

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 18 March 2018

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Feast of St Patrick

Already in 431, Pope Celestine had sent St Palladius to evangelize Ireland. Patrick finally arrived as a missionary some years later, possibly as much as twenty years later. Palladius preached the Gospel in the southern parts of the island, Patrick, who lived as a slave for six years, probably in Antrim, returned in his twenties to preach in the northern parts.

The preparation, social and spiritual, of Patrick for his preaching mission was extremely difficult. He was snatched by a raiding party of Irish from his father's estate in northern England, near the town of Carlisle, at the age of sixteen. Raised in a moderately zealous Christian family, he must have known a comfortable childhood by the standards of the day because his father was an alderman of Carlisle and a landowner. An interesting light is thrown on church discipline in the fact that his grandfather was a priest and his father a deacon. Despite this pedigree, he allows himself to ask whether his capture was a punishment for failing to listen to sermons.

The interruption to his education was something that he lamented throughout his life. His indenture as a livestock herdsman providentially forged his character as a young man. He wrote about his discovery of prayer during his enforced idleness as a shepherd. His entry in 'Butler's Lives of the Saints', upon which this essay is based, states correctly that his loneliness and exposure to a harsh environment "brought him to that degree of denudation where God alone is found to be the sole, inalienable treasure of the spirit." He learned, it seems, to become very responsive to every unexpected turn that God's providence over his life would take.

Audaciously, he took an opportunity to desert his master, travelling over 300 kilometres to a port where he boarded a ship. Given the distance he claims to have walked, he must have embarked from the south-east or south-west of the country, eventually arriving back home after experiencing significant deprivation.

Patrick returned to Ireland with a clearly defined spiritual goal. He dreamt of people on the western shore begging him to come and walk with them. Later, he understood that this dream was God's way of asking him to give himself up for others just as "he who gave himself up for you." had done. The financing of his mission proved difficult. Eventually he decided on using his own patrimony.

The locations and strategy of his evangelizing work are not described in his writings. Its effectiveness is evident only from the faith of the people among whom he gave himself for the remainder of his life. He thanks God for the success of his preaching, mentioning in particular the growth of a native clergy.

Legends can develop from scant historical fact, yet not all legendary figures are held in the affectionate esteem for Patrick that has endured for fifteen hundred years among the Irish and their descendants all over the world. His missionary dream and the enduring affection for our saint to this day indicate the warmth of his character. In one documented writing, he refers to a "blessed Scottish maiden, nobly-born, very beautiful, of adult age, whom I baptized." Some of his converts were sold into slavery by a corps of British, Christian soldiers whom he promptly excommunicated for their oppressive behaviour.

His *Confession* contains an apologia for his zealous life, giving all the credit to God's grace that brought forth fruit to which his own ignorance could never have aspired.

This prayerful saint, fired with a sense of fairness, generous with affection and care of his neighbour can still be an example of fundamental Christian virtues. A parish community is truly blessed to be endowed with a spirit of prayer, of fair dealing and of hospitality. St Patrick, pray for us.

*Bases on Butlers Lives of the Saints.
New Full Edition, March, pages 168-172*

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to, according to tradition, St. Patrick. More recent scholarship suggests its author was anonymous. In any case, this prayer certainly reflects the spirit with which St. Patrick brought faith to Ireland!

**I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the
invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.**

**I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth
with His baptism,
Through the strength of His
crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His
resurrection with His ascension,**

**Through the strength of His descent
for the judgment of doom.
I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.**

**I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.**

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

[Note that people sometimes pray a shorter version of this prayer just with these 15 lines about Christ above. The conclusion follows below.]

**I arise today, Through a mighty
strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.**

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

Recently Deceased

Cameron Fellowes, Ellen Davin, Vittorio Delgos, Joy Flint

Anniversaries

Sheila O'Connor, William Godfrey, John Connolly

Prayer for the Sick



Margaret Sullivan, Ellie Snibson, Jim Lacey, Di McNicholas, Brenda McMahon, Rita Buckner, John Blore, Greta Sprague, Louie Cenina, Joan Nolan, Carmen Lotzniker,

Molly Shannon, Hector Burra, Bonnie Alford, Nanette Woodbridge, Annette Portelli, 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 8.30 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:

Our meetings will recommence in April (1st Tuesday of each month at 10 -11:45am). Please mark your diaries.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,423.55

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,932.84
Loose Money: \$503.40

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday 7pm (SP)



Celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) Times for Easter

Tuesday 27th March

7:00-7:30 pm (SJV)

Wednesday 28th March

9:45-10:30am & 7:00-8:00pm (SP)

Wednesday 28th March

11:00-11:30am (SJV)

Saturday 31st March

10:00-11am (SP)

Parish Events



Working Bee.

Please join us for working bee for **Saturday 24th March**, commencing at 8am to spruce up, by pruning shrubs and weeding, the garden area

around the former Nuns residence in Mitchell Street, (destined to become the Parish Community Centre). Parishioners are welcome to assist, for more information about attending contact Richard 0438 045 464
A Sausage sizzle will be provided.

Church Cleaning for Easter

Tuesday 27th March after 9.15am

Mass there will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's to prepare the Church for Easter.

Any assistance Parishioners can offer in helping the Sacristans with this task would be much appreciated.



A list of duties will be left in the Sacristy and as each task is completed it should be marked off the list. I know it is a busy time for everyone but if you could spare even half an hour it would be appreciated.

Mass this Monday 19th March

Solemnity: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15am (SP) and 10.30am (SJV)

24 / 25 March 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - J O'Donoghue, C Beck (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm—K Ady (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - DSouza Family (SP)
9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)
11:00 am - J & R Jones (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - B Foley, H Foley (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)
11:00 am - A Iorianni, M Scalzo (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

N Perazzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 9:

J Goodwin, H Foley, T Terblanche,
G Intemann, G Scandurra

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 1:

J Lewis-Williams, L Smith,
L Terblanche
A Burn (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Jones Family, 19 Wakool Ave (SP)

Next Week:

Winter Family, 31 Plummer Rd (SP)

This Week:

Byrne Family, 32 Balmoral Dve (SJV)

Next Week:

Costanzo Family, 79 Scarlett St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 18 MAR
Cecily Heath

Next week beginning: 25 MAR
TBA

Parish and Diocesan News

Pope's Intentions: March 2018

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Vocation View

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow.

Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

Pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Parish Social Group

Lunch at the Longbeach Hotel, 390 Nepean Hwy Chelsea (120m from the railway station) on **Wednesday 21st March at 12 noon.**

RSVP no later than 10.00am on the Monday prior to the lunch by either - adding your name to the noticeboard at St Patrick's or - leaving a message with **David Carson** on 0419 001 968.

Travelling by train? Meet at Mentone Station to catch the **11.30am** Frankston-bound train (5 stops to Chelsea)
All parishioners and friends warmly invited.

menALIVE Parish BBQ

All men of the Mentone / Parkdale Parish are invited to attend a BBQ. **Saturday 14th April 18 at 7:30am to 9:30am** St Patrick's Community Centre (former Convent), Mitchell St, Mentone
Cost: \$10.00. Registrations: c/- Cuppa & Chat each Sunday.

Other Events

Walk with Mary

Sunday 18th March from 2pm
Meet at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, for Prayers at **2pm,** Mass **3pm** — Celebrated by Bishop Elliott. Immediately after Mass a procession down Collins Street for the half hour Ecumenical Service at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne. All are encouraged to attend the walk.

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Masses and Ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday 29th March

7.30pm – Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Evening Mass followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Good Friday 30th March

11.00am – Stations of the Cross (includes the veneration of the relic of the true Cross)

3.00pm – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (includes veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

8.00pm – Compline
The Night Prayer of the Church

Saturday 31st March

7.30pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism and First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday 1st April

9.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St John Vianney's Church

9.30am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

11.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

(please note there are no other Masses at St Patrick's and St John Vianney on Easter Sunday)

Legion of Mary

Annual Acies Celebration

11am Saturday 7th April 2018 at

St Joseph's Church

Chelsea. Consecration to Our Blessed Mother, Holy Rosary, Prayers and Devotions. All welcome.



Ditoso is a young girl from Mozambique who hopes to go to university and become a police officer. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditoso faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. Cared for by her grandmother and aunt, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses, they also lost their home and livelihoods in severe flooding.

Thanks to the support of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia and Caritas Regional Chokwe (CRC) helped Ditoso's family to build a new house and assisted with transport fees, school materials and fees, to help Ditoso to stay at school.

Ditoso attended the Matuba Children's Centre daily (set up by Caritas in 2007) which provides vulnerable children, like Ditoso, with lunch, study help, and computer and income-generating skills training.

In 2018, Ditoso has graduated from school and is ambitious for the future. *"Without the support of the people from Australia and Caritas I would not have been given this opportunity to continue my schooling."*

Ditoso dreams of going to university to continue studying and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditoso to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

The Liturgy for Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) : 18 March 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 Hymn: CWBII 291
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –
Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 295
Communion: CWBII 397
Recessional: CWBII 580

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

Entrance: CWBII 290
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin -
Ostrowski
Offertory: CWBII 291
Communion: CWBII 595
Recessional: CWBII 295

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

Entrance: CWBII 301
Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin -
Ostrowski
Offertory: 'O bone Jesu' — Palestrina
Communion Antiphon: *Pater, si non p̄stest*
Communion: CWBII 290
Recessional: CWBII 120

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

Entrance: CWBII 290
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians –
Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 295
Communion: CWBII 163
Recessional: CWBII 580

Readings Next Week:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

Isaiah: 50:4-7
Philippians: 2:6-11
Mark: 14:1-15:47

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 19th Solemnity: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15 am (SP) and 10:30am (SJV)

Tuesday, 20th

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of 5th Week of Lent

Wednesday, 21st

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of 5th Week of Lent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 22nd

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of 5th Week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 23rd

9:15 am (SP) Friday of 5th Week of Lent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, 24th

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of 5th Week of Lent

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)**