

3 SEPTEMBER
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A. FATHER'S DAY

BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



PRAYERS & BLESSINGS FOR FATHER'S DAY 2023

To all our father's and those in fatherly roles, we wish you Blessings, Prayers and Peace this Father's Day. You play a vital role of leadership and support not only in your immediate family, but in our wider community. To those that have lost their fathers, we recall the role of our father's in our lives and thank God for their example.

For Fathers too that are struggling – be it separation, tense relationships, emotional scarring and difficulty in forgiveness for past issues – may we know that God gives us the strength to again engage in our role in our caring family community. There is always a pathway back.

Pope Francis has previously spoken beautifully of fathers when saying: ***"I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!"***

This Sunday, let us all as a family pray the OUR FATHER in our households, ever mindful that we need to remember our God and Father in Heaven, every father amongst us and our deceased fathers.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES:

Monday & Saturday
8am Communion Service

Tues to Friday 8am Mass
Please note: **The First Friday of each month Mass time will be 9.15am**

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm

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

Please call parish secretary with enquires.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL
Sunday 3 September 2023

Your priests helped begin your faith journey
The Archdiocese Father's Day Appeal supports retired priests and honours our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community. Your gift is a 'thank you' to those who've contributed in so many ways in your life.

Will you help look after them in their retirement this Father's Day?
Donate today by completing the parish envelope, calling 1800 753 959 or online at www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

Supporting the Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Sparkling Morning Tea
Friday 15th September 2023
9.00am to 10.30am

For bookings please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CKHYS>

Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

\$15 per person (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

Riddle: What is the longest word in the dictionary?

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
JEREMIAH 20: 7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl

and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

PS 62: 2-6, 8-9

(R) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

(R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise.

(R.)

Responsorial Psalm

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS 12: 1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: St Teresa of Calcutta

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St Peter Claver

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 16: 21-27

**Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Classical Concert
ELLA LASKOVA SYDNEY WOMEN
VIOLIN ENSEMBLE AND ST PATRICK'S
PARISH, MORTLAKE PRESENT
an evening with an all female
ensemble performing classical,
modern and jazz music styles.
**Friday
22 September 2023**
7pm with Welcoming Drinks from 6pm
\$20 a ticket.
Limited tickets available and bookings
are essential.
To book tickets and for more information visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKJLF>

JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES

**At each of the Masses
next weekend 9 & 10th
September**



we will be hearing from Ignite's staff on how our grocery donations can support their local community. The Ignite Food Store provides fresh and healthy food at a fraction of what it cost in mainstream supermarkets.

The Store has been incredibly busy due to the high demand. **The upcoming parish food drive will help replenish supplies** and continue to meet the needs of the community.

Jesuit Social Services is a social change organisation with a vision to build a just society. They have been working together with the Holy Family Parish at Emerton, Mount Druitt since 2007, serving the needs of local people.

LET'S TALK ABOUT COMPANIONING

An introduction



Life is full of change and challenge and sometimes we may find ourselves struggling. In these times, it helps to know that we are not alone - to know that someone is walking beside us and listening.

Let's start a conversation about what it means to be with people as they navigate difficult life circumstances and events.

All most welcome to attend.

Tuesday 12th September - 11am - 12pm

Morning tea provided at 10.30am

St Patrick's Parish Hall



A TASTE OF THE ORIENT
FRIDAY 8TH - OCTOBER 2023 - 10TH SEPT 2023
Well-wish Japanese Cranes
Sunday 10th September 10am-11am in the Parish Hall

Parish 'Spring Clean' - Thank you

Thanks to all the parishioners and the St Pat's College students and parents who attend the Spring Parish Clean last Saturday morning. Lots of hard work was carried out inside the Church and on the parish grounds.

Our Church and Grounds looks pristine. Thanks for your assistance.

Recently Deceased

Baby Rose; Merv Cross; Adrian Zulian; Annie Gock; Paul Ardill; Eddie Delahunty; Winnie Chan; Bridget Kennedy; Peter Coyne; Gladys (Gladdie) Northy; Nicola Stivaletta; Otto Petrin; Elvira Grego; 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.

Anniversaries

Oliver Coleman (2nd anniv); Marcia Bendeich (1st anniv); Maureen, John & Mary Xuereb; Joseph Galea; Gianni Michalief; Antonino, Giuseppe & Angelo Di Giglio; Giovanni Tesoriero & Antonino Tesoriero; Angelino Lo Schiavo; Guido Natale (14th anniv); Elivia Grego (1 month anniv); ; Joseph Bezzina (3rd anniv); Doris Casey (33rd anniv); Antonio Mandile (22 anniv); Albert Alam; Damian King (3rd anniv); Salazia Saad; Peter Lynch; Bette Jean Willis; Michele & Giuseppina Goffredo; Sam Ferlato; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Elizabeth Johansen (22nd anniv); Salazia Saad; Peter Lynch; Bette Jean Willis (12th anniv); Peter Burnicle (3rd anniv); Michele Vezza (3rd anniv); Giuseppe de Meio; Gabriel & Raphael Traino (1st anniv); Maria Bavaro (1st anniv); Louis Munoz (20th anniv); Bill Patterson (1st anniv); Gaetano Natoli (1 month); Barry Petterson (3rd anniv).

Please pray for

Eugenio Alessio; Bianca & Matt; Leon Payne; Betty Flynn; Margaret Barker; Domenic Lopreato; Angelo Ninni; Baby Charlotte Dickson (born 18/6/23); Greg Whitby; Fr David Halstead O.P. ; Marcia Droguett; Maude Chin; Mary Lou Bolster; Emilia; Camilla & William; Robyn; Marie Dulihanty; Dale; Brian; ; Tony & Vitoria C; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee.

To have your petition included, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

Riddle Answer: Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'.

WEDDING JOY

Congratulations to our two couples. Kiara Ratcliffe & Francesco Carlone and Marcelle Eid & Alberto Celeghin who were married here at St Pat's on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Peace and Blessings for your married life.

ST PAT'S SINGING GROUP

This group meets every Thursday in the parish hall from 10.15 to 12.00 just for FUN. Just come along on the day. **All Welcome**

THE MAN WALK

Every Wednesday at 6.15am Meet at St Pats Church Mortlake. Duration 45-60 minutes

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST PAT'S

Held on Wednesdays from 8.25 to 8.50am **during school term only**

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