

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



*The Nativity of St John The Baptist, Year B: 24h June 2018*

### Father Michael's Message

This week, 140 priests of Melbourne have spent three days at our annual in-service, looking at the topic "Tough times – Joyful Leadership". The first talks took up where I left off the homily on last Sunday.

The parable of the seed that matures out of sight provides strong motivation in a period in which the life of the Church is scarcely accepted in wider society. As well as finding ourselves diminished in some ways, there are ways that the Church represents more the grain in the ear, ready for harvesting.

Explaining that Pope Francis has set before the Church "Witness in word and deed", "Inculturation", and "Liberation" as the three essential components of evangelization, Fr Richard Leonard SJ held his audience over two 90 minute presentations.

### WITNESS IN WORDS

In Australia, there is either ignorance or suspicion of religious language. To speak of "a prodigal son moment" would be unintelligible to our younger generations. Universities restrict lecturers from using such illustrations. I have noticed that at funerals the congregations are less likely to know the Our Father.

Fr Richard suggested that we should learn from Jesus's own choice of language. He took his words from real life situations of his hearers, whether work in the fields, animal husbandry, family feasts or common illnesses. The great St Ignatius Loyola advised St Francis Xavier when he set out on his missionary life in the Far East, "Go in their door and let them come out the Lord's." In other words, use language that carries the theology somewhat lightly.

### WITNESS IN DEEDS

Critics are emboldened to call for the expulsion of the Church from public life. With 131,000 employees, the Catholic Church is the third

largest employer in Australia. 75% of church employees are women. Do the critics want to disrupt the labour market?

There are 700,000 children in Catholic primary and secondary schools. 70% of the teachers are women; 45% of the principals are women. A clear sign of the changes of the past forty years is that of 82,000 staff (teachers and others) only 365 are nuns.

One aspect of the influence of Catholic schools is that at least 1.4 million Australians, students and at least one parent, are touched by the Catholic school system each day. This is our witness to Christ the teacher.

Our Catholic Universities are the biggest schools for teacher and nursing graduates, total of 32,000 graduates last year.

There are 66 hospitals, comprising 12% of all hospital beds in our nation. Catholic aged care is the second largest aged care provider in the country.

Here is our witness to Christ the healer.

Catholic Social Services deploys through sixty three member organizations, providing 500 different services. With 12,600 employees and 1,100,100 clients (in 2012), it is no surprise that the Director of Catholic Social Services, Fr Joe Caddy, was awarded an Order of Australia award on the Queen's Birthday holiday.

Here is our witness to Christ the one who reconciled people who were divided and estranged.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has three times more members and volunteers than the Salvos. Vinnies is often unnoticed as the members do the heavy lifting on a weekly basis, whereas Salvos and Red Cross are funded to assist in emergencies that get more attention. In development work and other overseas service, the largest single group of workers (1900 of them) are sent by Catholic agencies. In

2017, Catholics supported development projects with \$30,000,000 donated to CARITAS, much of that through our Lenten Project Compassion. Catholic Missions received donations of \$13.5M for overseas disbursement, or among indigenous Australians.

This is our witness to Christ the Servant of the poor.

Fr Richard noted that Catholics at Mass each week would fill the MCG 7 times. Even the 13-18 age group totals 94,000, bigger than the same cohort in any church, including Hillsong.

However, the Catholic population is diminishing by about 4,200 each year, possibly a reflection of the number of funerals. Also, of some concern is the annual winter flu season. With average age of priests now 68 years, a bad flu could cause havoc to the Sunday Mass timetable across the country. That was his idea of a joke!

Returning to where I began with the parable of the seed growing to maturity, let's clarify what it means to be discerning. If we take notice only of our emotions in the face of change, faulty or false discernment will always result. We will dash out in panic or anger to remedy an uncomfortable situation. We will not be strengthened by Jesus's parable about the farmer who takes a good sleep while the seed continues, unseen, to mature.

The saints recognize that helps discernment to be clear about the reality with which we are dealing. That was the value of the statistical exploration above. The saints warn that discouragement is a sign of the influence of the bad spirit. The bad spirit is having a field day in our community, when the only story on which we focus our attention is the bad story. How did we block our ears to Christ's promise, "Peace be with you"?

Fr Richard concluded his talk: "Martyrs are still dying for the faith we hold and the justice we live. It's not about us, it's about Christ living in us: Christ is a teacher, Christ is a healer, Christ reconciles broken communities. 'Let us boast in the Lord.'"

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

## Recently Deceased

Colleen Brereton, Laddie Kowalczyk, Marie Mann

## Anniversaries

Nell McPherson, Carmela Messina, Harry Pobjoy

## Prayer for the Sick



Angela Iorianni, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, 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, 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: \$1,367.45

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1726.10  
Loose Money: \$443.75

## Pope's Intentions: June 2018

### Universal: Social Network

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

## 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**. For catering purposes please fill in the details in this newsletter (page 3), **no later than Sunday 1st July**, and either return to Parish Office or leave in collection plate.

The Chair of Parish Advisory Group asked about a gift. I would appreciate your considering the needs of the poor on this occasion. If you would like to generously mark the occasion in some way, rather than giving me a personal gift, I invite you to support one of my favourite charities:

**Asylum Seekers Resource Centre** online [www.asrc.org.au](http://www.asrc.org.au) or 1300 692 772

**CARITAS Australia** (Development and Emergency Aid agency of Catholic Church) [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or 1800 024 413

**Cookhouses and Tanks a Lot** (Grass roots development assisting women in rural villages in Papua New Guinea – Sister Margaret Ryan RSM founder) [ctal.png@gmail.com](mailto:ctal.png@gmail.com)

**Melbourne Overseas Missions** (Evangelisation and Development agency of Melbourne Archdiocese, staffed by volunteers) [www.mom.org.au](http://www.mom.org.au) or 9337 5760 business hours.

### Peter's Pence Annual Collection

This week, there will be the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit those on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. **Please be generous.**

### 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.

## 30 June/1 July 2018

### Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - A Garcia (SP)  
9:00 am - J O'Donoghue, J Lewis-Williams (SJV)  
11:00 am - J Jones (SP)  
5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Maloney, R Razga (SP)  
9:00 am - R Tregonning (SJV)  
11:00 am - V Mathers, S Tobin (SP)  
5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

#### Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - DSouza Family (SP)  
9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)  
11:00 am - Hirst Family (SP)

#### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

D Kidner (SJV)

#### Counters: Team 11

H Commins, B John,  
A Rasiah, A & C Smit

#### Sacristans:

**St Patrick's - Group 3:**  
M Zickett, K Lyons  
**SJV - J Green**

#### Pilgrim Statues:

##### This Week:

Dillon Family, 1 Lachlan St (SP)

##### Next Week:

Stoppa Family, 10 Catania St (SP)

##### This Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

##### Next Week:

Byrne Family, 32 Balmoral Dr (SJV)

#### Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

## Travelling Chalice



**This week beginning: 17 June**  
Laura C

**Next week beginning: 24 June**  
Bernadette

# Parish and Diocesan News

## Vocation View

John was sent to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah. At the end of every Mass, we too, are sent to prepare His way.

May our lives follow the example of John that we may always point to Jesus

**Please pray for Vocations**

## Parish Events

### Parish Seniors Group Cards Group

Join the small group who now have their card gathering in the Convent behind the Parish Office. The next card day will be **Monday 2nd July at 2pm.**

At 4pm we stop playing to enjoy some light refreshments and tea/coffee. Contact: Tony 9558 3646 or the Parish Office, 9583 2103. All welcome.

### Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **Thursday 19th July** at a venue to be advised later in the Parish bulletin. **David Carson 0419 001 968.**

### KSC Raffle result

Winners of the KSC Annual Community Raffle (facilitated by Rotary), drawn on June 13, are as follows...

1st S Matatoga ticket 10509  
2nd J Johnson ticket 15751  
3rd P Lullanetti ticket 55748  
4th M Baird ticket 02440

The Mentone Branch thanks everyone who purchased tickets to help make this fund-raising effort successful. Funds raised will be used to assist various Charities supported by the KSC.

### St Patrick's Playgroup : - O'Hanlon Centre Mitchell Street

Each Monday during School Term parents and pre-school aged children are welcome to attend and join in the activities. Cost \$2.00 and we ask you bring a snack for your child. (Please no nuts or nut products).

## Tho Tran's Ordination:



Congratulations to Tho Tran who became our newest priest yesterday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Fr Tho Tran did his pastoral placement with St Brigid's Mordialloc in 2014 as part of his training for the priesthood. Congratulations Tho! Please keep Fr Tran in your prayers.

## St Vincent De Paul Mentone Conference

Next meeting **Sunday 24th June at 9.30am** in the school meeting room, facing Childers Street. New Members welcome.

## Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next issue of envelopes is in the church foyer for collection. They are in alphabetical order. Thank you for your continued support.

## Other Events

### St James College Enrolment Enrol now for year 7 2019,2020 and beyond (upcoming College Tours— Term 3)

**Tour Dates:** Thursday 26th July; Friday 3rd August; Tuesday 7th August and Wednesday 15th August

Bookings essential 9575 8100 or email [registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au) to make a booking  
156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East  
[www.sjcbe.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjcbe.catholic.edu.au)

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## Fourth Oceanic Apostolic Conference of Mercy (OACOM)

Divine Mercy Australia Ltd. is proud to be hosting the 4<sup>TH</sup> OACOM to be held at the Divine Mercy Shrine Keysborough Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August through to the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The theme is "Now is Time for Mercy". The list of guest speakers is as follows:

1. Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi of Tonga,
2. Archbishop Alapati Lui Mataeliga of Samoa, (Continental Coordinator Divine Mercy Oceania Region),
3. Archbishop Julian Porteous of Tasmania (Spiritual Director for Divine Mercy in Australia),
4. Archbishop Gintaras Linas Grusas of Vilnius,
5. Father Rory Morrissey from New Zealand,
6. Tommy Canning Sacred Artist from the UK,
7. Gary Pinto, professional singer as seen on Australian Idol, and
8. John Canavan Director Divine Mercy Australia, acting as presenter and Master of Ceremonies.

Whilst the main conference will be held from the 24<sup>th</sup> August to the 26<sup>th</sup> August there are to be events co-ordinated the week preceding this in major Victorian Provincial locations to cater for those living further away. Further details regarding these events will be provided soon.

Tickets are \$50 for the whole weekend. People are encouraged to bring their own food or food and beverages can be purchased at the venue. For further event registration details :-  
Mr. John Canavan Director Divine Mercy Australia 9830 4386  
[sales@divinemercy.com.au](mailto:sales@divinemercy.com.au)  
[www.oacom2018.com](http://www.oacom2018.com)

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## FR MICHAEL McENTEE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**Sunday 15th July 2018**

The .....family will be in attendance,

Number of .....adults,

Number of.....children.

# The Liturgy for The Birth of St John the Baptist, Year B: 24th June 2018

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
You child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. **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 430  
Mass Setting: Gloria - Ostrowski  
Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 568  
Communion: CWBII 602  
Recessional: CWBII 448

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

Entrance: CWBII 430  
Mass Setting: Gloria - Ostrowski  
Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 455  
Communion: CWBII 555  
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Entrance: CWBII 430  
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly  
Offertory: Lead me, Lord - Wesley  
Communion : Ave verum corpus - Mozart  
CWBII 602  
Recessional: CWBII 431

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

Entrance: CWBII 430  
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly  
Offertory: CWBII 652  
Communion: CWBII 555  
Recessional: CWBII 448

### Readings Next Week:

#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Wisdom: 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
2 Corinthians: 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mark: 5:21-43

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

#### WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

**Monday, 25th June NO MASS**

**Tuesday, 26th June** 12th week in Ordinary Time  
9:15 am (SP)  
10.30 am (SP) Funeral: Marie Mann

**Wednesday, 27th June**  
9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor.  
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

**Thursday, 28th June**  
9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr  
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinate Mass**

**Friday, 29th June**  
9:15 am (SP) Solemnity: Sts Peter and Paul, apostles  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

**Saturday, 30th June**  
9:15 am (SP) Optional: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

#### WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)  
Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)  
Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinate 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 4:30PM (SP)**