

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 11 March 2018

### FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Last week, I offered some thoughts on our Lenten almsgiving. This week, I am writing about our Lenten commitment to prayer.

The quality of our prayer during Lent can usefully reflect the liturgical season. Lent is our time of preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the mystery – in the sense of a reality to which we assent in faith and gratitude – of our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

The Paschal Mystery is in continuity with the Exodus with which the Lord God saw to the people's freedom from bondage under the Pharaoh's harsh rule in Egypt. Taught by the prophets, the people of the First Covenant (Old Testament) gradually realized that this taste of freedom was useless unless they were to enjoy freedom from sin. Hence, the central feast of the Passover was a remembrance in faith of the Exodus. At the feast, the Paschal Lamb was sacrificed and eaten in an intimate family liturgy.

The apostle Paul, the evangelists and other writers of the New Testament, having come to know Christ risen from the dead, received the revelation that the fulfilment of all the hopes of the People of Israel had come about in Jesus.

Christ's voluntary surrender of himself to death on the Cross in loving obedience to God the Father achieves the purpose of the first Passover. He is the true Paschal Lamb, the lamb of God. He brings all who believe in him to a condition of freedom from sin and death. The worship of the believers who are the Body of Christ is now worship in spirit and truth, thanks to the Holy Spirit of God who dwells in their hearts.

All our prayer in Lent can be a prolonged meditation on these consoling truths of the Christian faith. The snippets that we hear throughout Lent whenever we take part in the celebration of the Eucharist will strike different chords with each one. A little reflection on what has spoken to my heart will lead me to love the Lord for his mercy.

St Teresa of Avila suggests a very simple way to meditate. Imagine, she writes,

as you sit in your chair that Jesus is seated in a chair opposite you, then talk to him with familiarity. But, the saint advises, this is a profitable time also to listen to him as he has communicated with you in the words of Scripture.

Another dimension of prayer during Lent attends to our progress in the life of a Christian. Our Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting all aim at growth in our relationship with God. St Ignatius of Loyola taught his disciples a simple method of prayer that increases our awareness of how the Lord is present in each day and of how we are making a loving response to him.

I have adapted a simple scheme of this prayer prepared by Fr Joseph Tetlow SJ, a renowned spiritual director. Here is an example found at [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com)

*This post is for the third week of Lent in a series "From Ashes to Glory" at this website. There is a different one for each week of Lent.*

### The Word

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." – *Mark 12:28-31*

### Reflect

Honest self-examination will not go on long without love - love of God and of one's self. And love flourishes only in truth, truth not about ourselves only, but about ourselves and others. Here's a scary question: how interested am I in those persons God gives me? How much care do I show for them? Interest and care bind others to us and us to them, as God wishes. They are the runway to love.

**1. Give Thanks.** I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His

Word. Get down to little details as well as the 'big picture', the little things draw us closer to God.

**2. Pray for Light.** I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see. I begin looking at decisions, interactions in this light.

**3. Find God.** I look at my day in the light of the Spirit.

Had I good things to achieve, and did I get to them? Small things are as important for our relationship with God as big ones.

Am I deliberately breaking a law? Must I feel guilt at something done or left out?

Where do I see my spirit—trusting the Holy Spirit or anxiously focused on self? Looking back, how was I walking with the Holy Spirit as my guide? Where did I stumble?

**4. Anything Wrong?** I acknowledge boldly what I have done, repenting any failures.

I wonder whether I refuse to look directly at something I feel may be wrong.

I feel the sorrow of any wounded relationship.

I repent of any even partial infraction of a commandment.

### 5. What Now?

I look forward in hope. I throw myself on God who is merciful in hope. I look forward to enjoying God's presence with me again tomorrow.

What am I to do now? What do I have to avoid?

### Prayer

*I watch how You forgive, Lord Jesus, asking the Father to forgive and telling Him the reason to forgive: "They do not know what they are doing." Was that as hard for You to say as it has at times been hard for me? I need Your compassion, Lord, when I try to figure out how they could have hurt me so hard and callous, a nail driven into my life. O Lord, was it just as hard for You?*

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

## Recently Deceased

Fr Joseph Micallef PE, Graham Canning

## Anniversaries

Fr Martin Leach, Luigi Casabene, William Harris, Marjorie Foster, Jim Lacey

## Prayer for the Sick



Margaret Sullivan, Ellie Snibson, 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: \$1,580.60

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,858.65

Loose Money: \$324.30

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday 7pm (SP)



### Celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) Times for Easter

#### Tuesday 27th March

7:00-7:30 pm (SJV)

#### Wednesday 28th March

9:45-10:30am & 7:00-8:00pm (SP)

#### Wednesday 28th March

11:00-11:30am (SJV)

#### Saturday 31st March

10:00-11am (SP)

### Media Statement — Archbishop Denis Hart

### Legal Identity of Defendants (Organisational Child Abuse) Bill 2018

*I welcome today's announcement by the Victorian Government of its intention to introduce new laws allowing victims of child abuse to sue institutions which may be responsible for their abuse.*

*This is a reform which I welcomed when Betrayal of Trust was released in 2013 and for which the Truth Justice and Healing Council on behalf of the Catholic Church has advocated in submissions to the Royal Commission.*

*In relation to civil claims involving personnel of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I have for the past few years nominated myself as the defendant in civil claims for child abuse and agreed to meet any liability established against a former Archbishop of Melbourne.*

*When the new law is passed, the Archdiocese will have an entity that satisfies its requirements available as a proper defendant to respond to any future claims that might be made.*

*The Archdiocese seeks to resolve claims through survivor focused redress whenever possible.*

*I remain committed to fair, reasonable and honest dealings with victims of child abuse and to always treating them with respect and dignity.*

† Denis Hart  
Archbishop of Melbourne

17 / 18 March 2018

## Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

### Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)  
9:00 am - B Fitchet, J Alford (SJV)  
11:00 am - J Jones (SP)  
5:00 pm—F Desumma (SP)

### Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)  
9:00 am - Torpey Family (SJV)  
11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)  
9:00 am - A Berghella (SJV)  
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)  
5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J Green (SJV)

### Counters: Team 8:

L Pickett, M Forsyth, J Alford,  
G & R Tregonning

### Sacristans:

#### St Patrick's - Group 6:

H Foley, G Tregonning  
G & K Sullivan (SJV)

### Pilgrim Statues:

#### This Week:

Anawana Family, 15 Kershaw St (SP)

#### Next Week:

Jones Family, 19 Wakool Ave (SP)

#### This Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

#### Next Week:

Byrne Family, 32 Balmoral Dve (SJV)

### Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

## Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 11 MAR  
Staurt Family

Next week beginning: 18 MAR  
Cecily Heath

# Parish and Diocesan News

## Parish Events

**Pop-Up Parish Picnic March 17th**  
**St Patrick's Day Celebration 7pm**  
(after 6pm Mass) at **St Patrick's Mentone.**

BYO picnic to celebrate St Patrick. Wear some green and join in the fun. Barbacues are available and the Hall will be open.

## Parish Social Group

**Lunch at the Longbeach Hotel,**  
390 Nepean Hwy Chelsea (120m from the railway station) on **Wednesday 21st March at 12 noon.**

**RSVP** no later than 10.00am on the Monday prior to the lunch by either - adding your name to the noticeboard at St Patrick's or - leaving a message with **David Carson** on 0419 001 968.

Travelling by train? Meet at Mentone Station to catch the **11.30am** Frankston-bound train (5 stops to Chelsea)

*All parishioners and friends warmly invited.*

## KSC Working Bee.

The Mentone Branch is organising a working bee for **Saturday 24th March**, commencing at 8am to spruce up, by pruning shrubs and weeding, the garden area around the former Nuns residence in Mitchell Street, (destined to become the Parish Community Centre). Parishioners are welcome to assist, for more information about attending contact Bob, ph 9583 8206. A Sausage sizzle will be provided.

## 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.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

The weekly planned giving envelopes are now available for your collection in the Church Foyer. They are in Surname order. If anyone would like to join our planned giving please contact the parish office.

In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information, collected from individuals. This 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.

## Pope's Intentions:

**March 2018**

### Evangelisation:

#### *Formation in Spiritual Discernment*

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

#### **Vocation View**

When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

#### **Pray for Vocations**

## Other Events

### Walk with Mary

**Sunday 18th March at 2pm**

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne followed by the procession to St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne.

### Anima Women's Lenten Retreat

**Saturday 17th March 9am-4pm**

**Jacaranda Room, third floor,**

**Nazareth House,**

**16 Cornell Street, Camberwell**

All women are invited to experience the intense spiritual nourishment of this all-day retreat, to be led by Fr Francis Denton, [The day includes Mass, time for silence, confession and social time. Morning tea and lunch included.

Cost \$35.00

**Booking and RSVP: by Wednesday**

**14th March to**

<http://www.trybooking.com/UCNQ>

Details: 0409 149 014 or

[animawomensnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:animawomensnetwork@gmail.com)

**WEB:** [www.animanetwork.org.au](http://www.animanetwork.org.au)

## Legion of Mary

**Annual Acies Celebration**

**11am Saturday 7th April 2018 at**

**St Joseph's Church**

**Chelsea.** Consecration to Our Blessed Mother, Holy Rosary, Prayers and Devotions.

All welcome.



Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living for herself and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworker. Her work at Djilpin Arts has supported the organisation's growth from a multi-media project to a multi-level contemporary arts and culture centre. An example of excellence in Indigenous tourism, it's now a key employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community of Beswick (Wugularr).

This year, in 2018, Evangeline is busy guiding tourists, coordinating cultural activities and helping community members to practice and market their arts, such as weaving and jewellery-making. "Now we have a new gallery up. And we have our new kitchens, we look after these and we now maintain this to make sure it's running okay and in good condition. We're also trying to open up another tour for tourists to go around the waterfall, we're just planning that now." Evangeline's career has flourished and she has become an inspirational youth leader.

Evangeline says that Caritas Australia's support for Djilpin Arts, through Project Compassion, is vital for all Wugularr's young people. Although their families do their best to pass on knowledge, Elders are dying and she is keen to spearhead the preservation of culture and lore for future generations.

"It's good for them to learn and to keep their culture strong," Evangeline says.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians.**

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# The Liturgy for Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 11 March 2018

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
**Glory and praise to you, 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 476  
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –  
Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 291  
Communion: CWBII 602  
Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Entrance: CWBII 520  
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –  
Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 543  
Communion: CWBII 397  
Recessional: CWBII 504

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

Entrance: CWBII 520  
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin -  
Ostrowski  
Offertory: 'Surely he hath borne our griefs' -  
Messiah—Handel  
Communion: *Tantum ergo*—Palestrina  
Communion: CWBII 585  
Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Entrance: CWBII 520  
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –  
Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 638  
Communion: CWBII 397  
Recessional: CWBII 543

### **Readings Next Week:**

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Jeremiah: 31:31-34

Hebrews: 5:7-9

John: 12:20-33

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

#### **WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES**

**Monday, 12th No Mass (Public Holiday)**

**Tuesday, 13th**

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of 4th Week of Lent  
(**St Patrick's School celebrates  
Patronal feast**)

12:00 Noon (SJV) **School Mass**

**Wednesday, 14th**

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of 4th Week of Lent  
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

**Thursday, 15th**

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of 4th Week of Lent  
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

**Friday, 16th**

9:15 am (SP) Friday of 4th Week of Lent  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass  
7:00 pm (SP) **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, 17th**

9:15 am (SP) **St Patrick (Patronal Feast)  
(Choral Mass)**

#### **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)**