

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE-PARKDALE

ST PATRICK

ST JOHN VIANNEY

Thirty-Third Sunday throughout the year (Year C) : 13th November 2016
YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016



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FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SAINTS



Solomon says, "A faithful friend is the medicine of life and immortality"; and he adds the significant words: "They that fear the Lord shall find him." The Old Testament delights us with the story of the friendship of David and Jonathan. "Jonathan loved

David as his own soul"; and David's love for Jonathan "passed the love of woman."

Our Lord Himself called the Apostles His friends, and He meant His particular friends because "all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you." This encouraged the saints — even the most detached of them — to seek out kindred souls to give them their confidence and their friendship. They were well aware that although the Gospel bases perfection upon detachment of heart, it does not therefore follow that we are forbidden to love anyone with an affection stronger and more sensible than that which we are obliged to entertain for all in general.

Indeed, a whole volume might be written on the friendships of the saints — friendships that were, in the best sense of the word, particular friendships. "There is not a man who has a heart more tender and more open to friendship than mine or who feels more keenly than I do the pain of separation from those I love." This is St. Francis de Sales' description of himself; and we may be sure that it could be applied to the majority of God's great servants.

How delightful to find this in the autobiography of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus: "When I entered Carmel, I found in the novitiate a companion about eight years older than I was. In spite of the difference of age, we became the closest friends; and to encourage an affection that gave promise of fostering virtue, we were allowed to converse together."

The Mirror of Perfection tells us that when St. Francis was dying, St. Clare also was very ill. "The Lady Clare, fearing she would die before him, wept most bitterly and would not be comforted, for she thought that she would not see before her departure her Comforter and Master." Now, this is a very human situation and very human language, and we can appreciate both. This is exactly how great friends feel about one another.

St. Teresa of Avila wrote in this very strain to her friend, Don Francisco de Salcedo: "Please God you will live until I die; then I shall ask God to summon you promptly, lest I should be without you in Heaven."

Like so many of the saints, St. Augustine had the power of winning and attracting devoted followers. Perhaps no Father of the Church had so many or such enthusiastic friends. And in the letters that passed between them, we see how generously he responded to these affections. For example, he addresses Nebridius as "My sweet friend," and he writes to St. Jerome, "O that it were possible to enjoy sweet and frequent converse with you; if not by living with you at least by living near you."

St. Bernard thus laments the death of his friend Humbert of Clairvaux: "Flow, flow, my tears, so eager to flow. He who prevented your flowing is here no more. It is not he who is dead but I — I who now live only to die. Why, oh why, have we loved and why have we lost one another?"

We are told of St. Philip Neri that friendship was one of the few innocent joys of life that he permitted himself; and certainly Providence lavished friends upon him in spite of the fact that no man ever tried the patience and virtue of his friends as did he.

Indeed, it seems to have been only necessary for people to come in contact with these saints to love them. "It is a favour bestowed on me by God," wrote St. Teresa, "that my presence always gives pleasure to others." One of her earliest biographers, Ribera, said of her, "She was and she looked so amiable that everybody loved her."

Bl. Angela of Foligno had such a hold upon the affections of all who knew her, that out of pity for their feelings, she concealed the knowledge she had of her approaching death. Gallonio said of St. Philip Neri, "He hid the secret of his approaching death, lest our hearts should be crushed with sorrow."

This is how St. Basil writes to the wife of his friend Nectarius to console her on the death of her son: "I know what the heart of a mother is, and when I think how very kind and gentle you in particular are, I can estimate how great must be your grief at the present moment. O plague of an evil demon, how great a calamity it has had the power to inflict! O earth, that has been compelled to submit to an affliction such as this! But let us not condemn the just decision of God. Above all, spare the partner of your life: be a consolation to one another; do not make the misfortune harder for him to bear."

We must bear in mind, of course, that in those days, simplicity was a practical virtue. Christians expressed their feelings and sentiments with a naivety to which we are strangers. We neither speak nor write the sincere idiom of the past. But our forefathers in the faith were not our sort of

people at all. All their literature is marked by a charming spontaneity and exuberance of expression. Into the letters that they wrote to their friends they put the same straightforward frankness they put into their poetry and their Christmas carols. St. Boniface, for example, writes in exactly the same strain to all his friends; that is to say, he writes as few would be willing to write nowadays. Thus, to the Archbishop of York: "To a friend worthy of being embraced in the arms of love." St. Anselm writes, "Go into the secret place of thy heart, look there at thy love for me, and thou shalt see mine for thee." And again: "The soul of my Osbern, ah! I beseech thee, give it no other place than in my bosom."

It is true that this phraseology was more or less stereotyped. Formulas were drawn up by those who were good at it, and they were circulated especially among the monasteries and convents. They served as models and were copied to form the beginnings and endings of the letter. This may explain why we find in St. Jerome's letters (for example, to Rufina) almost the identical sentences found in those of St. Boniface. Many of these formulas have survived: "To So-and-so, his humble countryman, who would embrace him with the wings of a sincere and indissoluble charity, sends salutations in the sweetness of true love." Again: "Remember me; I always remember you. I give you all the love that is in my heart."

We may find a little comfort in knowing that some of the saints were rather disappointed in their friends. St. Basil and St. Gregory, as we have seen, had serious misunderstandings in the end. Dona Isabel Roser was for years the staunch friend of St. Ignatius. She could not do too much for him; and, indeed, she had once actually saved his life, by dissuading him from sailing in an unseaworthy vessel that foundered on its voyage, with the loss of all hands. At one period, the saint writes to her, "I am persuaded that if I were to forget all the good that God has done me through you, His Divine Majesty would forget me also." Yet, this same good Dona Isabel's love turned to spite. She subjected St. Ignatius to a great deal of annoyance in Rome, whither she had followed him, and she ended by taking proceedings against him for embezzlement in the Ecclesiastical Courts. Needless to say, she lost her case, and she also lost her friend.

"A friend is long sought, scarcely found, and hard to keep": with this reflection, Abbess Eangyth ends one of her letters to St. Boniface; so that it appears that even the saints shared the disappointments common to plain people like ourselves. Indeed, they sometimes lavished their affections on rather an ungrateful world. *(continued over)*

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

Recently Deceased

Licia Pezzin, John Ferguson

Anniversaries

Arthur, Queenie and Henry Griffiths,
Robert & Joseph Clifton, Marcelle Lucas,
Edward Brohan, Frank Owens

Prayer for the Sick

Fr John Shallvey MSC,
Fr Terry Norton, Bernie
Grimes, Michael Potter,
Pat Casey, Ellen Farrugia-
Merlo, Patricia Power,
Christina Molnar, Joan
Fitzgerald, Antonio De Guia, Mark Mac,
Ron Brown, Don O'Callaghan, Harold
Seeley, Mary Valastro, Paige McDonald,
Patricia M, Gladys Alexander, Freda
Cabral, Elizabeth Dixon, Bonnie Alford,
Glendon Anthony, Teresa Anthony, Joan
Nolan, Maureen Oswald, Lily McShane,
Dina Costanzo, Elizabeth Marks, Jessica
Newman, Harvey Lewis, Anne Johnson,
Khan Ergec, Mirella Catalano, Darren
Lacey, Sam Kumar, Therese Green,
Lorraine Loel, Regan Smith, Autumn
Tansey, Olive Kitto, Matthew Kennedy,
Merv Brearley, Debbie Leon, Patricia
Walker, Madeline Wesson, Jenny
Rawlings, Roselyn Zaveca, Barry
O'Sullivan and those on the continuing
prayer list. (PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME
SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF)



Prayer / Meditation Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open
from 8.00 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 5.30pm,
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, 7.30pm
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:

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month
(10am - 11:45am) with the Sisters of
St Paul de Chartres, 3 Mitchell Street,
Mentone. All Welcome.

Collections

Presbytery: \$1,635.40
Thanksgiving: \$5,112.35

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The prophets of old were stoned for their pains;
and the task of the reformer is proverbially a
thankless task. Scant recognition came to
Fr. Damien during his lifetime: his motives were
suspected, and even his character was assailed.
St. John Bosco was looked upon by some as a
madman. St. Teresa of Avila and St. Catherine
of Siena were accused of being bad women,
and their very friendships were misunderstood.
Some of the English martyrs were betrayed
by those whom they regarded as friends.

*But if affection is unrequited, it is never
thereby wasted. There is no such thing as
wasted affection. "The real reward of love is
found in loving." Love is its own reward. We
are happier often in the affection we feel
than in that which we excite; and when, by an
unhappy chance, love goes out from our
hearts only to be rejected, it returns again, so
that to some extent, we are the gainers.*

Fr Aloysius Roche

Parish Events

November Masses for the Holy Souls

The Church devotes this
month of November to
prayer for the Holy Souls
in Purgatory, and
participation in the Mass of
All Souls Day is a good
way to begin the month.



Do not forget to have Masses offered for
deceased family members and friends.
November Mass envelopes are contained
in the Thanksgiving Envelope sets. Extra
envelopes are available in the Church.

Light a candle in honour of a
loved one this November. Votive
candles are located near the side
altars of St Patrick's Church, 50c
each



Special Collection: Catholic Deaf

The annual appeal for the deaf will take
place this weekend **12/13 November
2016**. Please give generously.

Cuppa & Chat

Each Sunday after the **11am Mass** join us
for a relaxed cuppa and a chat.
All welcome.



SJV School Fete Friday 18th November, 3:30pm-8.30pm

Beautiful craft, toys,
cakes, the Little Rock
cafe, photo booth and
much more. Dinner for
grown-ups and rides for
kids! See you there!

19/20 November 2016

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - C Beck, A Berghella (SJV)
11:00 am - C Paton (SP)
5:00 pm - F De Summa (SP)

Commentators:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - F De Summa (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - Sells Family (SJV)
11:00 pm - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm: - A Ady, R Razga (SP)
9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - S Tobin, I Paton (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 11

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

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3:

C Paton, L Freeman,
K Lyons

St John Vianney: G & K Sullivan

Flowers:

A Berghella

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Archer, 12B Florence St (SP)

Next Week:

Granger, 2/12 Hilda St (SP)

This Week:

O'Donoghue, 129 Warren Rd (SJV)

Next Week:

Green, 17 Clare St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

Home Help:

Kate Shea on 9580 4475 (SJV)
Bernadette Woods on 9580 7818 (SP)



Travelling Chalice

Beginning 20 NOV
Van Rooyen Family
Following week 27 NOV
J Smith

Vocation View

As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word.

May you live your vocation.
Pray for Vocations.

Pope's Intentions for November 2016:

General prayer intention:

Countries Receiving Refugees
That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelisation:

Collaboration of Priests and Laity
That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

The Patrician Group

(Adult Family And Friends Welcome)

Christmas function Friday 9th December, 12 Noon at Seaford RSL,

(17 Station Street, Seaford).



Please add your name to the noticeboard.

Train travellers be at Mentone Station by 11:15am. All adults please join us in this final venue of the year. Seats limited, book early. Enquiries to Jim, 9584 7569

St Patrick's Rosters

The preparation of rosters for St Patrick's Readers, Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers for the next six months is about to be undertaken. If you are currently a Reader, Commentator or Extraordinary Minister, please advise your co-ordinator of any special requirements you wish to have incorporated into this next roster by **start of December.**

If you are not a Reader, Commentator or Extraordinary Minister, but require information about becoming one, please contact the Parish office during office hours (9583 2103).

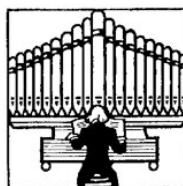
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2016 ADVENT ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

**5pm, each Saturday in Advent
St Patrick's Church**

The Advent Organ Concert Series has become a fixture of our Parish and Archdiocesan calendar!



Come and hear outstanding Melbourne musicians perform music of the season on the historic 1862 Bishop Kelly Pipe Organ in St Patrick's Church. Concerts start on November 26, and precede 6pm vigil mass. Admission is free!

November 26: Thomas Grubb
(St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne)

December 3: David Agg
(Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell)

December 10: Dr Andrew Blackburn
(University Pendidikan S. Idris, Malaysia)

December 17: Christopher Trikalis
(Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale)



"Take heed that you are not led astray"
(Luke 21:5-19)

Beautification Of The Church Garden Precinct

We thank Swee Teen Ang, Cecily Heath Brigid Massey and Danny Benoiton (supplies) for their untiring work.

SJV Former Mother's Club Annual Luncheon

**Wednesday 23rd November at 12 noon,
Dingley International Hotel**

The mother's club wish to gather as above. Door prize.

Details: Grace Boland, Phone 8774 2927.

Other Events

Exhibition Of Artefacts Belonging To Dr Sr Mary Glowrey

**This Saturday 12 November, 10am-2pm
Mary Jensen Hall,
Mary Glowrey House, 132-134
Nicholson St, Fitzroy**



As part of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga's centenary celebrations, artefacts from Servant of God Dr Sr Mary Glowrey's extraordinary life will be displayed to the public for only the second time since her death in 1957. Mary Glowrey is only the second Australian on the official path to sainthood. This is a rare opportunity to see up close some of the photographs, letters and objects from the League's unique archival collection. All funds raised will be used to help promote the cause for canonisation of Sr Mary Glowrey.

Cost: \$5 (per person) or \$10 (family)

Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/NQUS> or at the door

End of Mercy Night and All-Night Vigil For Feast of Christ the King

**Saturday 19 November 2016 from 7pm
Stella Maris Church, Beaumaris**

The Emmanuel Community Melbourne welcomes you to join us for the evening of Mercy and Prayer at Stella Maris Church on Saturday 19th November 2016. The Emmanuel Community will animate the Vigil Mass of the Parish beginning at 7.00pm. The Mercy Night will begin at 8.00pm. (Saturday Vigil Mass, then Mercy night, followed by all night Adoration, concluding with Sunday Mass at 10.30am at Stella Maris Church, Beaumaris).

Confessions available.

Further details: 9589 2271

St Patrick's Cathedral: Closing of Holy Door

**Sunday 20 November, 11am
St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

To coincide with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter at the Vatican, the Holy Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed by Archbishop Denis Hart on 20 November, the feast of Christ the King.

Those wishing to pass through the Holy Door for the final time may do so prior to the commencement of Mass, after which Archbishop Hart will officially close the Holy Door.

The Liturgy for Thirty-Third Sunday (Year C) : 13 November 2016

Mass Response

- Psalm Response:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
- Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**
- Memorial Acclamation:** We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Legend: "Gather" - Gather Book "CWB" - Catholic Worship Book "AOV" - As One Voice

6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) - St Patrick's

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 854
- Mass Setting:** #3: *Sherwin Mass - Ostrowski*
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 733
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 725
- Recessional Hymn:** CWB 753

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

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 854
- Mass Setting:** *Sherwin Gloria - Ostrowski & #2: Mass of OLHC - Connolly*
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 733
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 725
- Recessional Hymn:** CWB 690

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

- Entrance Hymn:** CWB 854
- Mass Setting:** #2: *Mass of OLHC - Connolly*
- Offertory Motet:** *Requiem Litany - Schubert*
- Communion Motet:** *Panis Angelicus - Franck*
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 662
- Recessional Hymn:** CWB 753

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

- Entrance Hymn:** Gather 233
- Mass Setting:** #2: *Mass of OLHC - Connolly*
- Offertory Hymn:** CWB 733
- Communion Hymn:** CWB 662
- Recessional Hymn:** CWB 690

Readings Next Week:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- Samuel:** 5:1-3
- Colossians:** 1:11-20
- Luke:** 23:35-43

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 14th No Mass

Tuesday, 15th

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
12 noon (SJV) **School Mass**

Wednesday, 16th

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Margaret of Scotland
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 17th

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 18th

9:15 am (SP) Optional: Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 19th

9:15 am (SP) St Elizabeth
(Mass according to the Missal of 1962)

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinariate 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 at 5:30PM (SP)**