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# 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."



Riddle: Where do Santa and the elves go to swim?

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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 SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL 2 SAM 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

***The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord***

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

### The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. SEE V.2

***(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

1. I will sing forever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty forever and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

## Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS RM 16:25-27

***The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.***

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia!**



# Gospel

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO LUKE LK 1:26-38

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

## The Gospel of the Lord





St Patrick's Parish  
Mortlake

## 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.



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## PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY



## 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.

Recommencing in February 2024.

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

ALL PRAYER REQUESTS, ANNIVERSARIES AND DEATHS  
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Answer: The North Pool

