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EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION
OF LORD
YEAR A

BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



HAPPY EASTER 2023

Holy Week is all about the encounter of the human condition with the myriad of emotions and anxieties we all face daily. This Week we encounter the anxieties of: the disciples; the women; Pilate; the guards and the anxieties of Jesus himself.

If Jesus was given a 'job description', one of the key tasks in his role would be 'to relieve anxiety and tension for stressful human beings'. One of the beautiful aspects of our liturgy is at the Communion Rite in the Mass, just after we say the Our Father, when the priest prays: ". . . **that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await in joyful hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**"

We need to embrace the Hope and message of Joy which Easter provides. It's about new opportunities, new beginnings and a pathway away from tension towards Joy.

Peace to you and your loved ones this Easter. Let us continue to be people of Hope and Joy in our Mortlake community.

THANK YOU FOR THE EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to the many parishioners who all contributed to our wonderful Holy Week Celebrations.

Special thanks to the Acolytes, Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Musicians, Altar Society Members and to all the numerous people who all work so hard in brining our celebrations about - thank you.



I encourage you to become involved in the many activities our parish offers as a means of engaging and growing in our faith community.

May we continue to grow as a Church community this year, knowing that the message of Hope that the Resurrection provides is open to each and every one of us

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Communion Service:
Monday to Saturday 8am,
except for the below dates when
there will be 8am Thursday
morning Masses: 20 & 27 April, 4,
11, 18, 25 May

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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLE 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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.stpatsmortlake.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Welcome-Pack.pdf





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

SCAN ME

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 Communion Services during this time except for Thursday 20 & 27 April and 4,11,18,25 May when there will be a 8am Mass.

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.



Riddle 1: What's the best kind of workout to get ready for Easter?

Parish Hall Appeal

We are excited to share with you a sneak peek of the almost complete renovations to our beloved Parish Hall. The new space is already looking incredible, but we need your help to bring it to its full potential.

We kindly ask for your continued support in donating to this important cause. Your contributions will go towards putting the final touches on the renovations and ensuring that the Parish Hall is fully equipped and ready to be used as a modern and dynamic meeting space for our community.



The newly renovated Parish Hall will provide us with a modern and versatile space that will enable us to host a wide range of events and activities. We envision it as a welcoming hub for connection and community engagement, where we can come together, share ideas, and support one another.

Please donate to our Parish Hall Renovation and Appeal today using the link below or contact the parish on admin@stpatismortlake.org.au to be sent a Giving Form direct. Your generosity will make a real difference in ensuring that our Parish Hall is a vibrant and vital space for years to come. <https://www.stpatismortlake.org.au/parish-hall-renovation-and-appeal/> **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

Buy a Brick

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. 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



DATES FOR PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

First Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June 10.30am and Sunday 18th June 10.30am
4 week Instruction begins Monday 15 May 4.15-5.15pm in the Parish Hall

Confirmation

Thursday 8th September 5pm & 7pm
4 week Instruction begins Monday 14 August 4.15-5.15pm in the Parish Hall

All enquiries to Bob Mayor
mayor2411@gmail.com

Riddle 2: To dye a single Easter egg takes 7.5 minutes if you leave it in dye. How long would it take to dye 3 eggs?

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!



Baptisms this weekend

Congratulations and welcome into our community Ki Myung Yoon and Yoonie Jang.

May you always feel at home here at St Pats as you grow in Faith.

Peace and Joy

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.

JOIN OUR TEAM

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START YOUR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS RIGHT BY JOINING THE MAN WALK

Lace up your shoes and join The Man Walk, a chance for guys to connect, chat, and enjoy some exercise in a supportive, bloke-friendly environment. Plus, it's a great opportunity to make some new mates, get some fresh air, and have a laugh!

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6.15AM
MEET AT ST PATS
CHURCH MORTLAKE
ALL WELCOME
Duration 45-60 minutes



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Recently Deceased

Lynne Kennedy; Cedric Fernandes; Brian Walsh; Cheryl Menezes; Brian Hymers; 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

Therese and Ronald Bartholomeusz; Antonino & Grazia Di Giglio; Mary & Joseph Galea; Members of the Di Giglio, Galea, Michallef, Lo Schiavo & Tesoriero Families; Campagna and Zappia Families; Paul Papadopolous: Emmanuel Visiliades; 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

Ian Williams; Gaetano Bagnato; 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

PLEASE NOTE THAT BINGO WILL RECOMMENCE IN THE PARISH HALL ON MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023

FROM 9.30 TO 11.30

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT ANNE MANENTI ON 8765 8260

Answer 1: Eggs-ercise

Answer 2: 7.5 minutes. Do them all at once.



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:

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