

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C) : 7th April 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Lent is a customary occasion to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. Lent is when we are more conscious of the forgiving love of God that we will celebrate liturgically in the Paschal Triduum after our Lenten renewal. Indeed the Church seeks the conversion of anyone conscious of grave sin by making a confession during Lent and Eastertide.

On Tuesday this week, about one hundred priests gathered with the archbishop for a retreat, concluding with the opportunity of confessing our sins. The day began with a reflection and sharing of personal anguish over the havoc brought to individuals and to the Church community by the sins of priests.

The liturgy of Penance included the invocations below in bold. The quotations that follow each invocation of Christ's mercy are found in the Introduction to the Rite of Penance. This introduction is a goldmine of the Church's understanding of God's mercy.

Reflecting upon these quotations, the reader may find herself encouraged to prepare to make her confession this Eastertide.

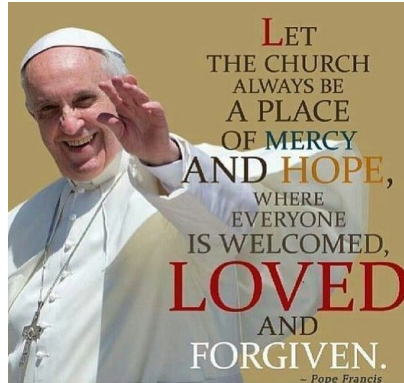
Lord Jesus, you call your people to turn away from sin. Lord have mercy.

"The Son of God made man lived among men in order to free them from the slavery of sin and to call them out of darkness into his wonderful light. He therefore began his work on earth by preaching repentance and saying: 'Turn away from sin and believe the good news' (Mark 1 :15)."

"In the sacrament of penance the faithful 'obtain from the mercy of God pardon for their sins against him; at the same time they are reconciled with the Church which they wounded by their sins and which works for their conversion by charity, example, and prayer'."

You teach us wisdom and write your truth in our innermost hearts. Christ have mercy.

"The people of God accomplishes and perfects this continual repentance in many different ways. It shares in the sufferings of Christ by enduring its own difficulties, carries out works of mercy and



charity, and adopts ever more fully the outlook of the Gospel message. All this the Church expresses in its life and celebrates in the liturgy when the faithful confess that they are sinners and ask pardon of God and of their brothers and sisters"

'By the hidden and loving mystery of God's design men are joined together in the bonds of supernatural solidarity, so much so that the sin of one harms the others just as the holiness of one benefits the others'. Penance always entails reconciliation with our brothers and sisters who are always harmed by our sins."

You forgive sins through the ministry of reconciliation. Lord have mercy.

"Jesus, however, not only exhorted men to repentance so that they should abandon their sins and turn wholeheartedly to the Lord, but he also welcomed sinners and reconciled them with the Father. Moreover, by healing the sick he signified his power to forgive sin. Finally, he himself died for our sins and rose again for our justification."

"The follower of Christ who has sinned but who has been moved by the Holy Spirit to come to the sacrament of penance should above all be converted to God with his whole heart. This inner conversion of heart embraces sorrow for sin and the intent to lead a new life. It is expressed through confession made to the Church, due satisfaction, and amendment of life. God grants pardon for sin through the Church, which works by the ministry of priests."

The Rite of Penance describes the essential aspects of a good confession as follows:

"**Contrition** is 'heartfelt sorrow and aversion for the sin committed along with the intention of sinning no more ... a profound change of the whole person by which one begins to consider, judge, and arrange his life according to the holiness

and love of God, made manifest in his Son."

"**Confession** of sins ... comes from true knowledge of self before God and from contrition for those sins. However, this inner examination of heart and the exterior accusation should be made in the light of God's mercy."

"**Act of Penance (Satisfaction)** True conversion is completed by acts of penance or satisfaction for the sins committed, by amendment of conduct, and also by the reparation of injury. Therefore, it is necessary that the act of penance really be a remedy for sin and a help to renewal of life. Thus the penitent, 'forgetting the things which are behind him' (Philippians 3: 13), again becomes part of the mystery of salvation and turns himself toward the future."

"**Absolution** Through the sign of absolution God grants pardon to the sinner who in sacramental confession manifests his change of heart to the Church's minister, and thus the sacrament of penance is completed."

"In God's design the humanity and loving kindness of our Saviour have visibly appeared to us, and God uses visible signs to give salvation and to renew the broken covenant."

"In the sacrament of penance the Father receives the repentant son who comes back to him, Christ places the lost sheep on his shoulders and brings it back to the sheepfold, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies this temple of God again or lives more fully within it."

"This is finally expressed in a renewed and more fervent sharing of the Lord's table, and there is great joy at the banquet of God's Church over the son who has returned from afar."

Confession, far from being a reckoning that may induce shame or fear, is the personal encounter with a loving God of mercy. This is the meaning that we find in the quotations above from the Rite of Penance.

In words used by Pope Francis, "christian moral effort is simply a response, a response to the surprising, unforeseeable, 'unjust' mercy of God. Christian morality is not a 'never falling down', but an 'always getting up again'."

Stations of the Cross

During Lent:

Stations of the Cross
will be at **7pm each Friday**

HOLY WEEK: Mass times See page 3



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

Recently Deceased

John Green

Anniversaries

Patricia Luscombe, John Martin, Magda Valkanyi, Anna Buurman, Dorothy Morrison

Prayer for the Sick



Bill Nixon, Claire Marion Pekin (nee Coman), Lindsay Brown, Jayden Beyrooti, Darren Lacey, Ann Curtain, Greg McLeod, John Hannan, Maureen Oswald, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, Carmen Lotzniker,

Hector Burra, Patricia M, Patricia Power, Nanette Woodbridge, Sebastian Wolfenden, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles, John Wong and those on our 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 8:30am 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 Wednesday 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:

Anyone interested in joining a prayer group would be welcome: **Each Thursday 11:30 - 12:30.** Please contact Sr Damian via email srdamianspc@gmail.com or leave a message on her mobile 0410 002 270.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,251.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,106.40
Loose Money: \$360.20

Pope's Intentions:

April 2019

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Vocation View

God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Lenten Reflections

Join those reflecting on the gospel readings for each Sunday of Lent. Come to the Presbytery on Thursdays in Lent, either at 10 am after Mass or at 7pm in the Presbytery.



The overall theme is COMPASSION, drawing upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son, subdivided into weekly discussions on Trusting, Transforming, Risking, Reconciling, Encountering, Redeeming. **Week five of Lent is Encountering.** There are prayer cards in both Church foyers, please take one home. This week ...Stop, breathe, think, respond ... am I quick to condemn others? ... condemn myself? ... go into this week consciously seeking out what you can learn from others.

New Set of Envelopes

Please collect your next series of envelopes from the Church foyer this weekend.

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY 16th MAY** at a venue to be advised, after Easter, in the Parish Bulletin. **David Carson 0419 001 968**

Cuppa & Chat - Mentone

All parishioners are invited for a cup of tea or coffee following the 9:30am OLSC and 11:00am Masses each Sunday.



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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - A Burn, J O'Donoghue (SJV)

11:00 am - S Moran (SP)

5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon, A Ady (SP)

9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)

11:00 am - V Mathers, A Iorianni (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - DSouza Family (SP)

9:00 am - Beck Family (SJV)

11:00 am - N Chung (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

D Kidner (SJV)

Counters: Team 4

J & P Brennan, G Flood

J Collins, M Webster

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 2

N Goodwin, J Dillon

F & J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Price Family, 3/9 Childers St (SP)

Next Week:

Burford Family, 14 Stawell St (SP)

This Week:

Stewart Family, 15 Rivette St (SJV)

Next Week:

Jensen Family, 13 Temora St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish and Diocesan News



Salma lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital.

She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013.

In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program. Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care.

The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent. Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies.

Now 24, Salma smiles as she watches her one-year-old boy and six-year-old daughter play together. She is pleased that they are growing up strong and can focus on their hopes for the future.

"If the Safe Motherhood Program had not trained midwives like Pronoti, many of us would have to go to the private clinics 11 kilometres away," Salma says. "Some of us women and our babies might die because of that."

"We are poor and so it is easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time."

*"The human heart is always
drawn by love."
— St. Catherine of Siena*

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Did You Know?

At the present time, we have fifty students in our seminary at Carlton, Corpus Christi College. There are currently thirty-five students for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne - thirty in Corpus Christi College, and five studying in Rome. Please keep these men in your prayers, and pray that many more will join them to minister in our Archdiocese. Your prayer today might make the difference to a younger person.

Pledge to Pray

Recently the Vocations Office in Melbourne partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery', popular in some parts of the USA.

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au

This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

Other Events

Annual Mission Concert

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on **Sunday 31st March 2pm** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 116 Cotham Rd., Kew Admission is free - a collection will be taken up during the Concert.

Lenten Podcast: Week 4: The woman caught in adultery

<https://soundcloud.com/user-842576877/lenet-week-5-the-woman-caught-in-adultery/s-lyCwy>

In this fifth instalment of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast series, Cathy Jenkins reflects on the gospel for fifth Sunday of Lent in Year C (John 8:1-11). She says, "He (Jesus) is in the midst of the conversation when the Scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman to him. We learn that this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. How afraid and humiliated this woman must have felt. We've all had experiences of being humiliated. ... we read that Jesus bends down to write in the ground. The drama of the text now moves to Jesus. Henri Nouwen writes, "There are many examples of Jesus not giving a direct answer to questions put to him by his disciples and others. He does this not because he has no patience with them, but because their questions are the wrong questions." ... This is where Jesus demonstrates a wonderful insight into the human condition. Jesus knows that we all sin at some point in our lives. Jesus knows that we all long for forgiveness and Jesus knows from his own experience the pain of shame, embarrassment, humiliation and he knows the importance of restoring human dignity and worth."



Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

St John Vianney's

Tuesday 16th April 7pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 17th April 11am-11.30am

St Patrick's

Wednesday 17th April 9.45-10.30am
and 7pm-8pm

Saturday 20th April 10am-11am

Masses and Ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday 18th April

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

Good Friday 19th April

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

Holy Saturday 20th April

7.00pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word,

Liturgy of Baptism and First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday 21st 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)

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Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C: 7th April 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
(sung) **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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 301
Offertory: CWBII 291
Communion: CWBII 290
Recessional: CWBII 580

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 291
Offertory: CWBII 638
Communion: CWBII 578
Recessional: CWBII 295

11:00am Choral Mass (Sunday) - St Patrick's

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 301
Offertory: CWBII 290
Communion: CWBII 578
Recessional: CWBII 120

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 290
Offertory: CWBII 638
Communion: CWBII 570
Recessional: CWBII 580

Readings Next Week:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Year C

Isaiah: 50:4-7
Philippians: 2:6-11
Luke: 22:14-23:56

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 8th April NO MASS

Tuesday, 9th April

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

Wednesday, 10th April

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

Thursday, 11th April

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 5th week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 12th April

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

Saturday, 13th April

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

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (SP) (**Ordinarie Mass**)
Sunday: 11:00 am (SP) (Choral Mass)
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
THIS FRIDAY: BENEDICTION 4:30 PM (SP)**