

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 10th June 2018

Father Michael's Message

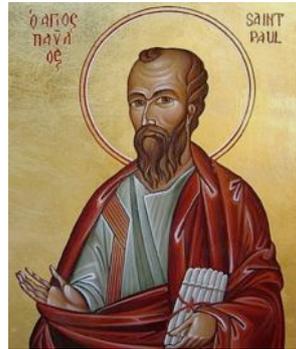
Paul and Christian Disunity Nicholas King SJ

This talk was given for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is observed each year around the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29). How does Paul present his solution to the problem of Christian disunity?

The first point to observe when speaking of Christian Unity is that God is always working for unity; it follows, therefore, that if we are working against unity we are opposing God's purposes, no matter how admirable our aims may seem to be.

Secondly, however, diversity is difficult; there has never been a time when unity was easy in the Church. Acts of the Apostles can make for discouraging reading for contemporary Christians with its claims that, 'all the believers were on the same case, and held everything in common' (2:44), and that, 'the whole group of believers were of one heart and mind' (4:32); but even the author of that slightly idealised picture is well aware that it was not always like this. There is, for example, the disedifying tale of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11), or there is an alarming account of racial and religious discrimination in the seemingly harmonious community at Acts 6:1-6. So we must expect Church unity to be a tricky thing to handle.

In this brief article I should like simply to look at one important New Testament test-case for grappling with Church disunity: Paul's dealings with the fractious Corinthians, who, to his annoyance, were forever picking a fight, both with one another and with him. Try to notice the sadness in this familiar phrase, remembering that the Corinthians were not listening to a single word that he had been saying to them: "The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the solidarity of the Holy Spirit be with you all". Like all of us, they found it dreadfully difficult to accept the unconditional love that Jesus represents; like not a few of us, they resisted the love of God; and, like a good many of us who claim to be Christian, they were very bad at showing the 'solidarity', that the body of Christ should evince.



Now go back to the opening of I Corinthians, try to imagine the effect on the group gathered in someone's house as they hear it uttered and slowly work out that underneath the affable surface of the words, they are in fact being roundly rebuked.

"Paul, called [to be] an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God; and Sosthenes [our] fellow Christian, to the Church of God which is in Corinth; to those who have been made holy in Christ Jesus, [who have been] called [to be] saints, along with all those who call upon the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both their Lord and ours; grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God all the time about you, because of the grace that has been given to you in Christ Jesus. Because you have been enriched in him in every respect, in every kind of speech, and in every kind of knowledge, just as the testimony of Christ has been confirmed in you. The result is that you are lacking in none [of God's] free gifts, and you are waiting for the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He will confirm you to the end as blameless in the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into the solidarity of his son Jesus Christ Our Lord."

Paul can hardly construct a sentence without mentioning the name of his beloved, Jesus.

Count also the number of passive verbs in these verses: 'to those who *have been made holy*' (verse 2), '*called to be saints*' (2); '*the grace of God that has been given to you*' (4); '*you have been enriched in him*' (5); '*as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened in you*' (6); '*so that you are not deprived of any free gift*' (7); '*he will strengthen you so that you can't be*

reproached on the Day of Our Lord Jesus' (8). So this list of passives is making a very simple point: what happens when we encounter the gospel is not something that we achieve for ourselves, but something that God does in and to us.

With that thanksgiving out of the way, he starts off addressing the key matter of their divisions; and if the Corinthian Christians are getting red in the face at this point, then so should we be, for he would say the same to us.

Once again (verse 10) he resorts to 'the name' of his beloved 'our Lord Jesus Christ', to implore them all 'to say the same thing'. He then continues by using the word 'schism', which of course in Greek is what 'scissors' do, namely to 'tear apart'. Then he starts to tell them what is wrong.

These Corinthians have been marching up and down with placards, expressing their support for their favourite apostles, as though they were football teams: 'Paul rules OK', 'Apollos forever', 'Viva Kephas'; and Paul makes his grim little joke, the answer to all Christian disunity: 'Well, I belong to Christ'. With that startling beginning, Paul is under way.

He argues first that they have to 'get Jesus' cross right'.

Second, they have to 'get their apostles right', as he offers a treatment of himself and Apollos (which is clearly where the tension lies), in terms suggesting that there is nothing special about Paul or Apollos or the Corinthians (3:1-9).

The third attempt at a solution is 'getting the Lord's Supper right' (11:17-26); his fourth is 'getting the body right'. His fifth, and perhaps final, attempt is written straight into the Corinthian situation, is the poem on love (12:31-13:13), Paul's portrait of Jesus (acting precisely as those Corinthians were failing to act) which we might entitle 'getting your heart right'.

That, in a too-small nutshell, is I Corinthians, one important New Testament approach to the perennial problem of divisions among Christians. What are you going to do, today, having read Paul's letter, about the divisions in *your* section of the Body of Christ?

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

Recently Deceased

Fr Stan Hill PE, Bill Richardson

Anniversaries

Bernard Noonan

Prayer for the Sick



Vladimir Kowalczyk, Angela Iorianni, Maureen Oswald, Patricia Walker, Jim Lacey, Rita Buckner, John Blore, Greta Sprague, Joan Nolan, Carmen Lotzniker, Molly

Shannon, Hector Burra, Bonnie Alford, Nanette Woodbridge, Sebastian Wolfenden, Patricia Power, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Madeline Wesson Patricia M 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 have recommenced in the old convent. Held on 1st Tuesday of each month 10:00 - 11:45am.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,338.50

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,883.87
Loose Money: \$356.10

Pope's Intentions: June 2018

Universal:

Social Network

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Vocation View

God bestows abundant grace upon us with the expectation that we will share this grace with others in thanksgiving, so they too can rejoice in God's love.

Pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Celebrations in the planning

Our Parish Priest Fr Michael McEntee will be celebrating 50 years as a priest on Friday 13th July.

Parish celebrations will commence with **Mass** at St Patrick's 11am, **Sunday 15th July**. At the conclusion of Mass, attendees are welcome to continue celebrations in the school hall. Drinks and hot finger food provided. You are welcome to bring a plate of sandwiches or cakes. For catering purposes please fill in the details in this newsletter (page 3) and either return to Parish Office or leave in collection plate.

Project Compassion Appeal

Thank you to all who gave generously to this appeal. This year we raised \$8,060.85, helping Caritas provide support to our most vulnerable neighbours, to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Readers & Ministers Rosters

Rosters for *St Patrick's Readers* and *Extraordinary Ministers* for the coming 6 months have all been either emailed or posted out. Should you not have received your copy, please contact Bob Razga, 9583 8206, to obtain one.

Parish Youth Mass

Our next parish Youth Mass is on **Sunday 1st July at 5.00pm**. Aimed towards young people within the local community, this Mass has been designed for and by the youth of the parish.

After Mass there will be a get together in the parish community centre (the old convent) with food and drink provided. All the young people of the parish are invited to come. Please invite all your friends too.

16 / 17 June 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - D Clifton, M Webster (SJV)
11:00 am - K Mooney (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - G Sullivan (SJV)
11:00 am - J Jones, S Tobin (SP)
5:00 pm - T Mengle (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J Green (SJV)

Counters: Team 9:

J Goodwin, H Foley, T Terblanche,
G Intemann, G Scandurra

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 1:

J Lewis-Williams, L Smith,
L Terblanche
SJV - A Berghella

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Heath Family, 6/19 Brindisi St (SP)

Next Week:

Berretti Family, 6 Alvena St (SP)

This Week:

Fitchet Family, 15 Belle Cres (SJV)

Next Week:

Green Family, 17 Clare St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 3 June
Mandy

Next week beginning: 10 June
Kat

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group

Cards Group

Sorry to say the Card day is cancelled for this Monday 11th June due to Public Holiday.



Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **Mordialloc Sporting Club**, 528 Main St, Mordialloc, on **Wednesday, 20th June** from **12:00 noon**. **RSVP** by either adding your name to the **list** on the **noticeboard** inside the front doors of **St Patrick's** church; or leaving a message with **David Carson** on **0419 001 968** no later than **10:00am** on the **Monday** prior to lunch. Travelling by train? Meet at Mentone Station to catch the **11:40am** Frankston-bound train to Mordialloc.

O death, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?

1 Corinthians 15:55



Annual Retreat

Theme: Transcending Change, Loss & Grief Saturday 23rd June, 2018, 10am – 3.15pm

St. Patrick Primary School, All-Purpose Room. 16 Rogers St., Mentone, Please bring your own lunch while tea and coffee will be provided by the Legion of Mary Curia.

23rd June, 2018, Saturday Program

Theme: Transcending Change, Loss & Grief

One of Blessed John Henry Newman's great adages is, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." In life, one is bound to experience often change, loss and grief. Such kinds of human experience are inevitable but are grace moments for spiritual growth if we open ourselves to God.

Program

- 10am Registration and Morning Tea
- 10.15 Opening Prayer & Rosary
- 10.30 1st Session--Understanding Change, Loss and Grief
- 11.15 Short Break
- 11.30 2ndSession--Transcending Change, Loss & Grief --Popular ways v. Christian way.
- 12.00 Angelus and Prayer before Meal
- 12.45 3rd Session—Arising from Darkness—some contemporary examples; reflection, sharing and prayers
- 2.00 Divine Mercy Prayer & Concluding Prayer
- 2.45 Packing up and moving to the church for Benediction

Reconciliation is available Saturday after 9.15am Mass or at 5.15 pm.

(Though no prior registration is required, to facilitate the arrangement of the venue, it will be appreciated to have the number of participants sent by voice or text message to 0410 002 270 or srdamianspc@gmail.com

Other Events

Columban Centenary Mass

Sunday 24th June, 11am. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

The Missionary Society of St Columban would be delighted to have your company at Melbourne's cathedral for this special Mass to honour 100 years of the Society. Formally founded in 1918, St Columban's Mission Society takes its name from St Columban, Ireland's sixth century missionary to Europe. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served at the Cardinal Knox Centre adjoining the cathedral.

All welcome. **Details and refreshments RSVP: by Friday 8th June to 9375 9475 or info@columban.org.au**

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.

Hearts in Action: Celebrating the love of Jesus' Heart

Sunday 24 June, 3–5pm, St Brigid's Church, 520 Main Street, Mordialloc

Hearts in Action (young adults aged 25 to 49) is hosting an afternoon of prayer and adoration in honour of the Sacred Heart. There will be an opportunity for personal blessings and blessings of children, families, the elderly and the sick, with three priests available. All welcome.

3pm: Prayer and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament commences. From 3.15pm: three priests will be available for blessings and reconciliation. 4.45pm: Benediction.

Details: Sr Susan on 0455 495 557

Catholic Friendship 40+: Lunch in Glen Iris

Sunday 24th June, 1–3pm

Giorgios Restaurant, Corner High Street and Glenferrie Road, Malvern

Melbourne Catholic Friendship 40+ (formerly Solo Catholics) invites you to a delicious Sunday lunch at Giorgios. The group holds regular social events and faith-based talks at different venues across Melbourne where people can meet, socialise and form lasting friendships.

All welcome. **Details and bookings:** Simon on 0418 302 046

Don Bosco Winter Camps 2018

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th July, and Monday 9th to Thursday 12th July

56–62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

Don Bosco Camps holiday camps offer a fun and exciting holiday for all young people, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. This winter there will be a camp for juniors aged 9 to 13 (2–5 July) and another for seniors aged 13 to 16 (9–12 July). The camps are run completely by volunteer youth leaders. Transportation to Safety Beach is available from Sunbury, Essendon and Chadstone.

Bookings, Details and Cost: \$160.00

www.donboscocamp.org.au

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FR MICHAEL McENTEE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 15th July 2018

Thefamily will be in attendance,

Number ofadults,

Number of.....children.

The Liturgy for 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 10th June 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

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: CWBII 192
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 564
Communion: CWBII 509
Recessional: CWBII 494

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

Entrance: CWBII 467
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 181
Communion: CWBII 509
Recessional: CWBII 494

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

Entrance: CWBII 467
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: Give light, O Lord, to my eyes
Communion: CWBII 564
Recessional: CWBII 573

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

Entrance: CWBII 192
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 573
Communion: CWBII 564
Recessional: CWBII 494

Readings Next Week:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Ezekiel: 17:22-24
2 Corinthians: 5:6-10
Mark: 4:26-34

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 11th June NO MASS

Tuesday, 12th June 10th week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, 13th June

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Anthony of Padua, priest doctor
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 14th June

9:15 am (SP) 10th week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 15th June

9:15 am (SP) 10th week in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 16th June

9:15 am (SP) 10th week in Ordinary Time

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)**