

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



First Sunday of Advent (Year B) : 3 December 2017

### FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

The return of the Advent wreath to churches on this first Sunday of Advent is a comforting sight. The progressive appearance of the Light as each lit candle is added to the wreath one week after another takes us to the heart of the season. It's the period of our preparation of ourselves to shun the darkness and allow the Light of the world to enter into our hearts.

Lists that state the meaning of each candle vary among themselves, particularly in the order in which the gifts are named. There is consensus, however, that the candles represent hope, peace, love and joy.

This year, the gospel readings for the four Sundays of year B repeat another of the parables told by Jesus about vigilance and readiness (Mark in week 1), followed by two passages about John the Baptist, the Precursor of Jesus. John's ascetical life bore fruit in his message of conversion through baptism administered by him for the forgiveness of sins (Mark in Week 2). John bears testimony that he is but a voice crying in the wilderness, proceeding to testify that "the One who is to come" is among the crowd, taking upon himself the burden of sin (John in Week 3). Finally, we hear the joyous news that the young virgin, Mary, has consented to be the vessel of God's grace in bearing his only Son (Luke in week 4).

Once we leave the Church building, Advent is not so easy. The world appears oblivious to the messages of the Advent gospels. Here is a helpful reflection by Simka Fischer, a journalist whose writings appear in ALETEIA ([www.aleteia.com](http://www.aleteia.com)) and THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY.

*"Advent is short this year. This is your warning! The fourth week of Advent is a whopping one day long - just Sunday - and Christmas is the very next day.*

*It's smart to stop and think just how we're going to mark Advent as Catholics.*

*And yes, it is supposed to be somewhat spare, somewhat solemn, somewhat silent. As a season, it is anticipatory, rather than celebratory; preparatory, rather than marked with excess.*

*A tall order, when everyone around you is fully engaged with all the fun, elaborate, lavish stuff that most people (Catholic and secular) enjoy in the weeks before Christmas. What are you going to do, offend everyone by refusing to go to parties, refusing to sing happy songs, refusing to let your kids get dressed up in fancy clothes with their schoolmates?*

*How do we recognize the solemnity of Advent as a time of preparation, without coming across as a quasher of joys, which is the least Christian thing you can be? Keep Advent and Christmas in your own way, but always be generous when dealing with others who keep it in a different way.*

*If we claim to understand the true meaning of Advent and Christmas, then we won't achieve that by diving into an orgy of judgmentalness, crabby-ness, or rants about how all those crotchety secular people don't understand the true meaning of Christmas.*

*It's hard. It's hard not to feel like you're at war with your neighbor. When so many of the people who surround you are literally voting to change your world in a way that you know will make things worse, it's almost impossible to remember that these people are, in fact, your neighbors — more, your brothers and sisters in Christ. But they are.*

*Christ was born for them just as much as He was born for you; and it's your very clear mission to convey the joy of His coming to them. You simply can't do this if by weaponizing the Baby Jesus and turning the season into a chance to show the secular world how awful they are. That's simply not how it's done.*

*So as we face Advent, let's make one resolution. Christ came to bring joy to the world. Resolve to prepare for and celebrate His birth by doing the same."*

### A STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, DENIS HART ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE IN VICTORIA.

The passage today of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill through the Victorian Parliament is deeply Victoria becomes the only place in the

world this year to have legislated for Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide - almost fifty other places have, this year, rejected such legislation.

Sadly, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia expose the most vulnerable in our society and undermine centuries of care and clinical practice. Experience in other countries clearly demonstrates that Victoria is now at the beginning of a dangerous pathway where more and more people's lives will be placed in jeopardy.

Catholic health and aged care providers will continue to accompany those who face death, always striving to provide the best care to them and their loved ones. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not part of their practice and are incompatible with the provision of quality palliative care.

The Archdiocese will strongly advocate that the Victorian Government honours its promise of increased palliative care, particularly in regional areas. At the same time, I exhort the Government to substantially increase the funding for palliative care so that all Victorians requiring this care are aware of its availability and have access when the need arises. Only last week, Pope Francis said that palliative care is "proving most important in our culture as it opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome: pain and loneliness."

I remind all people, health professionals and patients alike, that no one should ever be compelled to act against their conscience - we will continue to strongly assert that right.

I am grateful to our parishioners who joined the many voices including doctors, nurses, carers, lawyers and politicians who actively campaigned and advocated with passion and conviction for the defeat of this legislation.

May those dedicated to the care of the sick and dying, shine forth as instruments of the healing power and love of God, who leads us through the shadows of suffering with the promise of love.

At this critical time in the history of the State of Victoria, I pray for a renewed commitment of all Victorians to the sick, oppressed, marginalised and vulnerable of our society.

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## Recently Deceased

Valda Lynch, Jim Soulsby

## Anniversaries

Salome Ligaya Parker, Florence Clifton, Daniel Ward, James Moloney, Katalin & Miklos Mindum, Joaquin Medeiros, Judith Gray

## 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: December 2017

### The Elderly

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

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### Pray for Vocations

## Parish Events

### Melbourne Overseas Mission 2017 Appeal

Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) was founded by Cardinal Knox in 1968 as a humanitarian organisation staffed by volunteers. MOM provides assistance to communities in developing countries as an outreach of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Appeal will take place **10th December**. MOM strives to improve the lives of the poor through education in literacy, health, hygiene, agriculture, cottage industry, small business cooperatives as well as the training of teachers, doctors and nurses. Each year, large quantities of donated goods are shipped to over 90 mission stations worldwide. The majority of these include clothing, hospital and school supplies.

### Travelling Chalice

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the Travelling Chalice. Once again we invite parishioners to submit their names and/or request to have the Travelling Chalice for one week to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

*A vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life is a gift from God. We pray that the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of our people to value this gift and be generous in answering God's call. Lord Hear Us.*

### Christmas Working Bee:



There will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's on **Tuesday 19th December** after the 9.15 am morning Mass to prepare the Church for Christmas. We are calling on you to help clean and prepare the Church in readiness for Christmas. Remember this is your parish and we need your help!!

9 / 10 December 2017

## Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

### Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)  
9:00 am - C Burn, K Lowe (SJV)  
11:00 am - R Smith (SP)  
5:00 pm - B Rowswell (SP)

### Procession of Gifts

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

### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - A Ady, T Maloney (SP)  
9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)  
11:00 am - S Tobin, My-Nga Ly (SP)  
5:00 pm - S Rowswell (SP)

### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

### Counters: Team 6

G Giulieri, E Robinson, R Mulavin, R Fairhall, C Bergin

### Sacristans:

#### St Patrick's - Group 4:

C Price, L Agiran, S Rodrigo

St John Vianney: A Burn

### Pilgrim Statues:

#### This Week:

Glennon Family, 8 Graton Pl (SP)

#### Next Week:

Anthony Family, 2-8 Pietro Rd (SP)

#### This Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

#### Next Week:

Byrne Family, 32 Balmoral Dve (SJV)

### Adoration Roster:

Week 4 - St John Vianney



### Travelling Chalice

This week beginning 3 DEC  
TBA

Next week beginning 10 DEC  
TBA

### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,4201.30

### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,550.90

Loose Money: \$347.00

# Parish and Diocesan News

## Parish Events

### The Patrician Group

(Adult Family And Friends 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 **THIS SUNDAY** to the

noticeboard at both churches. Or leave a **PHONE MESSAGE** and your name **NO LATER 11.00am on MONDAY with David Carson 9580 7118**. Those catching the train be at Mentone Railway Station for the 11.30am train (south). **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.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

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

### Thank you for your Prayers

Thank you to everyone for your prayers for my grandson Oscar Hopkins who is 17. He has come through brain surgery and several weeks of radiotherapy really well and I thank God for prayers answered.

Margaret Hopkins

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St John Vianney children proudly celebrating the addition of the new Copper Cross on the front door of the church

## Other Events

### 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](http://www.trybooking.com/SOFB)

Web: [www.hamersingers.weebly.com](http://www.hamersingers.weebly.com)

### Theology at the Pub: the Christmas Celebration

Monday 4 December, 6.30pm  
European Bier Café, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

This is your invitation to join the Theology at the Pub team to celebrate another successful year, with live music by Alyssa Agius and Gen Bryant. Audience: 18 to 35-year-olds; priests and religious of all ages welcome.

Web: [www.theologyatthepub.com.au](http://www.theologyatthepub.com.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tapmelb/](http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/)

### 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](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

or call on 1800 024 413

### Summer School Melbourne

7-14 Jan 2018 – Register today

Open to young people aged 16-35.

With speakers including Fr Rob Galea, Dr Brendan Triffett, Fr Max Vodola, Leeanne Grima, Sr Katherine Stone & Fr Dan Serratore this is a Summer School not to be missed! Register before 12th December for earlybird rates. Register as a group of 4 to save \$100 (3 participants must be new to Summer School). More info: 0467 092 091 or [summerschool.org.au](http://summerschool.org.au)

### Australian Nativity Scene:

St Elizabeth's, Dandenong North  
Monday 11 Dec to Friday 12 Jan

107 Baker Road, Dandenong North

Local artist Wilson Fernandez has been creating his stunning nativity scenes for the past thirteen years. This is regarded as one of Australia's best nativity displays and is months in the making each year. It has steadily grown into the largest of its kind in Australia. Wilson artistically creates the village and township with handmade huts, stables, buildings, bridges, palaces, houses and temples surrounded by mountains, rocks, lakes and rivers. Each week the nativity scenes change to reflect the story of the birth of Christ. This event is open to everyone (children to be accompanied by parent or guardian). Cost: Free and open to all age groups Viewing times: After Mass and any other time by appointment Details: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or parish office on 9795 6217

<http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

# The Liturgy for First Sunday of Advent (Year B) : 3 December 2017

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. **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 853  
Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly  
Offertory Hymn: CWB 657  
Communion Hymn: CWB 740  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835

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

Entrance Hymn: CWBII 252  
Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly  
Offertory Hymn: CWBII 232  
Communion Hymn: CWBII 552  
Recessional Hymn: CWBII 385

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

Entrance Hymn: CWB 853  
Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly  
Offertory Hymn: Prepare Us Lord  
*Communion Motet:*  
Communion Hymn: CWB 685  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835

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

Entrance Hymn: CWB 853  
Mass Setting: Mass of OLHC - Connolly  
Offertory Hymn: CWB 657  
Communion Hymn: CWB 740  
Recessional Hymn: CWB 835

### **Readings Next Week:**

#### Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah: 40:1-5.9-11  
2 Peter: 3:8-14  
Mark: 1:1-8

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

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

#### **WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES**

#### **Monday, 4th NO MASS**

#### **Tuesday, 5th**

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of 1st week of Advent  
12 Noon (SJV) School Mass

#### **Wednesday, 6th**

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

#### **Thursday, 7th**

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

#### **Friday, 8th**

9:15 am (SP) The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

#### **Saturday, 9th**

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of 1st week of Advent

#### **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)**