

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



First Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 18 February 2018

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

'Pause, See & Return:' Pope's Homily at Ash Wednesday Mass at Basilica of St. Sabina All'Aventino

'Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God'

Ash Wednesday - day of the beginning of Lent – Pope Francis presided over the celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica of Saint Sabina, with the rite of the blessing and imposition of ashes.

The following is a translation of the homily that the Pope delivered after the proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

The season of Lent is a favourable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart.

We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyse the soul of a believing people.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: *pause, see and return.*

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. *Pause* from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with

friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the "noticeboard" that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey.

Pause in order to look and contemplate!

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst.

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love.

See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with "tomorrows" and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.

See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.

See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward.

See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak.

See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: "The Kingdom of God is possible!"

Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you.

Return without fear, for this is the favourable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched... Persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, 19).

Return without fear, to join in the celebration of those who are forgiven.

Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfil the prophecy made to our fathers: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36: 26).

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

Recently Deceased

Annette Portelli, Gerard Bourke

Anniversaries

Owen Finegan, Angela Sampieri,
Kevin Phelan, John Mardling

Prayer for the Sick



Jack Cullen, Margaret Sullivan,
Di McNicholas, Brenda
McMahon, Rita Buckner, John
Blore, Greta Sprague, Louie
Cenina, Joan Nolan, Carmen
Lotzniker, Molly Shannon,

Hector Burra, Bonnie Alford, Nanette
Woodbridge, Annette Portelli, Sebastian
Wolfenden, Fr Terry Naughtin MSC,
Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Patricia Power,
Maureen Oswald, Patricia M, Patricia
Walker, Madeline Wesson, Jenny
Rawlings and those on the continuing
prayer list.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME SHOULD BE
REMOVED)

Prayer / Meditation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is
open from 8.30 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 4.30pm, 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
Thursday after 10:30am OLSC Mass
and on Wednesdays evenings, 5pm
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:

Our meetings will recommence in
April (1st Tuesday of each month at
10 - 11:45am). Please mark your diaries.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,774.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,830.74

Loose Money: \$685.15

Pope's Intentions: February 2018

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material,
political or spiritual power may
resist any lure of corruption.

Vocation View

Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the desert.

Where is the Spirit leading you?

Pray for Vocations



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday 7pm (SP)

Parish Events

Project Compassion 2018

Each year Project Compassion brings
together thousands of Australians in
solidarity with the world's most vulnerable
communities, to help end poverty, promote
justice and uphold dignity. This year we
celebrate **A Just Future for all in
conjunction with the Year of Youth.**

No one epitomises the future like the
young, who with their lives before them,
offer us hope for a better tomorrow. Each
year, schools, communities and parishes
across Australia join in solidarity to raise
awareness and funds during Project
Compassion. As Pope Francis has said the
world looks to the young to be reassured
that *"the Father's Mercy has an ever-youthful
face, and constantly invites us to be a part of
his Kingdom."*

**Project Compassion boxes and/or a set
of Lenten donation envelopes are
available to take home.**

Please support Caritas Australia.

Mentone menALIVE Parish BBQ

All men of the Mentone / Parkdale Parish
are invited to attend a BBQ. **Saturday
14th April 18 at 7:30am to 9:30am**
St Patrick's Community Centre (former
Convent), Mitchell St, Mentone

Cost: \$10.00

Registrations: c/- Cuppa & Chat each
Sunday

Cuppa & Chat

Don't rush away after the 11:00am Mass at
St Patrick's instead join us for
a cuppa and chat. It gives us
an opportunity to enjoy the
hospitality of the parish and
a chance to meet fellow
parishioners.



24 / 25 February 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - C Beck, A Berghella (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Marshall Family (SP)
9:00 am - Hoppe Family (SJV)
11:00 am - J & R Jones (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)
11:00 am - S Tobin, J Jones (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

N Perazzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 5

B Foley, D Boulton,
J Lynch, D McDonald

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3:

M Zickett, K Lyons
G & K Sullivan (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Wong Family, 30 Hall Mark Rd (SP)

Next Week:

Ady Family, 250 Nepean Hwy (SP)

This Week:

Webster Family, 22 Mountview Ave (SJV)

Next Week:

O'Donoghue Family, 129 Warren Rd (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Travelling Chalice



Travelling Chalice Roster
will resume shortly.

Parish Events

Adult Parishioners

Lunch at the Highett RSL -
Wednesday, 21 February 2018

- 12:00 noon. If you are coming,
please either

- put your name and other details, as
requested there, on the **noticeboard
list** inside the front doors of St Patrick's,
- or leave a message with **David
Carson** on **04 1900 1968** advising
any **dietary requirements** when you
do so.

- **RSVP** by **10.00am, Monday, 19th**
February.

- Travelling by train? Meet at Mentone
Station to catch the **11:39am** City train
for a 6-minute trip to Highett.

Cards

Will you join me in keeping the playing cards
day going? We can meet in the Community
Centre (ie The Convent behind the Parish
Office). Let me know if you are interested
My telephone number is 9558 3646 and, if
I happen to be out, there is an answering
machine. *Tony Busuttill*

Sunday School for those in non-Catholic schools

Sunday school will now begin on Palm
Sunday, 25th March, ***Please note the
change of date.** This is a Catholic
Education Program for children not
attending Catholic schools and it helps
prepare children for receiving the
sacraments.

Classes are held in the Prep Block of St.
Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Mentone,
10am to 10:45 (except long weekends) every
Sunday during School Term.

Catholic children to be prepared for First
Holy Communion must first attend the class
to be prepared for Reconciliation.
Candidates for Confirmation need to go
regularly to the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and Communion. For
registration or enquiries please contact the
Parish Office 9583 2103 by text or email.

Piety Stall

The *Columban Art
Calendar*, available in our
Piety Stall now, is an
iconic Catholic *Calendar*,
well-known for its
traditional religious
paintings and liturgical
information 2018 marks
the 96th edition.



Normal open time is

Sunday 10.30am to 12.30pm

St Vincent de Paul Mentone Conference

Next meeting **Sunday 25 February at
9.30am** in the school meeting room facing
Childers Street. New members welcome

Daily Mass Readers

Parishioners are invited to join the list of
Lectors who currently engage in this
Ministry. There are those who have their
choice of day allocated and attempts will be
made to maintain such choices. It is a
privilege to proclaim the Word (not to
simply read it) and participation is
encouraged. Saturday morning's are also
included in the proposed "roster". A list
is available on the notice board at St
Patrick's for names of those wishing to
participate in the Ministry of Lector
during the week and on Saturday
mornings

Training course in catechesis for children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an on
going program for children in the parish. It
is our desire to continue this program this
year.

Parishioners are invited to attend training
in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
program. This is an approach to the
Christian formation of children that was
developed over five decades by an acclaimed
scripture scholar and is underpinned by the
educational principals of Dr Maria
Montessori. It is rooted in the Bible, the
Liturgy of the Church and the materials
used are suited to each unique
developmental stage of the child.

**The course will run in two blocks of
three days from 17-19 February and
23 - 25 June 2018.**

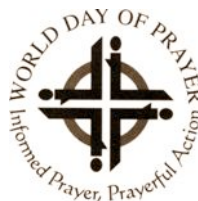
If several parishioners undertake training,
we can run the program as a team.
For a brochure or further information
please call Liz on 9585 0146.

Other Events

World Day of Prayer 2018

Please mark your
diaries and join with
the Anglican
community of St
Augustine's Anglican
Church, 90-92 Como
Parade West,
Mentone on **March**

2nd at 10.30am for the 2018 World Day
of Prayer. The theme this year is "*All God's
Creation is Very Good!*"



Janaki from Nepal

Janaki is a young
entrepreneur from
Nepal, who has
turned her life
around. Growing
up in a world of
poverty and
disadvantage,



*coupled with a forced marriage at the
age of 12, she was in a very vulnerable
position. Even more so when her
husband died just two years into their
marriage. She's now running her own
successful sewing business and has
become an inspirational community
leader.*

*In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club
formed by Caritas Australia partners,
Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation
Surkhet, as part of the Children and
Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP)
which provides youth with job skills and
income-generating projects. She took a
loan from the youth club to purchase her
first sewing machine.*

*Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing
machines and is running her own
business, teaching others and is
considered a community role model.*

*I'm happy that I'm motivating and
teaching other people as well. I
appreciate all those respected peoples of
Australia who are supporting this wise
cause, with your help, women who
experience domestic violence and who
are financially vulnerable are getting new
hope in their life which I think is very
generous and kind. I thank you from
bottom of my heart."*

- Janaki

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ments introduced legislation that deals with the manner
in which public and private sector organisations may
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parish is committed to upholding and implementing the
Privacy Principles set out in legislation. A copy of the
Parish Policy is available by
contacting the Parish Office.

The Liturgy for First Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 18 Feb 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**
No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Legend: "CWBII" Catholic Worship Book II

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

Entrance Hymn: CWBII 295
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –
Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 291
Communion: CWBII 595
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Entrance: CWBII 295
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin
- Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 595
Communion: CWBII 470
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Entrance: CWBII 295
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin
- Ostrowski
Offertory: *Call to remembrance—Farrant*
Communion: *Lead me, Lord—Wesley*
CWBII 290
Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Entrance: CWBII 295
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –
Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 595
Communion: CWBII 164
Recessional: CWBII 568

Readings Next Week:

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Genesis: 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Romans: 8:31-34
Mark: 9:2-10

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 19th No Mass

Tuesday, 20th

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of 1st Week of Lent

Wednesday, 21st

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of 1st Week of Lent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 22nd

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of 1st Week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 23rd

9:15 am (SP) Friday of 1st Week of Lent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, 24th

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of 1st Week of Lent

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinariate Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 11.00am (Choral Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 5pm (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 4:30PM (SP)**