

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 19th August 2018

PREJUDICE, THE MEDIA, THE GATES OF HELL ... AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

The Catholic Church has had a 'bad press' in recent times. Much of it is well deserved. For Catholics particularly, the shameful revelations of the past decade have shaped what has been called a 'Good Friday' experience.

However (I write as a former journalist) we cannot entirely exempt the media, skilled and well informed in the realms of politics, celebrity trivia and football, yet often woefully and excruciatingly ignorant when it comes to reporting religion.

(How many times have we groaned when some 'expert' columnist, or breathless 20-something TV reporter, well-schooled in the predictable prejudices and fashionable fancies of secular society, opines or reports wildly inaccurate misinformation about the Church or her teaching!?)

And close to the surface, quick to rear its ugly head, there is the old bogey of deeply ingrained anti-Catholicism, with its roots firmly planted in the 16th century, as always fuelled by ignorance, fear and prejudice.

Yet, still the Church attracts converts. RCIA programmes continue to enrol participants. At Easter Vigil Masses in parish churches every year, adults are baptised, received into the Church and confirmed in the Faith. Young men continue to offer themselves for the priesthood. Parents bring their children for baptism, reconciliation, first Holy Communion and confirmation.

The Catholic Church remains the largest and most truly diverse religious community in Australia. The numbers who attend Mass, although certainly lower than the halcyon days of the 1950s, still exceed by far overall those attending non-Catholic services.

Apart from government, the Church makes the next largest contribution in our nation in those areas of human service and endeavour which affect the lives of

Australians in every walk of life. The Church, also, is one of the biggest employers of Australians.

There are many things which continue to attract converts to Catholicism: consistency of teaching (the claim to possess complete and authentic Christianity); historical continuity (the Catholic Church reaches back to the New Testament itself); and her contribution to learning and culture through music, literature, art, architecture, science and philosophy.

High on the list also would be a sense of community, pastoral care, the Church's involvement in welfare, education, hospitals, and aged care, and her ministry to minority sectors and the most vulnerable in our communities.

Unsung heroes

As a convert, however, I would venture to say that it is the loyal men, women and children who go to Mass, say their prayers, care for and love their clergy, and give freely of their time, talents and resources, who so often attract others outside the Church.

They are the salt and light of the Gospel, the real heroes, often unsung, drawing people into the Church's life of grace.

I am deeply grateful for and often amazed by the numbers of people who choose to love the Church and remain faithful to her, despite the scandals, the negative media, the disinformation and ignorance in the wider community.

They attend Mass, week in and week out. They are slow to criticise, even when (where applicable!) they must tolerate meagre liturgy, uninspiring homilies, inappropriate music and chilly buildings.

Those who come to Mass, especially daily Mass, despite the foibles of the weather, distance and traffic, never fail to impress me by their witness. They are the 'lower-case' saints, as opposed to the 'upper-case' Saints (those formally canonised by the Church and who now enjoy the life of heaven).

In the New Testament, St Paul uses the word 'saint' (lower case) to refer to the whole People of God, all the baptised, all Christians, both the good, the indifferent and the wicked (even those scandalous Corinthians!).

We are all called to be saints. Our vocation is a summons to holiness as we make our pilgrim journey towards the fullness and joy of eternal life in Christ.

A dress rehearsal for eternity

The Mass alone makes sense of and puts into context everything the Church does as the Mystical Body of Christ in the world, as the visible 'extension' in time and space of the 'Bethlehem event', the Incarnation, 'God-with-us'.

And why? Because at the heart of the Mass is Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, unchanging yet ever new, truly present in his Word, and supremely, sacramentally in Bread and Wine, transubstantiated into his true Body and Blood as he promised.

The Mass is the centre and focal point of the life of the Church - a dress rehearsal for eternity, from which flow all her activities and good works.

Popes, councils, synods, politicians, celebrities, the 'chattering classes', even the media, come and go. The Mass will remain the source and summit of all Christian life until the Lord comes again.

The current Good Friday experience for Catholics, as it has in past ages, will eventually become, through penitence and reform, the Resurrection experience. Holy Church will rise again.

Thank you, people of God for your witness! Keep your eyes focussed on Christ our Redeemer, truly present in the Mass. Continue to do your part to fulfil Christ's promise to St Peter that the gates of Hell itself will never prevail against his Church, 'the pillar and bulwark of the truth.' (1 Timothy 3.15) - one, holy Catholic, apostolic and Roman.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Tom and Mary Shallvey, Rose Finegan, Bill McGlone, Veronica Harris, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Anne Ward, Kevin Campbell, Marie Mills, Eric Newman

Prayer for the Sick



John Hannan, Michael Dawson, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, John Blore, Greta Sprague, Joan Nolan, Carmen Lotzniker, Molly Shannon, Hector Burra,

Patricia M, Patricia Power, Nanette Woodbridge, Patrick Kelly, Sebastian Wolfenden, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Angela Iorianni 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 are held in the old convent on the 1st Tuesday of each month 10:00 -11:45am.

Pope's Intentions: August 2018

Universal:

The treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Vocation View

John's Gospel reveals God's promise of the Word made flesh. This is revealed through the sacrifice made by Christ: "I am the living bread, come down from heaven ... the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world ...".

Do this in memory of Him.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Ordination to The Diaconate

Please pray for **Michael Kevin Buck**, from the Parish of Mentone/Parkdale, who is to be ordained to the Diaconate on *Thursday 27th September*, the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, at the Altar of the Chair, in the papal Basilica of St Peter, Rome. Michael will be one of forty men, and the only one from the Archdiocese of Melbourne from the Pontifical North American College, to be ordained by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the United States. Michael, who completed his secondary education at St Bede's College, commenced his studies for the priesthood at Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne, and hopes to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne next year. He has just completed his Bachelor of Theology in Rome, and next month will begin a degree in Patristic Theology, which will involve another three years of study in Rome.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on Friday 28th in the Chapel of St Peter Chanel, Domus Australia, at which Michael will preach his first homily. A large group of family and friends are travelling to Rome for the occasion.

Fr Ramsay

25 / 26 August 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - Family Mass (SJV)
11:00 am - S Tobin (SP)
5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon, A Ady (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

N Perazzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 7:

B Razga, A Ady, N Perazzo,
C DSouza

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 5:

L Marshall, A Ioviero
SJV - A Burn

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Hilbert Family, 2 Tramway Pde (SP)

Next Week:

Granger Family, 2/12 Hilda St (SP)

This Week:

Webster Family, 22 Mountview Ave (SJV)

Next Week:

Stewart Family, 15 Rivette St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 19 Aug

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Next week beginning: 26 Aug

tbc

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$875.70

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2668.64
Loose Money: \$214.30

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group

Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **SEAFORD RSL** (next to the railway line across the road from the train station) on **THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST** from **12:00 noon**. Seniors menu: Main with Soup or Dessert \$15.00. **RSVP** no later than the **Monday prior** to lunch by EITHER – adding your name to **the list** on **he noticeboard** inside the front doors of **St Patrick's** church; OR leaving a message with **David Carson** on **9580 7118**. Travelling by train? Meet on **Platform 2** at Mentone Station to catch the **11:30am** train to Seaford.

Bishop Kelly Memorial Concert 2018

Friday 7th September, 7pm

Mark your diaries

Austrian organist, Wolfgang Capek, from the Hofburg Imperial Palace, Vienna, performs at St Patrick's Mentone. Opportunity to meet the performer and tour the historic organ after the concert. Young people welcome to sit in the organ loft. Admission \$20.00 (students free). I look forward to seeing you there!

Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music



Other Events

Fourth Oceanic Apostolic Conference of Mercy (OACOM)

Divine Mercy Australia Ltd. is proud to be hosting the 4th OACOM to be held at the **Divine Mercy Shrine Keysborough** **Friday 24th August through to the Sunday 26th August 2018**.

The theme is "Now is Time for Mercy", Whilst the main conference will be held from the 24th August to the 26th August there are to be events co-ordinated the week preceeding 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

www.oacom2018.com

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us



The Melbourne Catholic Youth Games

Saturday 25 August, 12.30pm, Mass at 6pm, Mazenod College, Kernot Avenue, Mulgrave

MCYG is back and it's bigger than ever. This annual event is host to over 100 youth from different groups enthusiastically competing in sports and games to take home the trophy and title of champions. We've got something for everybody, from dodgeball and basketball, through to Uno and chess! So grab your friends, sign up online (registrations are mandatory) and come along for an afternoon of laughter and energy.

Cost: \$5.00

Registrations:

<http://bit.ly/MelbourneCatholicYouthGames>

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.

2018 Pre-Election Breakfast Forum

Monday 27 August, 8.30–10am

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St,

East Melbourne (enter via Lansdowne Street)

With the 2018 Victorian general election scheduled for Saturday 24 November, this is a time to engage with parliamentary candidates on the kind of society we want to live in, today and in the future. The format for the event will be short presentations, followed by plenary Q&A. Our 2018 Victorian Election brochure 'Building a fairer Victoria where everyone flourishes' will be part of the agenda. The Hon. James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier, and The Hon. David Hodgett MP, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, will join us at Catholic Social Services to engage on the issues that most impact on the wellbeing of Victorians, particularly those on the margins.

RSVP: by Saturday 22 August

Cost: Free.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/XFFX>

Enquiries: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

Theology@Pub

Monday 3 September, dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, talk commences at 7.30pm,

European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Theology @ The Pub is a monthly event for 18 - 35 year olds. It's a chance to listen to terrific guest speakers talking about faith, relationships, prayer, ethics, politics, sexuality and much more.

At this month's Theology@Pub Simon Carrington presents 'How to get the most out of Mass'. Simon is the founder of Fire Up Ministries, was raised in a devout Catholic family of eight and is married to his beautiful wife Madeleine. He is currently undertaking a Certification course at the Theology of the Body Institute in Pennsylvania USA.

Simon has been active in youth ministry for several years, with a passionate focus on St Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, apologetics and evangelisation.

This event is supported by Parousia Media.

Web: <https://www.theologyatthepub.com.au/>

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The Liturgy for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19th August 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, 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 586
Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 533
Communion: CWBII 164
Recessional: CWBII 410

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

Entrance: CWBII 588
Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 533
Communion: CWBII 164
Recessional: CWBII 561

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

Entrance: CWBII 586
Mass Setting: Missa Puerorum Op. 62 - Rheinberger
Offertory: CWBII 533
Communion: Verily, verily - Tallis
CWBII 596
Recessional: CWBII 561

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

Entrance: CWBII 588
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 533
Communion: CWBII 164
Recessional: CWBII 561

Readings Next Week:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Joshua: 24:1-2, 15-18
Ephesians: 5:21-32
John: 6:60-69

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 20th August NO MASS

Tuesday, 21st August

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Pius X, pope

Wednesday, 22nd August

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 23rd August

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Rose of Lima, virgin
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 24th August

9:15 am (SP) Feast: St Bartholomew, apostle
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 25th August

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Louis

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (Ordinarie Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 11:00 am (Choral Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 5:00 pm (SP)

RECONCILIATION

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

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THIS FRIDAY: BENEDICTION 4:30 PM (SP)**