

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 9th September 2018

Advice from St Peter for Today's Catholic

The first letter of St Peter was written probably in the 60s of the first century. (St Peter was martyred in Rome in about 65 A.D.) It is a general letter, addressed to the small, scattered communities of Christians in what is now modern Turkey.

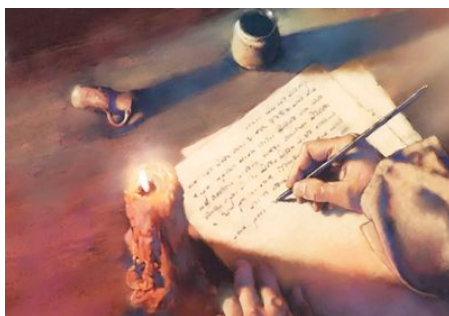
His words speak powerfully still to those of us, who as Catholics have a special bond with the Prince of the Apostles, the first Pope.

The author's first readers were mostly converts from the pagan Greco-Roman religions and they came from a wide range of social, economic and educational backgrounds.

What bound them together especially was persecution, not just from the state - the Roman government - but often from their own families and neighbours, who resented their distinctive life-style and their refusal to accept the fashionable pagan activities and the moral standards of the wider community.

In their estrangement from the community, St Peter encourages his readers to support one another with mutual love, despite their feeling of isolation and separateness.

He urges them not to create sheltered enclaves, but to uphold and contribute to the society of which they are members, honouring even the authorities, while remaining always faithful to Christ's teaching and trusting in him.



St Peter makes it clear that the life of Christian discipleship will often lead to suffering in the same way as it led to Christ's crucifixion.

The first letter of St Peter aims to show that it was love which was the primary motivation for Christ's offering of himself on the Cross, love for his Father and for others.

It is not easy to understand or to accept that Christ allowed himself to suffer because of his love for the Father and for mankind.

Yet it was love which enabled him to be faithful to his mission and to preach the message that God's love is all embracing, and is especially directed at the weak and the vulnerable. Christ's acceptance of his suffering through love enabled him to carry the sins of humanity so that salvation would be available to all.

It is easy to speak of God's love in an abstract or theological way, but to understand it in terms of one who hears the voice of each person who calls on him, is to give it a human dimension. So St Peter depicts Christ as a Shepherd, one who guides and cares for his people, the guardian of our souls.

We too need the same assurance of Christ's love and

the same encouragement in the face of suffering and, even persecution, as the Christians to whom St Peter addressed his letter 21 centuries ago.

Often we, too, as Catholics in a largely secular, certainly sub-Christian society, can be described, as St Peter described his readers, as 'aliens and exiles', not necessarily subject to physical persecution, but more subtle forms of persecution and marginalisation, or worse still, derision and indifference.

But, as St Peter says, " .. to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his footsteps."

We are to stand firm, and to resist despair, or the temptation to give up.

St Peter's advice to those small communities of Christians also set in a largely pagan and unsympathetic world, holds good for us today:

"Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles (the pagans) ... that ... they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

"For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

In these difficult times for Catholics, proud sons and daughters of St Peter, may God give us the strength to hold fast to our Christian calling, and by so doing, bring glory to God and by our example and steadfastness, draw others to share our faith with us.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC

Presbytery & Office: 10 Rogers Street, Mentone 3194. Ph: 9583 2103 Fax: 9584 7372

• **Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Michael McEntee Ph: 0417 673 857 • **Hon Associate Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ramsay Williams OLSC

• **Pastoral Associate:** Sr Damian SPC Ph: 0410 002 270 • **Convent:** Sisters of St Paul de Chartres

• **Director of Music:** Myfanwy McIndoe Ph: 0484 079 880

• **St Patrick's School:** Ph: 9583 5033 • **St John Vianney's School:** Ph: 9580 5812

Website: stpatricksmentone.org.au **Email:** stpatrickmentone@bigpond.com

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

Recently Deceased

Hazel Woods, John Keane, Ralph Quaine, Adrian Costigan

Anniversaries

Sylvia Edwards, James Brennan

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, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion 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 8.30am 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 Wednesday 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:

September 2018

Universal:

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Vocation View

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Ordination to The Diaconate

Please continue to 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.



WALK OF WITNESS

A Place to call home – Making a home for everyone in our land.

Led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI

Tuesday 18th September 2018

The Walk of Witness will commence in **Federation Square at 12.30pm** with the Parable of The Good Samaritan. At 1.00pm the Walk will proceed to St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a stop on the steps of the Victorian Parliament, arriving at the Cathedral at 2.00pm where Bishop Mark will officially launch the Statement for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This Walk of Witness is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless and for the many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealised dream. We invite you to participate as we proceed through the streets of one of the world's most liveable cities. Please RSVP numbers to inform Melbourne City Council justice@cam.org.au

We can find no social or moral justification....no justification whatsoever for lack of housing.

POPE FRANCIS

15/16 September 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - H Foley (SP)
9:00 am - R Treggoning, C Burn (SJV)
11:00 am - K Mooney (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, T Maloney (SP)
9:00 am - A Berghella (SJV)
11:00 am - M Scalzo, A Earle (SP)
5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - P Brennan (SP)
9:00 am - Hoppe Family (SJV)
11:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

Counters: Team 10:

T Busittil, C Camerino, R Smith
B Nixon, C Burn

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 2:

N Goodwin, J Dillon
SJV - G & K Sullivan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Bevis Family, 54 Ebb St, Aspendale (SP)

Next Week:

Potter Family, 18 Phillip St (SP)

This Week:

Alford Family, 2/3-4 Steven Crt (SJV)

Next Week:

Edkins Family, 49 Brownfield St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 4 – St John Vianney

Travelling Chalice

This week beginning: 9 Sep

tba

Next week beginning: 16 Sep

tba



1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$911.75

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3248.65
Loose Money: \$390.45

Parish Events

PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Cards Group

Held on the second Monday monthly, the next gathering will be on **Monday 10th September**, at 2pm, behind the Parish Office in the former Convent. At 4pm there will be tea/coffee and some light refreshments. Whether you are a card player, keen to learn or just want to spend an afternoon socialising with other parishioners, **ALL MOST WELCOME.**

Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends will be on **Thursday 20th September** at **Longbeach Hotel**, 380 Nepean Hwy, Chelsea. 12 noon. Please RSVP no later than 12 noon Tuesday 18th by adding your name to the list on the St Patricks church noticeboard or leave a message with **David Carson** on **9580 7118.**

Coming soon: Luncheon **Thursday 11th October**, during Seniors Week when travel using your MYKI is free!

This weekend we welcome back Fr Michael McEntee from his much needed holiday break and farewell Fr Ramsay Williams on leave.

We thank Fr Ramsay Williams and Fr Barry Tobin for their assistance during Fr McEntee's absence and also Fr Neil Fryer who will again supply for Fr Ramsay until mid-October.

*Please pray for your priests,
as they pray for you!*

An evening with JOHN COUTIS

All welcome to hear Australia's Number one Primary and High School Speaker on topics such as diversity, anti bullying, resilience, self determination, goal setting, motivation, inclusion and courage. **Monday 17th September**, 7.30pm - 8.30 pm at **St John Vianney Primary School**, Brisbane Terrace Parkdale. **Tickets \$8** per person from trybooking.com/404209
Enquiries: office@sjvparkdale.catholic.edu.au or 95805812.

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Archbishop Comensali is inviting young adults to join him on the Melbourne Pilgrimage to **World Youth Day in Panama!**

The mission of the Melbourne World Youth Day is to facilitate a safe and supported pilgrimage which enables young adults from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to deepen their personal faith, broaden their understanding of the Catholic Church, from enriching relationships with other young Catholics, and respond to God in their life encouraged by the words of Mary which are given as the theme for **World Youth Day 2019**: *"I am the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word."*

Places are *strictly limited* and each successful pilgrim will receive a generous *subsidy* from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Full costs for the pilgrimage will be \$8960 but with the Archdiocese of Melbourne subsidy it will bring the cost down to **\$3500 per pilgrim** which includes travel insurance.

Our timeline is extremely tight and interested young adults are required to apply by **Wednesday 12th September.**

For more information about this *amazing* pilgrimage and how to apply contact the *Archdiocesan Office for Youth* 9287 5565 or wyd2019@cam.org.au

Other Events

LEGION OF MARY CELEBRATIONS

Please join with us following the 11am Mass at St Patrick's on **Sunday 9th September** to celebrate 85 years of our Praesidium. There will be tea, coffee and a celebration cake, outside the kitchen next to the piety stall.

KILBREDA OPEN DAY

The last Open Morning for Term 3 will be held on **Thursday 13th September** from 9am. Please register your attendance on **95817766** for an address from the co-principals and a College Tour.

Hymn texts reproduced with permission
One Licence #A -621271

THE LEGION TURNS 85



Australia's oldest Praesidium of the **Legion of Mary** in Mentone turned 85 last Friday 7th September 2018.

That was a momentous day for our local Praesidium of **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** which started operation in 1933.

With God and Our Blessed Lady, we battled troubled times, including the horrific days of WW2 when the Legion was on the verge of collapsing.

We thank former and present Legionaries and their friends for their undying prayers and commitment. Rejoice with us as we thank God through Mary for this achievement.

The Legion is open to Catholics of all ages. Contact details on the church notice board. *Jim Stoppa* 0418462856.

Youth Mission Team

iSTAND Weekend - Commitment to Jesus. School holiday camp for year groups 8-12, run by Youth Mission Team Melbourne, filled with games, dramas, sport, prayer, good food, live music, testimonies and talks. Bring along friends and sign up before spots

run out! Registration at <https://www.ymt.com.au/listandevents/>

Camp is held at 60 Adekate Camp Road, Dean, Vic from 5pm **Wednesday 3rd October** to 2pm **Friday 5th October.** Contact 0419 103 511

andrew.toohy@ymt.com.au

Volunteer with Palms Australia

East Timor needs teachers! Ready to take your skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor?

What about long-term volunteering in Asia, Africa or the Pacific?

Request an information pack palms@palms.org.au
Call Christine 02 9560 5333
palms.org.au/volunteer

The Liturgy for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9th September

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick. **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 476
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 512
Communion: CWBII 163
Recessional: CWBII 408

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

Entrance: CWBII 568
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 476
Communion: CWBII 641
Recessional: CWBII 448

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

Entrance: CWBII 568
Mass Setting: Community Mass - Proulx
Offertory: Cantate Domino - Pitoni
Communion: Jesu Rex admirabilis - Palestrina
CWBII 602
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Entrance: CWBII 568
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 541
Communion: CWBII 163
Recessional: CWBII 621

Readings Next Week:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Isaiah: 50:5-9
James: 2:14-18
Mark: 8:27-35

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 10th September NO MASS

Tuesday, 11th September

9:15 am (SP) 23rd week in Ordinary Time
School Mass (SP)
12 noon (SJV) School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 12th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: The Most Holy Name of Mary
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 13th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St John Chrysostom,
bishop, doctor
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 14th September

9:15 am (SP) Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 15th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (**Ordinariate 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)**