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BULLETIN





Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish

PARISH JUSTICE FOCUS SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Justice Focus Survey. Your thoughtful and well considered contributions are very much appreciated. In response to the information received, a number of initiatives will be implemented over the coming months and all parishioners are warmly invited to get involved.

There will be an opportunity to become informed about the upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum through a balanced presentation with speakers outlining the case for both the Yes and the No vote.

The survey also indicated very strong support for the practical assistance of refugees and people seeking asylum through donations to the Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank.

As always, the St Patrick's parish community has responded generously to the opportunity to support and promote dignity and justice for those in need. Updates and details on how you can be involved and initiatives will follow.



Canada Bay

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

St Patrick's Parish Outreach Lunch

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST, 2023

Join us for a BBQ after Mass and meet new friends

10.30am: Mass 11.30 am - 1.30 pm: Lunch in Parish Hall

To RSVP to the lunch, or if you would like to help with catering and hospitality on the day, contact Fr Tom on 9743 1017 or thomas.stevens@sydneycatholic.org

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES:

Monday & Saturday 8am Communion Service

Tuesday to Friday 8am Mass

1st Friday of the month weekday morning Mass will be at 9.15am (not 8am), commencing 4 August 2023

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm

Baptisms: 11.45am on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Please call parish secretary with enquires.

Riddle: Why didn't the burglar break into the library?

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES THE WANGAL PEOPLE OF THE EORA NATION, BEING THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE GATHER AND WORSHIP.

First Reading

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH IS 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

PS 64:10-14

(R) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS ROM 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever

Alleluia!

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Mace Wiertlewski, Ilaria Criscione and Jayden Yu.

May you always feel welcome here at St Patrick's

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW MT13:1-23

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

HALL BLESSING AND RE-OPENING

All are invited to the blessing and reopening of the Parish Hall on **Sunday 13 August, following the 10.30am Mass.** To RSVP your attendance please email Frances Windon at: fpwstpats@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 9.15AM WEEKDAY MASS

The usual 8am Friday Mass, on the first Friday of the month only, will now be held at 9.15am. This will commence from Friday, 4 August.

This is to accommodate the parish school, to enable the children to attend the parish morning Mass.

All other weekday Masses during the month will remain at 8am unchanged.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

Thank you so much to the St Patrick's Parish community for your very generous response to the Vinnies Winter Appeal last weekend.

The \$1,843.80 raised will go directly to assisting those experiencing severe financial distress this winter.

PARISH LUNCH - MASSEY PARK GOLF CLUB

Fr Tom and ninety-five Parishioners attended a lunch, last Wednesday organised by Anne Manenti and the Social Committee.

A beautiful painting by Kate Manenti and a freshwater pearl and silver necklace by Maggie O'Young were among the raffle prizes. Proceeds of \$1100 were donated to the church towards the Hall renovations.

The delicious 3-course meal was prepared by Chef Enrico, and his Son Henry Indorato coordinated the staff for a wonderful Parish celebration.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to all involved. A great time was had by all. Photos can be purchased from Denise Norman email:

denise.norman949@gmail.com

FRIDAY 28TH JULY 2023



Recently Deceased

Otto Petrin; Nick Travia; Betty Mayo: Sarah Cuzzner; Tim Brown; Ray Selkrig; Livia Falgiatori; Maria Palmenta; Brian Curtin; Pat Carey; Gaetano Natoli; Kevin Walker; Susan Price; Andrew & Lynan Scott; Jesus Lopez; Lorraine Clarke; Gaetano Natoli; Albert Alam; Debra Forrest; Bob Gray; Gwen O'Brien; Mario Rinaudo; 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.

Anniversaries

Bill Patterson (1st anniv); Gaetano Natoli (1 month); Pina Bianca (5th anniv); Grazia Di Giglio (20th anniv); Antonino Di Giglio (33rd anniv); Angelo Lo Schiavo (20th anniv); Francesca Lo Schiavo (12th anniv); Mary Galea (5th anniv); Joe Galea (1st anniv); Antonino Tesoriero (15th anniv); Giuseppina Zappia; Michael Tannous; Teresa Manenti: Marie Louise Bamford (11th anniv); Yvone Hurrel (6th anniv); Giuseppe Di Cara; Angelo Piccin (16th anniv); Carmelo & Teresa Tindiglia; Bernard Holahan; Des Bolster (2nd anniv); Alfred Smith; Carmelo Puglisi; Maria Parmenter; Mike Bailey; Romeo Dovico; Greco Family; Battaglia Family; Gaetano Patamia; John Bolster; Lam Sui Chan O'Young (3rd anniv); Maria Rosa De Angelis; Caterina Prato; Maria Grazia Pelle; Philip Chnn; Shing Kok; Cha Yuk Ching; Mandy Chan; Sheatak Fong; Edward Sin; Glorita Leung; Antonio Traino; Giuseppa Profilio (7th anniv).

Please pray for

Giuseppe De Meio (44th anniv); Baby Charlotte Dickson (born 18/6/23): Greg Whitby; Fr David Halstead O.P.; Marcia Droguett; Maude Chin; Mary Lou Bolster; Emilia; Ilma Mansfield; Camilla & William; Gladys Northey; Robyn; Marie Dulihanty; Dale; 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; Baby William; Peter Coyne; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee.

To have your petition included, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

Riddle Answer: He was afraid he'd get a long sentence.

BINGO

MONDAYS AT 10.00AM

All enquires please contact Anne Manenti on 0412 339 212

All WELCOME











FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: St Apollinaris

Friday: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday: St Mary Magdalene