

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 16th September 2018

Father Michael's Message

FAITH: THE GOOD WORD

To experience God is to know life is not meant to be sad. Terrance Klein.

Novels that matter reveal us to ourselves. They identify something that most of us have experienced but perhaps have never been able to put into words. In her newest novel, *The Gunners*, Rebecca Kauffman describes a child who watches an eclipse of the sun with his classmates in the schoolyard. It is a moment of pure joy:

What a universe. There was so much to see! So much to feel! And yet, if there was one thing Mikey knew of feelings... There was always that other feeling, crouched and waiting nearby in the shadows, even at a moment like this, even when he was on the brink of the most beautiful thing he would ever see in his life. It was the low tide. The sacred, empty void after the birds had taken flight. The tangled thing that tugged on Mikey, kept him sewn up inside himself, made happiness hard. Mikey didn't yet have words for this feeling, but already at this young age, he understood that it would never leave him entirely - nature had put it in his heart, and there it would always remain, even when he thought he was in the clear, even when he thought he had left it behind.

Mikey had asked his father about this feeling once, years earlier, when he was very small and before he had learned that it was foolish to talk plainly about feelings. Mikey had said, "I have a bad, sad feeling in me sometimes." His father said, "Me, too." And knowing that his father shared this had been such a great comfort to Mikey that over time he began to cherish that shadowy feeling, which proved to be as sure as the tides, as persistent and reliable as a dear friend, as real and as much a part of his universe as the sun.

Mikey's dark feeling, "that sacred, empty void," "the tangled thing that tugged" on him, might help us to understand something of what we mean when we speak of sin. Seeing our lives as a struggle with sadness, rather than sin,

we do not feel much of a need for a saviour.

Our contemporary culture does not think much of sin. You can take that sentence in two ways. We don't often think about sin, and we also don't find sin to be all that useful of a notion for explaining our lives. What we see when we look at our lives is a lot of sadness. Yet somehow, as pervasive as sorrow is in our lives, we also have a sense that it does not belong, that it is not right, that life was not meant to be like this.

We do not think of ourselves as alienated from something deep and vital in our lives. As a result we do not spend much time thinking of God. Again, we end up not speaking much of God. It appears to us that our understanding of God does not seem to say all that much about our sadness. There may be an all-powerful being beyond our world. There may not. What of it?

God is the small burst of joy that suddenly reveals how dark our worlds really are.

Perhaps we would do better, be more faithful to the Gospel message if we called the incipient joy that once in a while breaks through and around our clouds, God. There is a small, awesome line in one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Children that perfectly captures what the church and her proclamation of a saviour is all about. It links Jesus with happiness:

*He came to show us
how we can love you, Father,
by loving one another.
He came to take away sin,
which keeps us from being friends,
and hate, which makes us all
unhappy.*

Sin is not something that we see or name or understand until we have experienced something of God, something of salvation. Think of God as unexpected, unexplainable joy. We experience God when we recognize that

life does not have to be sad, that life should not be sad, and that something is wrong if our life is sad.

One might suggest that we live in a world of shadows, into which the sun ever so often breaks through. One could say that God is the small burst of joy and contentment that suddenly reveals how dark our worlds really are. St. Augustine put it ever so well when he said, "You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

We experience God when we recognize that life does not have to be sad.

Christ, given to us in the Gospel of Mark, has set his face like flint. This is the Gospel in which Jesus displays so many emotions, many of them dark and turbulent.

Depending upon how literal your English translation of the Greek is, Christ responds with "anger" to the leper who says to him, "If you will, you can cure me" (Mk 4:1). When the crowd watches, as a man with a withered hand approaches him on the Sabbath, Christ looks at the throng with "anger and compassionate sorrow" (Mk 3:5). He "sighs" at the cure of the deaf and dumb man, and when the Pharisees ask for a sign, he refuses them, though he literally "breathes anger" and "spits threats" at them (Mk 1:43).

For St. Mark, God's Holy One has entered our land of shadows. The very joy, who created the world, in becoming a man and entering our world, finds himself suffocating in sadness. He chafes at the limitations of sin. He is constrained by the bonds that hold the rest of us. And he is resolutely determined to hunt down this sadness, this darkness, and to defeat it in his own self, with his own death.

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

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Recently Deceased

Nancy Hall

Anniversaries

Antoinette Freris, Darren Gray, Mary Carroll, Jack and Ronnie Carroll, John and Bridget Heffernan, Wayne Blair, Harry Zickert, Joe Hirst

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, Angela Valastro 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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1647.45

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3730.01
Loose Money: \$269.85

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

When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?'

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, This Walk of Witness is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless. In Australia it's estimated more than 116,000 are now homeless. There are many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealisable dream.

The Walk of Witness will commence in **Federation Square at 12.30pm**, on **Tuesday 18th September 2018**

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.

We invite you to participate as we proceed through the streets of one of the world's most liveable cities. Please RSVP numbers justice@cam.org.au

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

POPE FRANCIS

22/23 September 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)
9:00 am - J Alford, A Berghella (SJV)
11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (SP)
5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

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

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - B Campbell, J Renden (SP)
9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)
11:00 am - Hirst Family (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 11:

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

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3:

M Zickett, K Lyons
SJV - A Burn

Pilgrim Statures:

This Week:

Potter Family, 18 Phillip St (SP)

Next Week:

Cornelius Family, 21 Neville St (SP)

This Week:

Edkins Family, 49 Brownfield St (SJV)

Next Week:

Mindum Family, 22 Jacaranda Ave (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 – Christ, The Priest

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 16 Sep

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Next week beginning: 23 Sep

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Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is this **Thursday 20th September** at **Longbeach Hotel**, 380 Nepean Hwy, Chelsea 12 noon. Travelling by train? Meet on Platform 2 at Mentone station to catch the **11.40am** train to Chelsea. **David Carson** on **9580 7118**.



Coming soon! Luncheon on **Thursday 11th October** during Senior's Week when travel using your MYKI card will be *free!*

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.

HELP WANTED

Presbytery Cleaning

½ day weekly cleaning/ironing, immediate start please phone Parish Office for further details if you can assist 95832103.

Local Parishioner

Is willing to pay for assistance looking after her elderly cat with feeding twice daily, cleaning litter tray and watering garden for two weeks in November. Possibly more work in the future. Would suit energetic senior. Phone Parish Office 95832103.

Accommodation Required

2/3 BR flat/house required locally for a family of three adults. If you can assist please ring Parish Office 9583 2103.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLICS FOR THE FEAST OF THE LORD OF HUANCA

The feast of The Lord of Huanca is held on **September 14th**.

It is said that when Jesus appeared in a cave to Diego Quispe, his story inspired one of the best painters of the time to reproduce the image on the exact spot, where the miracle took place. Every year, on September 14th, the faithful arrive by the tens of thousands from all over Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Bolivia in search of cures for their physical and spiritual afflictions. Nearby, is a small chapel devoted to the **Virgin of the Rosary** situated on the hillside directly across from The Lord of Huanca, celebrated every October 7th.



Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you.

Other Events

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia and Solomon Island. Placements run from 6-12 months and are centred around young people in an educational setting. *The Salesian way means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart.* Applications close **October 15th** - www.cagliero.org.au

Rosary Procession for Peace and Families



You are invited to a Rosary Procession at **St. Patricks Primary School oval**, Childers St Mentone.

Sunday October 7th 2018

4pm

Participants are kindly requested to bring their Rosary beads and also their families and friends, including those in the pram or wheelchair.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

You are invited to **Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St, Nth Melbourne**. Thursday nights from September 13th to November 1st. A light meal will be provided at 6pm, please book for catering purposes. secretary@legionofmary.net.au or call Sue 0408 547 791.

March for the Babies Rally

Join us for the 2018 March for the Babies, **Saturday 13th October**, starting at 1pm from the **Treasury Gardens**, cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, East Melbourne., a two minute walk from Parliament train station. A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Act.

Annual Mission Fair

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on **Saturday 13th October**, 9am-3pm at **154 Cotham Rd, Kew**. This year the proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 250 poor girls and boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese, Egypt. Enquiries **9817 3715**.

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The Liturgy for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16th September

Mass Response

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **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 181
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 624
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 400

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

Entrance: CWBII 181
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 486
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 400

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

Entrance: CWBII 575
Mass Setting: Missa puerorum Op.62 - Rheinberger
Offertory: Adoramus te, Christe - Palestrina
Communion: Qui vult venere
CWBII 585
Recessional: CWBII 400

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

Entrance: CWBII 491
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 486
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 400

Readings Next Week:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Wisdom: 2:12.17-20
James: 3:16-4:3
Mark: 9:30-37

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 17th September NO MASS

Tuesday, 18th September

9:15 am (SP) 24th week in Ordinary Time
School Mass (SP)

Wednesday, 19th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Januarius,
bishop, martyr
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 20th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
priest, martyr & Paul Chong Ha-sang
and companions, martyrs
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 21st September

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

Saturday, 22nd September

9:15 am (SP) 24th week in Ordinary Time

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)**