

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 18th November 2018

### FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

I was appointed parish priest in Kinglake, Hurstbridge and Diamond Creek less than three years after the region had been devastated by the great 2009 bushfire. I immediately trained to join the Emergencies Ministries of the Victorian Council of Churches so that I would have access to the area in the event of further disasters. In this capacity, I went to Bourke Street this week to join four other chaplains through Wednesday's afternoon shift. I took care to ask the congregation at Mass that morning for the support of their prayers.

The first person who spoke with me was the brother of the gentleman from Tasmania who was injured. The last person was a waiter who had worked for Sisto Malaspina for 45 years in Pellegrini's Café. He had come to reflect to the place opposite the Target Centre where Sisto had died.

One man was angry with migrants from Middle Eastern countries in general, believing that all these persons should be deported. Anger had been experienced by the chaplains who had attended over the weekend and the return to work on Monday.

Many people spent long periods reading messages written up at the site, some alone, others chatting with a friend or coming up to ask to share their thoughts or feelings. Seeing the words 'chaplain' or 'personal support' on the vests we wore, many acknowledged our presence or took a moment to thank us just for being there. One of these was the Emergency Commissioner for Victoria, Andrew Crisp.

Catholics with our sacramental practice of our faith are not surprised that people respond to a signal that God is not absent to the shock and sorrow and continuing feeling of insecurity they have experienced.

Here is a translation of the introduction to a book by Alberto Maggi, "In those days", which addresses such times in our life.

"Jesus reproaches the obtuseness of his disciples with the words, "You have eyes but do not see, you have ears but do not hear." (Mk 8:18) Their gaze

is restricted, caught up in their own petty interest ("They were discussing among themselves because they did not have any bread [for the crowd]" (Mk 8:16). They couldn't see that Jesus was leading them to distant horizons where new possibilities awaited them.

They had forgotten the message of the psalms and the prophets. "Pay attention to this you foolish and senseless people who have eyes and do not see" (Ez 5:21; cf. Ps 115:5). Clearly, the deficiency is in their failure to read and interpret the situation in which they found themselves.

Those who have eyes that do not see recall the Israelites in their journey through the desert. These did not really want to leave the land of their enslavement in Egypt because it provided them with plentiful food, whereas the desert journey gave just a scant diet. Like them, our blindness makes of us victims and accomplices of a powerful system that distorts the ability to understand that the 'garlic and onions' of Egypt (Numbers 11:5) are not to be preferred to the promised 'milk and honey' of a land they have not yet seen (Ex 3:8). They revolt against Moses, their liberator! (Numbers 16:13)

Let's look at the realities of life with the eyes of the gospel. Let's be guided by the good news pronounced by Jesus, who is "the light of the world" (Jn 8:12; 9:5) He assures all who follow him that they do not walk in the darkness. Once one truly accepts his good news, we look at life with new eyes. As a consequence, we are able to confront the ups and downs of our life with greater determination, security and serenity.

The events and facts have not changed, but one enjoys the capability to look on them and live through them at a greater depth, not being overwhelmed by what is occurring. As a result, when evil seems to be everywhere, we are not inhabited by feelings of anger and hatred. Instead, unsuspected energies for good well up in us that transform our rage into compassion. "Do not let yourselves be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rm 12:21)

Our faith and our lived journey in faith are based on Jesus' reassurance: "Have courage: I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33) Jesus said this only hours before his arrest, passion and death. How can he say that he has overcome the world as he faces what appears to be utter defeat? "He saved others, let him save himself." (Mt 27:42)

Jesus isn't giving an unproven guarantee for the future. He is speaking of the present. Christ assures everyone who positions themselves on the side of life, of the truth and the light that they will always be victorious over death, over lies, and over the darkness (Jn 1:5). This utter certainty that Jesus gives us a help to interpret and to discern the events that fill our days. We learn to trust in a Father who does not give a stone, but bread, to his children (Mt 7:9). Every life is precious in God's eyes and each person is a fruit of the Creator's design to choose us in love even before the creation of the world (Ep 1:4). Through us, his creatures, God wishes to make himself known in unheard of acts of creative love, tenderness and compassion.

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### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 part 4, Who, when, how, where

As well as the existing groups\*, two meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November or Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 1015 am. If you want to take part in the experience come to the Community Centre (Old convent) behind the Parish Office on either of these mornings.

The suggested structure of the meeting is:

- have a person to lead and another to record
- pause for prayer
- contribute your reflection on the question, 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'
- choose one topic that stands out for deeper discussion and understanding
- repeat for as many topics as possible
- short prayer concludes meeting
- leader indicates how to send your response.

The Parish Advisory Group intends to call a 'Town Hall Meeting' in February for further reporting to the Plenary Council.

\* groups: Choir, altar servers, rosary and adoration roster, SVdP, Knights of Southern Cross, Legion of Mary, PFAs, PEB, Parish Advisory Group, Cards/Seniors, Mothers Group, Play Group, youth Mass. Groups have been contacted by a Parish Advisory Group member to assist them in their meeting.

**MORE at**

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

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## Recently Deceased

Rosemary Joyce, George Joyce, Edna Harley, Julie Williams

## Anniversaries

Robert Clifton, Joseph Clifton, Sheila Curry, Bill Tregonning, Arthur Griffiths, Henry & Queenie Griffiths, Marcella Lucas, Lawrence Cornelius, Marie Marsh, Christos Tsididis, Eucaristica & Anthony Borg

## Prayer for the Sick

Darren Lacey, Greg McLeod, John Hannan, Michael Dawson, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, Greta Sprague, Joan Nolan, Carmen Lotzniker, Molly Shannon, Hector Burra, Patricia M, Patricia Power, Nanette Woodbridge, Patrick Kelly, Sebastian Wolfenden, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles 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 8:30am 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:

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 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:

#### Mother's Prayer Group:

Our meetings are held in the old convent on the 1st Tuesday of each month 10:00 - 11:45am.

**NOTE:** No meetings in January & February 2019.

#### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,384.35

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2307.44  
Loose Money: \$501.45

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God does not dwell on appearances but knows a person's heart (1 Sm 16:7; Ps 147:10-11). Once we read our history with God's eyes, we are helped to be co-workers with God whose creative action brings good out of evil. We live with the certainty that the Father turns everything to our good (Rm 8:28) and that even the most difficult of situations can be transformed into opportunities of growth.

This is why the gospels are always looking with an eye to the future, to what will become the present by God's gracious design. This prospect however is hidden from the eyes of those who look to the past. "Do not recall the things that are past ... Behold, I make a new thing: it is germinating, can you not see it?" (Is 43:18-19; Apoc 21:5)

The good news that Jesus brings, once it is accepted and becomes our compass, helps the believer to notice the "narrow gate" of the gospel, the one that leads to fullness of life (Mt7:13-14). Jesus does not mean that it is difficult to pass through this gate. He means that those who notice it are few, seduced as they are by the wide gate, much more obvious to the eye. It is the pathway to perdition because, being easy to enter, it retards our maturation and development as a person who accepts responsibility for oneself.

Once we welcome this message of Jesus into our life, we find ourselves in constant harmony with the wave of love that emanates from our heavenly Father. His love maintains the universe in being. It helps human beings to be correctly directed in life, freeing us from the many deceits that the powerful systems in the world propose. They appear in the guise of freedom to choose but they are really traps to bring us into submission.

Once Jesus's words are sown deep in our hearts, our lives are transformed. The believer develops sensitive antennae that alert us to the smell of false teachers (2 Pt 2:1), of rapacious wolves disguised as lambs (Mt 7:15). We immediately detect the deceit of their smooth words (Ps 55:22) which lead to destruction and to death.

As a prophet of God, each believer is appointed a lookout to warn of danger ("Son of man, I have placed you as a sentinel for the house of Israel [Ez 3:17; 33:7]).

We Catholics have been brought up to believe that "God is in heaven, on the earth, and in every place", but have we had sufficient help to discover this divine presence in our life? We deserve to experience, as well as believe, that God is our Father.

The welcome that we give to the good news that Jesus preached leads to this experience. We discover that we are enfolded in the presence of the divine, which accompanies, follows and even precedes our life journey. "I am with you all days" (Mt 28:20) was Jesus's parting gift to believers. With Jacob, one exclaims, "The Lord was in this place and I didn't know it!" (Gn 28:16).

## 24/25 NOVEMBER 2018

### Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon (SP)  
9:00 am - J Alford, C Burn(SJV)  
11:00 am - A Earle (SP)  
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, T Maloney (SP)  
9:00 am - A Berghella (SJV)  
11:00 am - C DSouza, S Tobin (SP)  
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

#### Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Volunteers Rquired (SP)  
9:00 am - Torpey Family (SJV)  
11:00 am - Communion Families (SP)

#### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

#### Flowers:

J Lewis-Williams (SJV)

#### Counters: Team 8:

L Pickett, M Forsyth, J Alford,  
G & R Tregonning

#### Sacristans:

##### St Patrick's - Group 6:

H Foley, G Tregonning  
SJV - G & K Sullivan

#### Pilgrim Statues:

##### This Week:

Cornelius Family, 61 Eighth St (SP) **Next**

##### Week:

Blair Family, 51 Eighth St (SP)

##### This Week:

Williams Family, 5 Vialls Ave (SJV)

##### Next Week:

Atherton Family, 19 Waratah Ave (SJV)

#### Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

#### Travelling Chalice



**This week beginning: 18 Nov**

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**Next week beginning: 25 Nov**

tba

# Parish and Diocesan News

## Parish Events

### November Masses for the Holy Souls

Through November we respectfully remember the family and friends we still cherish. 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.

### New St Patrick's Parish Rosters

Rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers for the next six months and for the Christmas New Year period will be prepared at the start of December, would all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers now please advise their respective co-ordinators, by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, their roster requirements/availability.

Information about becoming a Reader, Extraordinary Minister or just becoming more involved in the Parish can be obtained during office hours, by visiting the Parish Office in Mitchell Street, or simply by phoning the Parish office on 9583 2103.

### Cards Group

Join the small group who now have their card gathering in the Convent behind the Parish Office. The next card day will be **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. At 4pm we stop playing to enjoy some light refreshments and tea/coffee. Contact: Tony 9558 3646 or the Parish Office, 9583 2103. All welcome.



### Piety Stalls

#### The 2019 Columban Calendars

are now available for purchase at the St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Our Piety Stalls are open following 9:00am Mass (Parkdale) and from 10:30am (Mentone).



2019 Columban Art Calendar

**Piety Stall** will be open on Wednesday 21st November from 3pm to 4pm for those wishing to buy First Holy Communion gifts.

### Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **Mordialloc Sporting Club**, 528 Main St (next door to St Brigid's Presbytery) on **Thursday, 29 November from 12:00 noon**. (Seniors menu: Two Course \$14.00 Three Course \$17.00) **RSVP** by either – leaving a message with **David Carson** on **0419 001 968** no later than the **Monday evening** prior to the

### Vocation View

'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

**Please pray for Vocations**

lunch; or adding your name to **the list** on the **noticeboard** inside the front doors of **St Patrick's Church**.

Travelling by train? Meet on **Platform 2** at Mentone Station to catch the **11:40am** train to Mordialloc.

## Other Events

### The Feast of Christ the King 2018

**Holy Mass followed by Candlelit Eucharistic and Street procession Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November** St Patrick's Cathedral 7.30 pm Most Reverend Bishop Peter Costello. This year a wonderful solemn Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards, **and a grand street procession is being planned** so that we can go some way towards honouring Christ the King. The Mass will begin at 7.30pm. At the conclusion of the Mass there will be the beautiful candlelit Eucharistic Procession that will go out onto the streets surrounding the Cathedral.

### St Vincent De Paul Society - Mentone Regional Council Celebrating 75 years of service with Black Rock/Beaumaris Conference.

A chance to say thank you for your generous support for those many years to our community. A special **Festival Mass** to be held on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm** at **Stella Maris Church**, 2 Charlotte Rd Beaumaris. Theme of celebration - *Where is the Next Generation of Vinnies coming from?* Mass will incorporate a guest speaker and a short ceremony to commission new members and long service award to participants of the Society from our Conference and those in the Southern Regional Conferences. Parishioners and children are cordially invited to attend the Festival Mass, get together and partake of the celebrations. Supper provided after Mass. It is our turn to say thank you and we look forward to seeing you there. **RSVP 9895 5873** or [support.services@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:support.services@svdp-vic.org.au)

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### Entrance Hymn 6pm & 11am Mass

To Christ, the Prince of peace

To Christ, the Prince of peace  
and Son of God most high,  
the Father of the world to come,  
we lift our joyful cry.

Deep in his heart for us  
the wound of love he bore:  
that burning love he kindles still  
in hearts that him adore.

O Jesus, victim priest,  
what else but love so fine  
could move you so to welcome us  
into your heart divine?

This fount of endless life,  
a spring of water clear,  
with flame celestial, cleansing all  
who to your heart draw near.

Keep us in your dear heart,  
for there we all would be,  
to live in grace, and after death  
gain immortality.

Praise to the Father be,  
and sole-begotten Son;  
praise, ever holy Paraclete,  
while endless ages run.

*Tr Edward Caswall 1814-78*

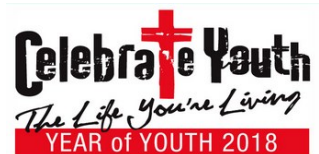
### Mercy in the City

**Saturday 24 November, 7pm**  
**Sts Peter and Paul's,**

**377 Dorcas Street,  
South Melbourne**

To end the  
Year of

Youth, all are welcome to join young people from all over Melbourne for the fourth 'Mercy in the City'. The event will include Adoration followed by a celebration with live music, food and festivities.



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.

# The Liturgy for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 18th November 2018

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: Keep my safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Be watchful, pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Gloria - Ostrowski  
Entrance: *To Christ, the Prince of Peace* (see Bulletin)  
Offertory: CWBII 181  
Communion: CWBII 469  
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Gloria - Ostrowski  
Entrance: CWBII 625  
Offertory: CWBII 181  
Communion: CWBII 469  
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Entrance: *To Christ, the Prince of Peace*  
(words in Bulletin)  
Offertory: *Lord, thou hast told us* - A. Bax  
Communion: *God so loved the world* - J. Goss  
CWBII 469  
Recessional: CWBII 519

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Entrance: CWBII 625  
Offertory: CWBII 181  
Communion: CWBII 163  
Recessional: CWBII 399

### Readings Next Week:

#### Solemnity: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universe King

Daniel: 7:13-14  
Apocalypse: 1:5-8  
John: 18:33-37

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

#### WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

**Monday, 19th November NO MASS**

**Tuesday, 20th November**

9:15 am (SP) 33rd week in Ordinary Time  
11:00 am (SP) **Funeral:** Rosemary Joyce

**Wednesday, 21st November**

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: The Presentation of  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

**Thursday, 22nd November**

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Cecilia, virgin, martyr  
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

**Friday, 23rd November**

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Clement I,  
pope, martyr  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

**Saturday, 24th November**

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac,  
priest, and companions, martyrs

#### 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)