

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 2nd September 2018

Late for Mass — A Reflection

Having spent some years in a religious community, the structure of my life was largely governed by timetables and the ringing of bells to mark the division of time.

When I was first ordained 45 years ago, I kept a small note on my desk which read:

The only problem with being punctual is that there's no one there to appreciate it! (The quote was attributed to one Franklin P. Jones, whoever he might be!)

It's purpose was to ensure that I did not become too obsessed about time.

Nevertheless, my upbringing taught me that it was an important obligation, an act of courtesy and appropriate to be on time for appointments. Especially where others are concerned. (Perhaps Louis XVIII of France, hit the mark when he said: 'Punctuality is the politeness of kings').

Some famous people, like Oscar Wilde and Marilyn Monroe, for instance, made an art of late coming. They believed it to be an amusing expression of their character, and mocked those who were disturbed by it.

But it's not hard to consider the consequences of habitual lateness.

What parent encourages their child to be late for school? What employer appreciates the employee who is always late? Medical professionals are not noted for their tolerance towards the patient who is always late for a scheduled appointment. What cook/chef welcomes the diner who turns up late for a meal? What coach admires a key player who misses even some of a match?

It's disappointing, then, when almost every Sunday many people arrive late for weekend Masses. The Mass, as we Catholics well know, is the most important appointment we have every week, at which Christ, the Bread of Heaven, is the Host. (At one Mass I offered recently, perhaps one third of the congregation arrived late, and a similar number left early!)

I'm not referring, of course, to lateness which is caused by a genuine and/or urgent reason beyond our control. These situations happen from time to

time in the real world.

The presence of the faithful at Mass, let me say sincerely, is always much valued, and the sacrifices sometimes made, especially by young families, the elderly, and the disabled, are much appreciated.

Some people, however, without apparent reason, arrive well after Mass has begun - some during the homily, or even later. It's difficult not to notice when people are late. Not only does it disturb other worshippers but it can be quite distracting, let me assure you, for the celebrant/homilist.

Worse still, it means that the latecomer misses those parts of the Mass which are an important preparation for the reception of Holy Communion - the Penitential Act and absolution, and the reading of sacred Scripture in the Liturgy of the Word - the proclamation of the Gospel especially - and the homily.

Catholics believe that the Mass is the source and summit of our Christian life. It is something worth preparing for, and participating in with the best we have to offer of our time, our bodies, hearts and minds.

We send the wrong message to others, children particularly and to non-Catholic spouses and friends, if we are persistently late. More importantly, it impacts negatively on our own spiritual life. By participating fully in the Mass - not just some of it - we confirm our belief in the centrality of the Mass, bring glory to our God, and honour to Holy Church. We enrich our own lives and encourage faith and devotion, even conversion, in others.

To conclude:

'Early Christian martyrs thought it important enough to die to ensure their attendance at Mass, far be it from us to use the excuse that we are tired, clock-less, or unable to discipline children as a reason for non or partial attendance at the Eucharistic Sacrifice.' Most Reverend Kevin Manning, Bishop of Parramatta, 1997-2012.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC

A Father's Day Message

by Pope Francis
Every family needs a father.

The first need is this: that a father be present in a family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything - joy and sorrow, hope and hardship.

And that he be close to his children as they grow - when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step, and when they find their path again: a father who is always present.

To say "present" is not to say "controlling." Fathers who are too controlling stifle the spirit of their children; they don't let them develop.

The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called, "the good Father" (cf. Mk 10:18).

Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the Prodigal Son, or better yet, the Merciful Father (Luke 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return!

Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray, and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy.

A good father knows how to wait, and he knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself...

(All of this is, of course, not easy, so Fathers need God). Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage and give up.

Children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it. And not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

The Church, our Mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith through their goodness, justice, and protection.

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Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

George Clifton, Antonia and John Razga, Laura Costa, Joaquim Medeiros, Lionel Newman

Prayer for the Sick



John Hannan, Michael Dawson, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, John Blore, 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 8.30 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:

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, 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: \$1597.70

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2820.60
Loose Money: \$448.25

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

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Ordination to The Diaconate

Please pray for **Michael Kevin Buck**, from the Parish of Mentone/Parkdale, who is to be ordained to the Diaconate on *Thursday 27th September*, the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, at the Altar of the Chair, in the papal Basilica of St Peter, Rome.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on Friday 28th in the Chapel of St Peter Chanel, Domus Australia, at which Michael will preach his first homily. A large group of family and friends are travelling to Rome for the occasion.



Bishop Kelly Memorial Concert 2018

This Friday 7th September, 7pm

Austrian organist, Wolfgang Capek, from the Hofburg Imperial Palace, Vienna, performs at St Patrick's Mentone.

Meet the performer and tour the historic organ after the concert.

Young people welcome to sit in the organ loft.

Admission \$20.00 (students free). *Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music*



Priests Retirement Foundation

Special Collection at all Masses **this weekend** to show your appreciation for our retired and sick priests. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring (usually at age 75). They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, envelopes available throughout the church.

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

8/9 September 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - T Busuttill, M Webster (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)
9:00 am - G Sullivan (SJV)
11:00 am - J Grealish, S Tobin (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Marshall Family (SP)
9:00 am - Beck Family (SJV)
11:00 am - Volunteers required (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick D Kidner (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
SJV - J Green

Pilgrim Statures:

This Week:

Lavery Family, 51 Marriott St (SP)

Next Week:

Bevis Family, 54 Ebb St (SP)

This Week:

Jensen Family, 13 Temora St (SJV)

Next Week:

Alford Family, 2/3-4 Steven Court (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 2 Sep

tbc

Next week beginning: 9 Sep

tbc

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group

Cards Group

Held on the second Monday monthly, the next gathering will be on **Monday 10th September**, at 2pm, behind the Parish Office in the former Convent. At 4pm there will be tea/coffee and some light refreshments. Whether you are a card player, keen to learn or just want to spend an afternoon socialising with other parishioners, **ALL MOST WELCOME.**

Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends will be on **Thursday 20th September** at a venue to be advised in the next Parish Bulletin. **David Carson on 9580 7118.**

Other Events

WALK OF WITNESS

A Place to call home – Making a home for everyone in our land.

Led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI

Tuesday 18th September 2018

The Walk of Witness will commence in **Federation Square at 12.30pm** with the Parable of The Good Samaritan. At 1.00pm the Walk will proceed to St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a stop on the steps of the Victorian Parliament, arriving at the Cathedral at 2.00pm where Bishop Mark will officially launch the Statement for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This Walk of Witness is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless and for the many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealised dream. We invite you to participate as we proceed through the streets of one of the world's most liveable cities. Please RSVP numbers to inform Melbourne City Council justice@cam.org.au

We can find no social or moral justification....no justification whatsoever for lack of housing.

POPE FRANCIS

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Please pray for **Andrew Dongyoung Choi, Trac Huy Nguyen and Nathan John Edward Francis Rawlins** for their Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate, **Saturday 8th September**, 10.00am St Patrick's Cathedral, by Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli DD, Archbishop of Melbourne.

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.



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.

Theology@Pub

Monday 3 September, dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, talk commences at 7.30pm,

European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Theology @ The Pub is a monthly event for 18 - 35 year olds.

At this month's Theology@Pub Simon Carrington presents 'How to get the most out of Mass'.

This event is supported by Parousia Media.

Web: <https://www.theologyatthepub.com.au/>

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Catalyst for Renewal with The Grail

Pope Francis and the Devolution of responsibility to the Local Church. An evening with John

Allen Jr. **Thursday 6th September**, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh. Cost \$20 (\$10 unwaged).

Bookings essential @ [https://](https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ)

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ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

Short term 2 BR flat required locally for three adults. If you can assist please ring Parish Office 9583 2103.

EMBER DAYS

Prayer and Penance

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays in Autumn and Spring (March and September) each year as special days of prayer and penance.

Ember days seek God's blessing of favourable weather and a fruitful harvest from the land, interceding in times of drought or flood and giving thanks in better times.

Ember days rightly focus on the environment, climate change, and our stewardship of the world's resources. Doing penance reminds us that sustainable use of our resources will cost us in our attitudes and lifestyle.



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The Liturgy for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2nd September 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
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

Entrance: CWBII 447
Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 551
Communion: CWBII 462
Recessional: CWBII 583

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

Entrance: CWBII 543
Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 397
Communion: CWBII 555
Recessional: CWBII 399

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

Entrance: CWBII 551
Mass Setting: Plainsong
Creed 62
Offertory: Intende voci orationis
Communion: Ave verum corpus - Elgar
CWBII 462
Recessional: CWBII 497

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

Entrance: CWBII 543
Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Offertory: CWBII 397
Communion: CWBII 555
Recessional: CWBII 583

Readings Next Week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Isaiah: 35:4-7
James: 2:1-5
Mark: 7:31-37

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 3rd September NO MASS

Tuesday, 4th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, 5th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 6th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinate Mass**

Friday, 7th September

9:15 am (SP) SPRING EMBER DAY
Prayer and Penance
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 8th September

9:15 am (SP) Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (Ordinate 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 EACH FRIDAY

Benediction will resume September 14th, 2018