



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE-PARKDALE



SAINT PATRICK

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B): 14th December 2014

FOR WHAT ARE WE PREPARING?



We reach our mid-point of Advent today as we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday". The joy of this day denoted visually by the wearing of the Rose vestments anticipates the wonder and joy of Our Saviour's birth. The cause of our joy is God who comes to us in the flesh.

We have only a short time left to ready and prepare ourselves to meet the Lord whose coming we celebrate at Christmas. This period is one of activity and preparation. The question we should ask ourselves is:

"Am I preparing for the right thing or am I just caught up in the party mode without real understanding of the why?"

Let each of us prepare for Christmas by being realistic about what we need. Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experience, it takes preparation.

Preparing

Reconciliation is what God does. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting upon the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It might begin with the simple question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?

If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflection to do. I can examine my life - what I have done and what I have failed to do - and see what graces are offered me there. If I've come through that "era" of saying that any guilt, anything that makes me feel bad about myself, is a bad thing, to be avoided at all costs, then I might have a difficult time coming to genuine sorrow for my sins. If this is the case, I need to "go to work" on my reflection, asking God to rouse a sense of embarrassment, leading to deep sorrow, for any way I may not have been faithful, honest, loving, self-less or generous - in my relationship with God, with my family, with others. I can look at each of my responsibilities - as a citizen of a city and a country and the world, a neighbour, an employee, a member of a parish or congregation, as a parent or a spouse or as a son or daughter. God will always shine light into these important parts of our lives, to help us experience remorse and a genuine desire for forgiveness and healing. The point

here is not ultimately to focus on ourselves. God always reveals us to ourselves, so that God might reveal to us our need for a Saviour. The focus is on God's reconciling, healing love. As John says, *"God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love isn't our love for God, but God's love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven."* 1 John 4:9-10

It may be that I have experienced troubling guilt - coming out of deep childhood trauma or a long-standing sense of shame. This may plague my ability to feel good about myself at all, and therefore to be able to reflect upon my sins - the ways I fail at loving. I can still prepare for genuine reconciliation by preparing to better trust God's love for me, based upon two convictions: First, God's love is un-conditional. It is not conditioned on my being better, or my overcoming anything, or even my being good at all. God just loves me. I am always precious in the eyes of the One who made me and desires to embrace me with the gift of complete freedom, in everlasting life. Secondly, God knows everything, including what I'm struggling with or suffering under. And, the God of all compassion understands me and loves me. It may be that my greatest sin - the place where I need the greatest sorrow and desire for forgiveness and healing is my lack of trust in God's complete and unconditional love for me. We can be certain that that is a gift God deeply desires to offer me.

It may be that when I ask myself the question about where God might be offering me forgiveness and healing, I might first come up with a single thing that seems "big" to me. I might say, "I feel sorry for how I treat my spouse or my children." I might focus on a long established habit of self-indulgent sexual fantasy, pornography on the Internet or masturbation. I may feel most sorrow for what I fail to do - all the "good intentions" that never make their way into action. It is so important not to stop there. None of the "big" things about which we might immediately feel sorry for sums up all of who we are before God and others. They may be very important in giving some clues or some leads in identifying some larger patterns. For example, if a "big" thing that worries me is that I tend to be "loose" with the truth, at times, I can ask what that means, what it reveals about me. I may discover that the real pattern of sin has to do with a deeper dishonesty or lack of integrity: hiding from

God; leading a double life; not being who I really am called to be; trying to manage my life on my own terms; manipulating others for my own needs and desires. When the Light of God's love shines into this level of self-awareness, then I am touched by a powerful experience of reconciliation. Even here, in a place I might be most embarrassed and feel most naked, God is loving me and offering me wholeness and joy.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Please take careful note of the times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in the time before Christmas. On several occasions there will be two priests available to hear confessions. The invitation is an invitation from Christ himself to let him heal us and help us!

Fr John Walshe PP

Christmas Mass Times see page 3

Confession Times before Christmas

- 5:45pm Friday December 19th
St Patrick's Mentone
(following Benediction)
- 9:45am Saturday December 20th
St Patrick's Mentone
(following 9.15am Mass)
- 5.15pm St Patrick's Mentone
- 9.45am Monday December 22nd
St Patrick's Mentone
(following 9.15am Mass)
- 7.00pm St John Vianney's Parkdale
- 9.45am Tuesday December 23rd
St Patrick's Mentone
(following 9.15am Mass)
- 7.00pm St Patrick's Mentone
- 9.45am Wednesday December 24th
St Patrick's Mentone
(following 9.15am Mass)



**2014 Advent Organ
Concert Series**
This Saturday
20 December, 5pm
Dr PAUL TAYLOR
All welcome, details pg 2

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• **Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. John Walshe

• **Associate Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ramsay Williams OLSG

• **Convent:** Sisters of St Paul de Chartres 9584 8974

• **Director of Music:** Mr Christopher Trikilis Ph: 0402 678 148

Notices for Parish Bulletin to the Parish Office by 12 noon Thursdays

Recently Deceased

Ronald Joyce, Pam Green, Bill Beereen, Leuterio Faculanan, Geoff Welchman

Anniversaries

Christopher Casamento, Bonnie Moloney, John Coghlan, Ann Finegan, Elizabeth Grimes, Marie O'Donoghue, Ian Atkinson, Gwen O'Donoghue, Harry Hoare, Jerry Smyrk

Prayer for the Sick

Fr Ramsay Williams, Adam Reddington, Brian Gilfedder, Beryl Lowe, Milton Croysdale, Jean Howard, Mary Valastro, Paige McDonald, Karla Smith, Len O'Shea, Gladys Alexander, Freda Cabral, Gillian Reidy, Elizabeth Dixon, Bonnie Alford, Glendon Anthony, Teresa Anthony, Jacqueline Ross, Joan Nolan, John Young, Maureen Oswald, Lily McShane, Dina Costanzo, Elizabeth Marks, Jessica Newman, Harvey Lewis, Anne Johnson, Khan Ergec, Rocco & Mirella Catalano, Darren Lacey, Therese Green, Lorraine Loel, Patricia M, Regan Smith, Autumn Tansey, Olive Kitto, Sam Kumar, Larry Kearney, Matthew Kennedy, Merv Brearley, Debbie Leon, Patricia Walker, Madeline Wesson, Jenny Rawlings, Roselyn Zaveca, Barry O'Sullivan and those on the continuing prayer list. (PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF)

Prayer / Meditation Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open from 8.00 am to 6.00pm Please choose a time (1/2 hour) to spend in Adoration. Each Friday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration following the 9.15am Mass until 5.30pm, when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.

Rosary:

1. In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8.45am All welcome.
2. The Rosary is also prayed on Thurs after 10:30am OLS Mass at June Vernon's (9583 3443) and on Wedn evenings, 7.30pm at Bridie's (9585 5142)

Divine Mercy Devotions:

Are held in St Patrick's Church each Friday at 3.00pm.

Special Prayer Groups:

Mother's Prayer Group:

Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am with the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres, 3 Mitchell St. Mentone - All Welcome

Friday Prayer Meeting:

Prayer meeting held each Friday at 10:30am for 1.5 hours at a private address in Florence Street.
Please ring Josie on 9585 0023

Collections

Presbytery: \$2,247.05
Thanksgiving: \$5,907.75

Vocation View

Rejoice always! Our Saviour is near!
The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul.
Pray for Vocations.

Parish Events

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal

This appeal will be held this weekend **13/14 December 2014**. Melbourne Overseas Missions provides funding and support for various projects. Our major projects have been focused on Papua New Guinea and Sierra Leone. MOM programs are based on a Christian motivation of commitment to the poor with strong objectives to encourage self-help and self-reliance, respect human rights.

HELP SUPPORT THESE PROJECTS.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Appeal 2014

The annual Society Christmas Appeal is a major source of funds used to meet the needs of the community at this time of year. Over the next few weeks, donation envelopes will be available at both St John Vianney and St Patrick churches. The envelopes will either be located on the church seats or at the back of the each church. The donation envelopes can be returned with the normal collections at mass times. The Society would appreciate your valued support for the Appeal.

Advent Organ Concert Series 2014

Each Saturday (5pm) in Advent

Final Concert in this year's Series!

Come and hear some of Melbourne's finest musicians performing music of the season on our historic 1862 Bishop Kelly Memorial Pipe Organ. Concerts precede 6pm mass, *admission is free!*

This week: December 20

Dr Paul Taylor from St Patrick's Cathedral presents works by JS Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and Dietrich Buxtehude.



Christmas Working Bee:

There will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's on **Saturday 20th December** after the 9.15am morning Mass. Any assistance Parishioners can offer in helping the Sacristans would be much appreciated. If you can possibly spare even half an hour, it would be appreciated.
Thank you, Parish Sacristans

20 / 21 December

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6.00 pm - TBA (SP)
9:00 am - A Berghella, J Lewis-Williams (SJV)
11.00 am - TBA (SP)
5:00 pm - TBA (SP)

Commentators:

6.00 pm - TBA (SP)
11.00 am - TBA (SP)
5:00 pm - TBA (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6.00 pm - J Smith, K Cerato (SP)
9:00 am - Videky Family (SJV)
11.00 am - Hirst Family (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm: - R Razga, D McDonald (SP)
9:00 am - D Kidner (SJV)
11:00am - S Tobin, T Chasteauneuf (SP)
5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 7

R Razga, A Ady, V Derricott, R Jones, N Perazzo

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 5 :
M Zickert, D Reeves, A Ioviero, L Marshall
St John Vianney: G & K Sullivan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:
Campbell, 1 Rupert St (SP)
Next Week:
Johnston, 1 Rogers St (SP)

This Week:
McCarthy, 27 Waratah Ave (SJV)
Next Week:
Byrne, 32 Balmoral Dve (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 4 - St John Vianney

St John Vianney's Grounds Roster:
Please contact Iain (9580 1970) or Vincent (9580 1285)

Home Help:

Kate Shea on 9580 4475 (SJV)
Bernadette Woods on 9580 7818 (SP)



Travelling Chalice

This week beginning 21 DEC
C Price
Next week beginning 28 DEC
B Stuart

Parish and Diocesan News

Pope's Intentions for December 2014:

Universal prayer intention:

Christmas, hope for humanity.
That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

For Evangelisation:

Parents.
That parents may be true evangelisers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

The Patrician Group

(Adult Family And Friends Welcome)

The Committee extends blessings and peace to all members, family and friends for this Christmas Season. Thank you to all who have contributed to the events of the year and may we come back next year with refreshed ideas and new venues for us to enjoy.

Wishing you Love, Peace, and Joy - the true meaning of Christmas.



Piety Stall

The Piety Stall has many great gifts for Christmas. The 2015 Columban Art Calendar is the 93rd edition, and is well known for its traditional religious

paintings and liturgical information. Also available Missals and Christmas Cards. Browse today!

Piety Stall opens each

Sunday between 10:30am-12:30pm.



SJV Choir Practice

Wednesdays in December at 7pm Final practice for Christmas.

It's not too late to join us as we learn music for Advent and Christmas. A great way to be involved in the Parish this Advent.

New members most welcome!

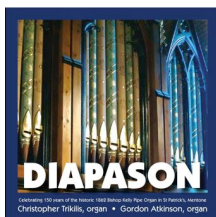
CD "DIAPASON" on sale

An ideal Christmas present!

The CD celebrating 150 years of our Bishop Kelly Pipe Organ in St Patrick's Church (released early last year) is again available!

The recording showcases the rich sounds of our historic pipe organ on the Move Records label by Director of Music Christopher Trikilis and Dr Gordon Atkinson.

The CD is available from the Parish Office at \$25. Buy a copy today!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2014

6.00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas:
St Patrick's

8.00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas:
St John Vianney's
(preceded by carols from 7.30pm)

Midnight: Solemn Mass of
Christmas: St Patrick's
(preceded by Carols from 11.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER 2014

9.00am: Mass of Christmas Day
(Mass of the Shepherds)
St Patrick's

11.00am: Mass of Christmas Day
St Patrick's

(please note there is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Request for lift to Christmas Midnight Mass

A young man who lives on Latrobe Street (Nepean Hwy end) would like a lift to and from the Christmas Midnight Mass. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office on 9583 2103

Nativity Scene Window

Once again, Mentone Optical Service (Opposite Mentone Train Station) have welcomed our offer of a Nativity Window display. Feel free to visit and thank that company for their support of Christian ideals.

(An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross).



HYMN: JOHN WAS THE PROPHET

John was the prophet of the Lord
To go before his face;
The herald which the Prince of Peace
Sent to prepare his ways.

"Behold the Lamb of God," he cries,
"That takes our guilt away;
I saw the Spirit o'er his head,
On his baptising day.

"Be every vale exalted high,
Sink every mountain low;
The proud must stoop, and humble souls
Shall his salvation know.

"Behold the Morning Star arise,
Ye that in darkness sit;
He marks the path that leads to peace,
And guides our doubtful feet."

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Other Events

Kilbreda College 2016 enrolments

Closing date for enrolments at Kilbreda College for Year 7, 2016 will be **Friday, 28 February 2015.**

Families who wish to tour the College can make an appointment by calling 9581 7766, or registering online at www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au

Michael Bellert Appeal update

Dear All,
A very sincere thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Thanks to you Michael, Lauren, Audrey & Ava now have their family van! And in time for Christmas!!!

Words will never be able to express what this has meant to us all but know you are very special to us!

Thank you!
Christine & David Bellert

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Liturgy for the Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) : 14 December 2014

Mass Response

- Psalm Response:** My soul rejoices in my God.
- Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**
The Spirit of the Lord is upon us;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**
- Memorial Acclamation:** We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Legend: "Gather" - Gather Book "CWB" - Catholic Worship Book "AOV" - As One Voice

6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) - St Patrick's

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 794
- Mass Setting:** #2: Mass of OLHC - Connolly
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 780
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 740
- Recessional Hymn:** John was the Prophet (in Bulletin)

9:00am (Sunday) - St John Vianney's

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 794
- Mass Setting:** #2: Mass of OLHC - Connolly
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 780
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 763
- Recessional Hymn:** John was the Prophet (in Bulletin)

9:30am (Sunday) - St Patrick's Ordinarate Mass

- Entrance Hymn:** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
(see Pew Sheet)
- Final Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(see Pew Sheet)

11.00am Choral Mass (Sunday) - St Patrick's

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 780
- Mass Setting:** Russian Kyrie (arr. Bell) &
#3: Sherwin Mass - Ostrowski
- Offertory Motet:** Prepare the way, O Zion - Swedish Carol
- Communion Motet:** O Word Incarnate - Gibbons
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 763
- Recessional Hymn:** John was the Prophet (in Bulletin)

5:00 pm (Sunday) - St Patrick's

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 780
- Mass Setting:** #2: Mass of OLHC - Connolly
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 658
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 657
- Recessional Hymn:** John was the Prophet (in Bulletin)

Readings Next Week:

Fourth Sunday of Advent : (Year B)

- Samuel:** 7:1-5.8-12.14.16
- Romans:** 16:25-27
- Luke:** 1:26-38

MASSES THIS WEEK

(SP) St Patrick's Church; (SJV) St John Vianney's Church

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

- Monday, 15th** No Mass
- Tuesday, 16th**
9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of 3rd week of Advent
12 noon (SJV) **School Mass**
- Wednesday, 17th**
9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent
- Thursday, 18th**
9:15 am (SP) Thursday of 3rd week of Advent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarate Mass**
- Friday, 19th**
9:15 am (SP) Friday of 3rd week of Advent
- Saturday, 20th**
9:15 am (SP) Ember Day
(Mass according to Missal of 1962)

WEEKEND MASSES

- (Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)
- Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)
- Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinarate Mass) (SP)
- Sunday: 11.00am (Choral Mass) (SP)
- Sunday: 5:00pm (SP)

RECONCILIATION

After the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday & Saturday mornings (SP) and 5:15 pm Saturday (SP)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THIS FRIDAY:
BENEDICTION 5:30PM (SP)**