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YEAR B

BULLETIN

Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



Children's Christmas Liturgy

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
5.30PM

ON THE ST PAT'S PARISH GREEN

Our Annual Children's Christmas Liturgy is a special evening for all to celebrate the meaning of Christmas with our local community. Enjoy a casual evening of the nativity story come-to-life performed by our parish children and singing of Christmas Carols followed by a parish BBQ.

CONGRATULATIONS GIL VELLA ON PAPAL AWARD

On Thursday of this week Gil Vella was awarded the Papal Honour from Pope Francis - the decoration *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* ("For Church and Pope"). Archbishop Fisher bestowed the award on behalf of Pope Francis for Gil's tremendous work as a Catholic individual in his parishes and especially for his many years of service with the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Gil is a fine example of what the very best of the Church can offer our world. He is still active in the Mortlake Vinnies Conference.

Thank you Gil, and to his wife Margaret, for your service and doing your best to follow Jesus in your ever practical way.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you are able to help, please add your name to the A3 list at the back of the church. **Thank you**

Riddle: What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

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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 the month Mass is at 9.15am

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 A READING FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIAH IS 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

PS 84:9-14. R. V.8

*(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF
ST PETER 2 PET 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you
must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a
day' can mean a thousand years, and a
thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not
being slow to carry out his promises, as
anybody else might be called slow; but he
is being patient with you all, wanting
nobody to be lost and everybody to be
brought to change his ways. The Day of the
Lord will come like a thief, and then with a
roar the sky will vanish, the elements will
catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all
that it contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like
this, you should be living holy and saintly
lives while you wait and long for the Day of
God to come, when the sky will dissolve in
flames and the elements melt in the heat.
What we are waiting for is what he
promised: the new heavens and new earth,
the place where righteousness will be at
home. So then, my friends, while you are
waiting, do your best to live lives without
spot or stain so that he will find you at
peace.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO MARK MK 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared

in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of

repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All

Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made

their way to him, and as they were baptised by

him in the river Jordan they confessed their

sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and

he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the

course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is

following me, someone who is more powerful

than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and

undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised

you with water, but he will baptise you with

the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES & MASSES AT ST PATRICK'S MORTLAKE

Children's Christmas Carols and Nativity Play

(Communion Service) Thursday 14th December at 5.30pm

BYO chairs



Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday 24th December: 6.30pm, 8.30pm and Midnight

Weather permitting 6.30pm and 8.30pm celebrated outdoors

BYO chairs



Christmas Day Masses

Monday 25th December: 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am



PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please come along and join us:

**Wednesday 13th December
12 Noon**



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

Pease **Welcome** into our church family
the newly baptised:

**Sienna Hope Barba, Levi Matteo
Napier, Mila Jade Almeida & Jay
Callan Hadley**

Also our 1st holy communicants:

**Simone Arrow, Hugo & Micaela
Psomadelis.**

Know that the love of Jesus Christ
transforms our lives and there is nothing
that cannot be solved so long as we keep
close to Jesus.

AGEING WELL MASTERCLASSES

The last two talks
will be on Tuesday
12 & 19 December at
10.30am, for a 11am
start, in Parish Hall.



Recently Deceased

Kenneth Ooi; Severino Jugovac; Atish Sengupta; Anthony "Tony" Wilson; Eileen Boland; James Pinterics; Sylvia Violi; Maura Rossi; Eric Hufer; Fr David Halstead O.P; John Demicoli; John Birrell; Mario Gallace; Colin Kerr; 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.

Anniversaries

Sylvia Violi 1mth; Bjarne Johansen 30th; Anne Breen 5th; Maurice Casey; Bill Posavec 24th; Glenda Rutz 10th; Francey Bagala 2nd; Diana Falgiatori 1st; Ian Geoghegan 20th; Patsy Boggs 2nd; Patricia Reilly 6th; Alvaro Bianchi 21st; Vassall Family; Connie Piccin 6th; Aldo Guarino 10th; Sam Ferlauto; Giuseppa & Michele Goffredo; Nancy Buonanova; Sue Goffredo; Antonio Mandile 22nd; Silvana Criscione 4th; Joseph Triganza 3rd; Maria & Frank Juranic; Luca Cindric 19th; Kevin McGettigan; Peter Delahunty 2nd; Giovanna Caldaroni 5th; Ellen (Nell) Peak 26th; Ron Peak 16; Michael Harfield 27th; Francesco & Maria Cremona; John Roach 9th; Gaspare & Assunta Favero 2nd; Antonio Caldaroni 16th; Paul Tosolini 10th; Des Delihunty 40th, Leopold Mytkowski, Ezio Epifania.

Please pray for

Albert Calleja; Nick Severino; Gillian; Cameron & Damian Sue; 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; Marcia Droguett; Maude Chin; Mary Lou Bolster; Emilia; Camilla & William; Robyn; Marie Dulihanty; Dale; Brian; Tony & Vitoria C; Nance Walker; Diane Shore; Renee; Rod Jeffrey.

To have your petition included, phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718

Heartbeat Advent Series Year B

Week one of the Heartbeat series began last Sunday 3rd December. The silent times, the stillness and listening are a vital part of the Heartbeat sessions. **Within these sessions using contemplative prayer and Lectio Divina there is an opportunity to set aside time to be with God.** May the preparation for Christmas and the wonder of Christmas time bring deep peace. **To join the group contact parishioner Susan Neylan on - smneylan@gmail.com**

Riddle: A promise.

THANK YOU ITALIAN CHRISTMAS EVENT ORGANISERS, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

Your generosity, time and willingness in service to St Patrick's

is greatly appreciated.

Your support allows us to continue to fulfil our mission of loving service to God and neighbor.

May you be blessed in all your endeavors.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank You

so much from Vinnies to the wonderful St Patrick's parishioners!

A total of \$3,600 was raised at the Masses over the weekend of 11/12 Nov.

This will go directly to support families experiencing financial distress this Christmas.

Christmas blessings to you all from the Vinnies Mortlake Conference!

