

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 23rd September 2018

Fr Michael's Message

Dear friends,
Hearing the gospel account this Sunday, I marvel at Jesus' patience with the disciples. He must have been aghast at his disciples' self-interest over which of them was the greatest (Mk 9:33-37). He responds by inviting them into another world, the world which is the Kingdom of God, in other words the world in which God's justice and mercy rule. This is a gracious approach on the part of Jesus, and truly an offer of grace.

The kingdom of God is a way of being and living that is shaped, measured, enlivened and infused by God's grace, his very own life shared with persons. Jesus told story after story, praised behaviour that was close to the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:21). He wanted us to know that the Kingdom is present here and now, and that, in its fullness, God will share his Kingdom with us without any of the limitations that are posed by our present condition in the world.

Now it is present signs such as the sacraments and in actions that have a quality of transparency in which God's presence is seen "dimly as in a mirror" (1 Cor 13:12). In its fullness, the Kingdom consists of seeing God face to face, tasting the sweetness of his presence, hearing his voice without confusion or error; touching and being touched by his holiness without being consumed by it. Rather than being consumed by the fire of the holy God, we are filled to overflowing with the boundless life and love that is God himself.

Of these signs, Jesus teaches in the gospel, service is most powerful. It is the mark of a disciple's way of life, not an optional extra, but the heart and soul of discipleship. "No man has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:35)

He was reminding them of how exploitive was the lifestyle of 'the greatest'. Their society was organised to make the life of a tiny minority secure, comfortable, overfed and cocooned in its assumption of power over the well-being and very life of the huge majority of serf workers. Those parables of workers waiting for work in the town square and Lazarus at the rich man's gate are based on this horribly unequal and static society. Society was a sin-ridden organization.

As he revealed God's real intentions for human beings, Jesus was understandably considered a threat. What was even more threatening was the fact that he spoke not as a political reformer spruiking his own views but in the name of God.

Against this weight of sin, Jesus proposes service as the antidote. When we serve we are showing that the grace of God has freed us from selfishness and sin. When we serve in the least way - at home or among our social or work contacts - we are showing that the grace of God is not light-years away, but present in this world, prompting our hearts to freely serve one another.

Jesus' words to the disciples in today's reading invite us disciples of the twenty-first century to break with our expectations of a good life and to find true, and good, life in the lot of the poor whom the rich despised.

The writer of last week's reflection suggested that we can gain understanding of sin through the lens of our sadness. The weight of sadness in any one's life is a pointer to the alienating power present in our world that customarily goes by the name of 'sin'.

That writer continued with a demonstration of the way that Jesus, in his own person, brings about a world of grace.

"Christ, given to us in the gospel according to Mark, has set his face like flint. This is the gospel in which Jesus displays so many emotions, many of them dark and turbulent. He responds with "anger", with "compassionate sorrow", with "sighs", and, literally translated, he "breathes anger" and "spits threats" at the incredulity of the Pharisees.

For St Mark, God's Holy One has entered our land of shadows. The very joy who created the world, in becoming 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."

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

Recently Deceased

Pat Knuppel

Anniversaries

Tim Clifton, Mary Ann Ang, Edward Morrison, Caterina Valastro

Prayer for the Sick



John Hannan, Michael Dawson, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, 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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1437.65

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2190.80
Loose Money: \$452.20

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, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

Please pray for Vocations

Rosary Procession for Peace and Families



You are invited to a Rosary Procession at St. Patrick's 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.

Volunteers are required to bear the statue. Please call the Parish Office 95832103 or email Jim Stoppa - j.stoppa@bigpond.com

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 this **Thursday 27th September**, the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, at the Altar of the Chair, in the papal Basilica of St Peter, Rome.



29/30 September 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)
9:00 am - A Burn, B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - S Tobin (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - R Razga, D McDonald (SP)
9:00 am - D Kidner (SJV)
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - DSouza Family (SP)
9:00 am - Sells Family (SJV)
11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

D Kidner (SJV)

Counters: Team 12:

S Lavery, F Grijalvo
M & P Osboldstone

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 4:

C Price, S Rodrigo
SJV - F & J O'Donoghue

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Cornelius Family, 21 Neville St (SP)

Next Week:

Watkins Family, 4/23 Tarella Rd (SP)

This Week:

Mindum Family, 22 Jacaranda Ave (SJV)

Next Week:

Fitchet Family, 15 Belle Cres (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2- Mary, Mother of the Church

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 23 Sep

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Next week beginning: 30 Sep

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Parish Events

PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Luncheon

Coming soon!

Luncheon on

Thursday 11th

October during

Senior's Week when travel using your MYKI card will be free! **David Carson** on **9580 7118**.



2019 Columban Art Calendar

The 2019 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase at the St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Piety Stalls. In addition to this, both stalls hold stocks of items you may require for religious occasions. Remember, Parish Confirmation, Sunday 14th October.

HELP WANTED

Presbytery Cleaning

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

Accommodation Required

2 BR flat required locally for a family of three adult parishioners. If you can assist please ring Parish Office 9583 2103.

Other Events

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.

Healing Mass

Come and receive the healing love of Jesus on **Monday 1st October**, at **St Joseph's Church**, Cnr St James Ave and Buckingham Ave, **Springvale**. 7.30pm. (Praise and prayer from 7pm). Celebrant Fr John OFM Conv. Anointing by priest and "hands on" prayer ministry by members of the healing team. Enquiries **Norbert 9547 9557**.

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.

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



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. Sessions run from 6.30 - 8.30 pm.

secretary@legionofmary.net.au
or call Sue 0408 547 791.

Session One: Introduction|
Session Two: The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
Session Three: The Visitation (Luke 1:39-56)
Session Four: The Nativity (Luke 2:1-20)
Session Five: The Presentation & Finding of
Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:21-52)
Session Six: The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
Session Seven: Mary at the Cross (John 19:25-30)
Session Eight: Mary Crowned with Glory
(Revelation 12)

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

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**.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018 - Thank you

Dear people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne,

I wish to thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 appeal 'For a Just Future'.

The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the appeal – a major contribution to supporting the poorest of the poor in the over 25 countries where Caritas Australia supports programs. Across Australia the appeal raised around \$10.8 million, money that will make a real difference in lifting people out of poverty, and giving many the opportunity to build secure lives, free from poverty and hunger.

Since the end of the Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India, and Typhoon Manghkut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work.

Again, thanks for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the gospel in action.

(Deacon) **Jim Curtain**

Caritas Australia Diocesan Director, Archdiocese of Melbourne

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The Liturgy for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23rd September

Mass Response

Psalm Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
God has called us with the gospel;
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 638
Offertory: CWBII 461
Communion: CWBII 551
Recessional: CWBII 494

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 625
Offertory: CWBII 638
Communion: CWBII 309
Recessional: CWBII 494

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 545
Offertory: CWBII 487
Communion: CWBII 551
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 638
Offertory: CWBII 461
Communion: CWBII 309
Recessional: CWBII 503

Readings Next Week:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Numbers : 11:25-29
James: 5:1-6
Mark: 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 24th September NO MASS

Tuesday, 25th September

9:15 am (SP) 25th week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, 26th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: Sts Cosmas and Damian,
martyrs
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 27th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Vincent de Paul, priest

10:30 am (SP)

Ordinariate Mass

Friday, 28th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Wenceslaus, martyr
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 29th September

9:15 am (SP) Feast: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels

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)**