, People to take up Collection are needed for the Liturgies during Holy Week.

There are volunteer lists in the narthex for Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are able to assist at any of these liturgies please add your name to the lists.

## HOLY THURSDAY - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the parish green where it will be left on the altar until midnight.

At this time we are invited to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will continue until midnight.

There is a roster in the church narthex where you and your family can nominate a time when you will

The roster has been prepared in half hour intervals from 8.30 pm – midnight. You are invited to add your name to the roster for whatever amount of time you can manage.

## FR TOM WILL BE ON A PILGRIMAGE AND LEAVE. CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 10 APRIL UNTIL 26 MAY

All Weekend Masses will remain the same (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am, 10.30am and 6pm Masses).

We will have 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.





## Our Charitable Works Fund Appeal

This special appeal for the Church's Charitable Works Fund is being conducted.



The appeal supports the church's charities throughout Sydney and enables important assistance to be provided to homeless young people, people separated from their families, people living with disabilities, prisoners, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, distressed and disadvantaged families, etc.

All donations over \$2 are 100% Tax Deductible and envelopes are on the seats for making donations and can be added to the weekend collection bags. Tax receipts will be issued separately. Thank You.

## Buy a Brick

If you're looking for a meaningful way to be a part of St. Patrick's Mortlake community and contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of our church and grounds, consider purchasing a brick in our Buy a Brick program.

For a donation of \$200, you can have your name, the name of a loved one, or a special message engraved on a brick that will be permanently installed on our church grounds.

This is a wonderful way to acknowledge your past and current participation in our community, or to remember and honor loved ones.

Please note that all text will be in CAPITAL LETTERS and centered on the brick facing. For more information or to purchase a brick, please contact Heidi Harford at [admin@stpatismortlake.org.au](mailto:admin@stpatismortlake.org.au). Thank you for your support

If you're looking for a solid investment, Buy a Brick and watch your generosity 'stack up'!

For more information visit [www.stpatismortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick](http://www.stpatismortlake.org.au/buy-a-brick)

SCAN ME

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

Congratulations to Hunter & Max Henwood, Frederick Cakarnis, Hazel Beahan-Morris; Harvey Procajlo and Annie & Billy Field

Special Celebrations and Blessings at the 10.30am Sunday Mass for Children who were Baptised one year ago.

May you all continue to grow in Faith with us and always feel at home here.

Peace & Joy

## WEDDING - CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amica Aslam and Aamer Shahzad who are getting married at the 6pm Sunday Mass this week.

Thank you for allowing us to share your joyous occasion as a parish community in our Sunday Mass. Peace and Blessings to you both as you start your married life together.

## 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-gleeson-father-john-joseph-therry-colonial-irish-catholic-priest>

## Return of Project Compassion Boxes

Last year was marked by unprecedented emergencies and crises. While many vulnerable communities worldwide faced even greater challenges in 2022, I have faith that we can work together to make the world a more just and better place. Project Compassion reminds us of the power of solidarity and a single act of kindness, big or small, can make a life-changing impact for those in need.

Lenten Project Compassion Boxes can be dropped off at the parish office on Tuesday and Friday's between 9am and 2pm or left in the box in the Narthex at weekend Masses. Thank you!



## Childrens Stations of the Cross



## Safeguarding

At St. Patrick's Parish Mortlake, the welfare and wellbeing of our children and vulnerable members of our Parish is of the utmost importance. The safeguarding office can be contacted on 9390 5810 if you wish to speak on any issue.

## Recently Deceased

Lynne Kennedy; Cedric Fernandes; Brian Walsh; Nora Lai; Claire Jenkins; 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.

## Anniversaries

Francesco D'Elia; Samira Hanna (3rd anniv); Eileen Barry (1st anniv) ; Maria Franco: Rodolfo Hernandez (1st anniv); Bruno Zappia; Sam Ferlatuo(36th anniv): Michele & Giusepia Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Gussy Fausty; Anthony Zacca; Vito Michael Tozzi; Maria Michela Tozzi: Antonietta Monaco; Anna Mandato (1st anniv); Michael Donato (15th 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).

## Please pray for

Gracie V; John Tannous; John Goode: Paolo Zappia; Rocco Zappia; Giuseppe Zappia; Margaret O'Neill; Ray O; Tony C; Emily Scanlan: 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, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

## BINGO

MONDAYS FROM 9.30  
TO 11.30 AT CABARITA

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE  
CONTACT ANNE  
MANENTI ON 8765 8260



### 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.

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



*Answer: BC is before Christ. Christ was not yet born when the coin would have been made and the date would be impossible.*





# Volunteer Power: Join Our Community and Make an Impact!

Discover the joy of giving back - volunteer at our parish and make a difference today! 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:

<b>Social Justice Group</b>	Gain a deeper understanding of the rich history of Catholic Social Teaching as the spiritual formation and basis of action.
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society</b>	Attends to the needs of locals who have fallen on tough times.
<b>Twilight Team</b>	Join our team who organise our successful community Twilight Evenings, 3-4 times a year. A great way of social and community engagement.
<b>Pastoral Care Group</b>	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).
<b>Social Committee</b>	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.
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Engage with the parish youth needs at Sunday 9am Masses
<b>Liturgy</b>	Participate in Music, Reading, Altar Serving and being a Eucharistic Minister within the parish.
<b>Faith Education</b>	Teach in our local public schools as a catechist, preparing students for the Sacraments as well as Adult Faith Formation.
<b>Communications Team</b>	Assist with Communications and IT Support requirements of the parish. Have fun and enjoy a good laugh!
<b>Gardening</b>	Help in creating our beautiful blossoming parish garden.
<b>Stewardship</b>	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/>