

17 DECEMBER 2023
3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
YEAR B

BULLETIN



Welcome to St Patrick's Mortlake Parish



Christmas Liturgies & Masses at St Patrick's Mortlake

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

"Many hands make light work"

Romans 12:4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."



AGEING WELL FINAL MASTERCLASS

SHARING CIRCLE SESSION

As a follow-up to the series of Masterclasses we invite you to attend one more session, to be held on;

Tuesday, December 19 in the Parish Hall at 11am

This session will be a Sharing Circle where we will explore the questions,

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

What have you taken away from the Masterclasses?

What would you like to see happen now?

What actions can we/you take?

Riddle: What do elves post on social media?

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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 THE PROPHET
ISAIAH IS 61:1-2. 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up
in the sight of the nations.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

LK 1:46-50. 53-54. R. IS 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. (R.)
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. (R.)

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER
OF ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS
1 THESS 5:16-24

*May you all be kept blameless,
spirit, soul and body, for the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and
for all things give thanks to God, because
this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the
gift of prophecy with contempt; think
before you do anything – hold on to what
is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect
and holy; and may you all be kept safe and
blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has
called you and he will not fail you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Pease **Welcome**
into our church family the newly
baptised:
**Cleo Apollo Gordon-Parisis, Romi J
Vowles & Niamh Shannon Rickard.**
We also **Congratulate Colin Davy**
on his 1st Holy Communion and
Confirmation.
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.

Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO JOHN JN 1:6-8. 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
This is how John appeared as a witness. When
the Jews sent priests and Levites from
Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not
only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I
am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are
you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the
Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to
him, 'Who are you? We must take back an
answer to those who sent us. What have you
to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as
Isaiah prophesied:
a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'
Now these men had been sent by the
Pharisees, and they put this further question
to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not
the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the
prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water;
but there stands among you – unknown to
you – the one who is coming after me; and I
am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This
happened at Bethany, on the far side of the
Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord

St Pat's Parish Christmas Lunch was
held on the 13 December 2023 and was
very well attended by 75 parishioners.
A delicious 3 course delicious festive
meal was prepared by the chefs at the
Family Brasserie, Massey Park Golf Club.
It was a great celebration and everyone
joined in the friendly atmosphere of the
day. Thank you to the Social Committee
Anne Manenti and Frances Windon and
team for organising the day.





Violin Masterclass

UNLEASH YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL POTENTIAL

Open to children of all ages

Attend a captivating Violin Master Class with renowned artist Ella Laskova on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024, from 10-12 noon at St Patrick's Parish Hall, 33 Gale St, Mortlake.** This unique opportunity is **free of charge** and offers a hands-on session for children to explore their musical abilities under expert guidance. Secure your spot now to witness the magic of the violin and ignite a passion for music in your child.



**FOR ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION
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Recently Deceased

Gillian Virginie; John Stevens; Albert Calleja; 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

Gerald Gleeson 6th; 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

Damian Gleeson; Nick Severino; Cameron & Damian Sue; Colleen Gibson; Bill Yeates; Ted & Denise Cramsie; Katrina; Beth; Rosa Andreacchio; Eugenio Alessio; Robyn; Marie Dulihty; 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

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: Elfies

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**

