

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Solemnity: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, (Year A) : 26 November 2017

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

The Solemnity of Christ the King is the liturgical expression of the statements of the Creed regarding Our Lord's glorious Second Coming: **"from thence he will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end"**.

This is a modern feast that was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was intended to motivate Catholics to withstand the inroads of the secularist, broadly anti-religious, politics of the Russian Revolution (1917), Fascism in Italy (1922) and the emergent Nazi movement in Austria and Germany that gained political power in Germany in 1933.

People of good will instinctively recognized the damage to society that would flow from the authoritarian bent of these ideologies. The potential embedded in them for the rise of anti-human attitudes and policies eventually was verified. First, the freedom of populations was limited; later, the extermination of despised groups was attempted with significant, though partial, success.

The horrible toll of 30 million deaths from the world war that ensued (1939 -1945) is sufficient warning to preserve freedom in any society. Otherwise, lack of freedom leads to a struggle for it to be restored.

The Pope proclaimed the Kingship of Christ in order to be able to state, without direct confrontation, the Church's belief in human dignity instilled by the Creator in each man and woman. The union of the Word

with human nature, visible in human flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, guarantees the destiny to eternal happiness that God wishes for each person.

The Pope's vision of Christ's Kingship is found in the Preface of the Mass today. When humankind serves Christ the King there will be a reign "of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace."

On the other hand, the Pope sought to imply, wherever the ideologues of state power prevail, humankind will be enslaved.

The celebration of the liturgy this year presents Christ the King as the vigilant, strong Shepherd of a flock under attack. From the day of our baptism, each of us is anointed like Christ to imitate our good Shepherd. The Kingship of Christ grows in the world, preparing for its full, glorious manifestation, by our respect for, and efforts on behalf of, truth, life, justice, love and peace.

Anti-religious sentiment may have existed for a long time in Australia, but now it is being expressed openly. Statues of the child Jesus and of Mary were desecrated at a parish in Sydney this week. One young man's actions are a fine example of how to react to this violence.

Tony Mattar from Catholic Chaplaincy at Sydney University who helped organise (a prayer) vigil said he was motivated by his Maronite Catholic faith which entails a strong devotion to Our Lady. He said the aim of the vigil was to "unite to show we won't stand for this type of behaviour" and to emphasise that the response should be made through "praying and

not through violence."

Western societies generally recognize a right to freedom of conscience and to religious freedom. A new consensus on these rights is urgently needed. Not every voice calling for these rights fits in with a Catholic vision of the relationship of Church and State.

The Catholic view was submitted in September 1980 by Saint John Paul II to a conference on European Security. As discussion of this theme ramps up in Federal Parliament over this summer, two quotations submitted to the conference by the Pope can serve as a guide.

"The practice of religion by its very nature consists primarily of those voluntary and free internal acts by which a human being directly sets his course towards God. No merely human power can either command or prohibit acts of this kind. But man's social nature itself requires that he give external expression to his internal acts of religion, that he communicate with others in religious matters and that he profess his religion in community" (Vatican Council II *Dignitatis humanae*, no. 3).

"These words touch the very substance of the question. They also show how even the confrontation between the religious view and the agnostic or even atheistic view of the world, which is one of the 'signs of the times' of the present age, could preserve honest and respectful human dimensions without violating the essential rights of conscience of any man or woman living on earth" (Address to the 34th General Assembly of the United Nations, no. 20).

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Recently Deceased

Philomena Kenny

Anniversaries

Fr Anthony Kenny, Lawrence Cornelius, Geraldine Grimes

Prayer for the Sick



Di McNicholas, Maureen Steinfort, Rita Buckner, Joan McCarthy, John Blore, John Van Dyk, Greta Sprague, Frank Sampieri, Oscar Hopkins, Pat Casey, Louie Cenina, Joan Nolan, Carmen

Lotzniker, Molly Shannon, Hector Burra, Nanette Woodbridge, Bernie Grimes, Annette Portelli, Antonio Bova, Bonnie Alford, Sebastian Wolfenden, Fr Terry Naughtin MSC, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Patricia Power, Maureen Oswald, Patricia M, Patricia Walker, Madeline Wesson, Jenny Rawlings 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 8.00 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 4.30pm, when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.



Rosary:

- In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8.45am All welcome.
- 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:

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

Pope's Intentions: November 2017

Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Vocation View

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

Pray for Vocations

Parish Events

November Masses for the Holy Souls

The Church devotes the 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. Parishioners can request to have Mass offered for deceased family members and friends. November Mass envelopes are contained in the Thanksgiving Envelope sets. Extra envelopes are available in the Church.

The Legion of Mary invite

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to join them for tea, coffee and light refreshments after the **11am Mass on Sunday 3rd December** to celebrate the 4000th meeting of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Praesidium.

Pray for First Holy communicant

Please include in your prayers Teresa Antony who will receive her First Holy Communion today at the 9.30am Ordinarate Mass.

Parish activity involvement

There is still time to be a volunteer in the many parish ministries whether it be as Readers, Ministers, Counters, Sacristans, Procession of Gifts, Prayer / Meditation, the Patrician Group or simply helping out with the 'Cuppa & Chat' after Sunday Mass, please visit or contact the Parish Office in Mitchell Street during office hours or phone 9583 2103.

Thank you to all who have participated in the past year. Every church runs on its volunteers and your overwhelming support is much appreciated.

2 / 3 December 2017

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

- 6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)
- 9:00 am - K Swadling, J Soulsby (SJV)
- 11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
- 5:00 pm - F DeSumma (SP)

Procession of Gifts

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

Extraordinary Ministers:

- 6:00 pm - J Carroll, P Carroll (SP)
- 9:00 am - R Tregonning (SJV)
- 11:00 am - T Mengle, C D'Souza (SP)
- 5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J Green (SJV)

Counters: Team 5

B Foley, D Boulton, J Lynch, D McDonald

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3:

L Freeman, K Lyons

St John Vianney: A Berghella

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

McGrory Family, 109 Patty St (SP)

Next Week:

Watkins Family, 4/23 Tarella Rd (SP)

This Week:

Green Family, 17 Clare St (SJV)

Next Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X



Travelling Chalice

This week beginning 26 NOV
TBA

Next week beginning 3 DEC
TBA

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,485.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$5,670.90

Loose Money: \$437.55

Parish Events

The Patrician Group

(Adult Family And Friends Welcome)

Cards—Monday 11th December From 2-4pm



Come along to 21 Balcombe Road. for a little friendly (or fierce) competition with playing cards.

Contact: Jim 9584 7569. All Welcome.



Christmas Lunch, Seaford RSL,

12 noon. Wednesday
6th December 2017

This is our final gathering of the year. 3 course seniors meal \$24.00. Please add your name by midday Friday 1st Dec, to the noticeboard at both churches. Those catching the train be at Mentone Railway Station for the 11.30am train (south). If transport assistance is needed, please ring Jim on 9584 7569.

All members, parishioners and friends warmly invited.

SJV Choir Practice

Wednesdays starting 6th December
at 7.30pm.



Christmas is around the corner, would you like to be involved in the choir this Christmas?

Come along to a rehearsal.

All invited, adults, teens, school children.

Kilbreda College 40 Year Reunion, Class of 1972-1977

25 November 2017 16:00 - 20:00

Open to all students from 1972- 1977

Venue & Times: 4.00pm - Kilbreda Tour, hopefully including tower!

Further information on Past Pupils Facebook page or call Trish Josey (Bourke)

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We'd love to hear from you!

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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Help St Vincent de Paul rebuild strength for families in need. A collection will be taken up next week 3rd December. Envelopes will be available.

Other Events

Lourdes Day Mass:

St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 2 December, 10.30am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Bishop Terry Curtin, auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will be principal celebrant for the annual Lourdes Day Mass and blessing of the sick this year. The blessing will be conducted with water from Lourdes, and each attendee will receive a gift bag of Lourdes water, rosary beads and reflection card. No booking is required. Refreshments (bottled water and biscuits) will be available after the Mass. All welcome.

Caritas Australia - 'Global Gifts' for Christmas

Every Christmas Caritas offers the opportunity to buy 'Global Gifts' as a Christmas present. These gifts can provide food, water, education, health and opportunities to generate income to people in need around the world. The cards, either paper or 'e-cards' can be sent to those on whose behalf the donation is made.

Share a message of compassion this Christmas – Simply select one of our beautiful Global Gift cards. When you send a Global Gift card to your friends or family, you also share a gift with the world and help support our one human family.

Order Global Gift cards online at:
www.globalgifts.org.au or call on
1800 024 413

The Hamer Singers:

St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 3 December, 3.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Under the artistic direction of Jonathan Grieves-Smith, Melbourne's newest choir, the Hamer Singers, will give their debut concert, 'As one who has slept', in this premiere performance, presenting choral music from the USA, Canada, the UK, Latvia, Russia and Estonia. Composers represented include Part, Tavener and Rachmaninov.

Cost: \$35, \$25 concession

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/SOFB

Web: www.hamersingers.weebly.com

Meet Mark: Meet His Jesus and His Gospel in Box Hill

Tuesdays 28 November,
5 and 12 December, 7.30–9.30pm
Friars' Room, St Francis Xavier Church, corner Dorking and Whitehorse Roads, Box Hill

Advent this year takes us to the Church's Year B, and we move to the Gospel of Mark. The Catholic School of Evangelisation invites you to come and meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus, over these three Tuesday evenings in Box Hill.

Cost: Donation

Details: Sandra Bishop on 9434 7553

Women in Leadership: a gift for the world

April 13-15, 2018 Benedictine Abbey
695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

Arrive afternoon of Thursday 12 April, leaving after lunch on the Sunday
Cost of program is \$200.

Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected.

BOOKINGS: 02 4236 0533

or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

For women of any age and any experience.

For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title ... in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. Framed within the Benedictine tradition, participants will develop the confidence and the skills to understand their value for the world by leading in a range of contexts. They will leave encouraged to do so. The venue itself is significant. Set within the rainforest of Jamberoo Mountain, the quiet contemplative space of the Abbey offers the opportunity to be reflective and to experience the peace, the life and the hospitality of the Benedictine community. This is a residential program. Participants will be accommodated in The Abbey cottages, arriving in the afternoon of Thursday 12 April, and leaving after lunch on Sunday 15 April. Because of the nature of this workshop, numbers are limited.

Summer School Melbourne

7-14 Jan 2018 – Registrations

now open

Join other young people aged 16-35 for a powerful week of teaching, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and guest speakers in the context of a fun and vibrant community away from the noise and distraction of the city.

More info: summerschool.org.au

The Liturgy for Solemnity of Christ the King (Year A) : 26 November

Mass Response

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **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 "CWBII" Catholic Worship Book II

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

Entrance Hymn: CWB 789

Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly

Offertory Hymn: CWB 830

Communion Hymn: CWB 703

Recessional Hymn: CWB 847

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

Entrance Hymn: CWBII 588

Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly

Offertory Hymn: CWBII 619

Communion Hymn: CWBII 400

Recessional Hymn: CWBII 401

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

Entrance Hymn: CWB 789

Mass Setting: Schubert German Mass

Offertory Hymn: O Sing unto the Lord - Rawsthorne

Communion Motet:

Communion Hymn: CWB 703

Recessional Hymn: CWB 847

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

Entrance Hymn: CWB 789

Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly

Offertory Hymn: CWB 830

Communion Hymn: CWB 703

Recessional Hymn: CWB 847

Readings Next Week:

First Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah: 63:16-17;64:1.3-8
I Corinthians: 1:3-9
Mark: 13:33-37

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 27th NO MASS

Tuesday, 28th

9:15 am (SP) 34th week of Ordinary Time
SP School Mass

Wednesday, 29th

9:15 am (SP) 34th week of Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 30th

9:15 am (SP) Feast: St Andrew, apostle
10:30 am (SP) Ordinariate Mass

Friday, 1st

9:15 am (SP) 34th week of Ordinary Time
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 2nd

9:15 am (SP) Optional: Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinariate Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 11.00am (Choral Mass) (SP)
Sunday: 5pm (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 4:30PM (SP)**