

21 MAY 2023  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
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# BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish

## THANK YOU FR GEOFF PLANT

Fr. Geoff we want to acknowledge your kindness and generous presence during this time while Fr. Tom has been away from the parish. Providing us with the opportunity of Mass every weekend has been greatly appreciated and your homilies have been very meaningful to so many. Also, congratulations on 51 years of priestly service.

As a community we would like to say a sincere 'thank you'. We hope to see you back at St. Pat's where you will be truly welcome.

To stay in touch with Fr Geoff's homilies just click the attached link.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk0xqli2Ev\\_UajtYgPuL\\_wv](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk0xqli2Ev_UajtYgPuL_wv)



## THANK YOU FR CHAMINDA

We want to acknowledge and thank Fr. Chaminda who, during Fr. Tom's absence, celebrated Mass every Thursday morning. A sincere thank you and best wishes from the whole parish Fr. Chaminda, may our generous God continue to bless you.

## ALL ABILITIES RUGBY UNION MATCH - FREE



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*Community Fund.*

**ALL ABILITIES RUGBY UNION MATCH.**

**COME AND JOIN US!**  
**WHEN:** Saturday 3rd June 2023

**WHERE:** Concord Oval, Concord (Loftus St)

**Time:** 2.35pm - 3.00pm  
Curtain Raiser to Shute Shield 1st Grade  
West Harbour V Northern Suburbs  
3.05pm - 5.00pm

**FREE ENTRY**

**Let's Get Going**

CHANGING LIVES FOR adults of varied abilities. "WE CAN, WE DO, WE WILL"



Riddle: What is it that given one, you'll have either two or none?

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES:

**Monday to Wednesday - 8am**  
**Communion Service**  
Thursday 8am Mass  
**Friday & Saturday - 8am**  
**Communion Service**

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 ACTS OF THE  
APOSTLES ACTS 1:1-11

***Why are you standing there looking to the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven***

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 46:2-3, 6-9

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord***

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must  
fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST  
PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS 1:17-23

***He made Jesus sit at his right hand in heaven.***

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, r Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

## Second Reading -continued

He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

### *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world

### *Alleluia!*

## Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW MT 28:16-20

### *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

## BAROQUE CONCERT AT ST PATS 27TH MAY AT 2.00PM

Balmain Baroque, a 5 piece baroque band, will play at St Patricks at 2pm Sat May 27th. Our band features soprano, strings, baroque flute and recorder.

Join us for a wonderful afternoon out  
Tickets \$25 (\$20 conc). Children free

## FAMILY MASS - 21ST MAY 10.30am



We are inviting each house colour from St Patrick's school to attend a **10.30am** Parish Mass followed by a cuppa & bikkies in the Parish Hall.

**CHARITY - 21 MAY**  
**WANGAL - 28 May**  
**PATRICK - 4 JUNE**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**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](mailto:steph.tse@gmail.com) or call 0402 333 288

[www.stpatsmortlake.org.au](http://www.stpatsmortlake.org.au)



**REGISTER NOW**

**Parish Registration and Database Update**

As a part of updating the Parish records, if parishioners could take the time to update their family records by completing a Parish registration form, if this has not been done previously the form is available in the front of the Church or can be accessed by the link below.

Thank you.

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

## Feast Days this Week

MONDAY: St Rita of Cascia  
WEDNESDAY: Our Lady Help of Christians  
THURSDAY: St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII,  
St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi  
FRIDAY: St Philip Neri  
SATURDAY: St Augustine of Canterbury

## Recently Deceased

Bob Gray; Giosue Illuzzi; Mark Tibbles; Lyn Kennedy; John Tannous; Cedric Fernandes; Brian Walsh; Cheryl Menezes; Brian Hymers; 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

Maddalena Ciacciarelli (3rd anniv); Mary Vitelli (1st anniv); Paul Bolster; Vince Garcea; Micky Mascarello; (2nd anniv); Ante Cindric (8th anniv); Mathew Speers (3rd anniv); Simon-Peter Kolibac (17th anniv); Francesco D'Elia (10th anniv); Anna Miccinatti (1st anniv); Alfio Franco (1st anniv); John Reed; Giuseppe Cataldi (36th anniv); Therese and Ronald Bartholomeusz.

## Please pray for

Ilma Mansfield; Camilla & William; Gladys Northey; Robyn; Marie Dulihanty; Yvonne; Dale; Mark; Brian; Frances; Ian Williams; Gaetano Bagnato; Gracie V; 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 AT  
10.00AM

All enquires please  
contact Anne  
Manenti on 0412  
339 212



St Patrick's Church Mortlake  
INVITATION TO LEAD EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION



To volunteer to lead the Service, either as individuals or as a family, please contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or [thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org)

Riddle Answer: A choice.

### PROTECTION AND SAFETY

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of children and adults is very important to us. If you have concerns for someone at risk, please refer to our website for further details.