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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



THANK YOU & BLESSINGS TO BRENDA JOHNSTON

This week we say farewell to our much loved parish secretary, Brenda Johnston, after her many years of service at St Pat's, Mortlake. Brenda has been our parish secretary for 13 years and has been the heartbeat to the consistent and smooth operation of the parish over this time, both during Monsignor Usher's time and the last four years I have been here.

Brenda's dedication, love and care for the parish and its parishioners has been over and above the role of a parish secretary and will be greatly missed. As the first point of contact for many people, her care and pastoral support has been exemplary.

On behalf of the parish, I thank Brenda for her work and care for all of us. You have been an instrumental aspect and integral part of what St Pat's has become.

Brenda asked that there be no formal farewell. With this in mind I asked a few parishioners how, in one word, they would reflect on Brenda's 13 years : Caring, compassionate, generous, efficient and empathetic, were just some words.

Brenda, please know that you are greatly loved and appreciated for your service to this parish. Brenda, THANK YOU

Our new parish secretary, Petra Nakhoul, has commenced in the parish and I am sure will be welcomed by you all. Please introduce yourself to Petra.

Fr Tom

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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.

Riddle: I am in the beginning of sorrow and sadness. You will find me in happiness also. You will find me in sun and stars but not in moon. I am in summer and spring but not in fall or winter. Who am I?

First Reading

A READING FROM THE PROPHET
MALACHI 1:14 - 2:2 8-10

***You have strayed from the way,
you have caused many to stumble
by your teaching.***

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

PS 130

***(R) In you, LOrd, I have found my
peace***

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER
OF ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIAS

***We were eager to hand over to you
not only the Good News but our
lives as well***

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, you Father in
heaven;
You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus
Christ

Alleluia!

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 23. 1-12

They do not practice what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

THURSDAY EVENINGS - SALVATION HISTORY TALKS - 7-8.30PM

Please join us on Thursday evenings in the Parish Hall for our Salvation History series of talks presented by Hana Smit. An opportunity to come and learn about the roots of our Christian story. All welcome.

November Remembrance Masses

Wednesday, 8 November 6.30pm
Remembering Our Babies Mass

Wednesday, 15 November 6.30pm
Mention My Name Mass

Wednesday, 22 November 6.30pm
This Is Your Home Mass



AGEING WELL MASTERCLASSES



You are invited to register for these enlightening sessions to help improve your wellbeing.

They are going to be held on Tuesdays from 7 - 12 December from 10.30 to 11.00am for morning tea, followed by a presentation. **Please contact the Parish Office to register on 9743 1017 or parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au**

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please come along and join us on **Wednesday 13th December at 12 Noon** at the Family Brasserie, Massey Park Golf Club Ian Parade, Concord for our end of year celebration.

Tickets are \$50.00 each for a 3 course Meal with Coffee and Tea.

All enquires to Anne Manenti 0412 339 212 or Frances Windon 0410 465 771.

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 11-12 NOVEMBER

Your help can provide relief. On the weekend of 11-12 November there will be envelopes for cash or credit card donations or smart terminals as well as a QR code for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible and 100% of the money collected will go towards assisting those in need.

Thank you.

Recently Deceased

John Burrell; Grace Dao; Eva Zin; Angelo Ninni; Lindsay Nicholl; Luca Biordi; Maria Verna; Susan Evans; Ray Anthony; Matthew Bentley; Max Quirk; Rosellina Ryan; Susan Evans; Leona Picone; 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.

Anniversaries

Patsy Boggs (2nd anniv); Alvaro Bianchi (21st anniv); Vassall Family; Connie Piccin (6th anniv); Aldo Guarino (10th anniv); Sam Ferlauto;; Giuseppa & Michele Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova;; Sue Goffredo; Antonio Mandile (22nd anniv); Silvana Criscione 4th anniv); Joseph Triganza 3rd anniv); Maria & Frank Juranic; Luca Cindric (19th anniv); Kevin McGettigan; Peter Delahunty (2nd anniv); Giovanna Caldaroni (5 anniv); Ellen (Nell) Peak (26 anniv); Ron Peak (16 anniv); Michael Harfield (27 anniv).

Please pray for

Cameron Zue; Damian Zue; Colleen Gibson; Bill Yeates; Tahira; Ted & Denise Cramsie; Katrina; Beth; Rosa Andreacchio; Eugenio Alessio; Bianca & Matt; Leon Payne; Betty Flynn; Margaret Barker; Domenic Lopreato; 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

**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.**

Riddle Answer: The letter S

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MONDAYS
AT 10.00AM

All enquires please
contact Anne Manenti on
0412 339 212

ALL WELCOME



FRIDAY CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

Held on **Fridays in the
Parish Hall from 9.15-
10.30am.**

An opportunity for young
babies and children aged
0-5 years to play and
parents/ guardians to mix
and make new contacts.

No booking or donation
required. **All welcome**

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.

THURSDAY ADORATION

Is now being **held on
Thursday mornings
from 8.25 to 8.50am.** To
volunteer to lead the
Service either as
individuals or as a
family please contact Fr
Tom on 9743 1017 or
thomas.stevens@sydney
catholic.org.