

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



1st Sunday in Lent (Year C) : 10th March 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

After preaching at Ash Wednesday evening Mass that Lent is a long period in which we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of new life at Easter, I came across two authors who explain the spirit with great spiritual insight. Enjoy the readings.

Lent begins with a reminder of our mortality. The Ash Wednesday custom is to use ashes to mark the forehead with the sign of the Cross. As the ashes are daubed, the priest says: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.' That sombre note stays with us for the season of Lent, as we strip away illusions of power and control and face the reality that we are mortal, dependent and ephemeral. The season is one for serious reflection on ourselves, our lives, our priorities. But it is not the purpose of Lent to plunge us all into gloom and depression, but rather to allow a new light into our self-reflection during its 40 days. The light we use to illuminate these reflections is the light of Jesus Christ. In Lent, we are preparing ourselves for the holiest season of the Christian year - Holy Week and Easter, when we see the heart of God laid bare. What we actually see, of course, is a human being mocked, beaten, abandoned by friends and followers, tortured to death on a cross. There is almost nothing about the way we live our everyday lives, the choices we make, that enables us to see this as the action of God's power, working inexorably to set us free.

Easter day is perhaps a bit better: this is more how we might like God to behave. But even here we encounter disturbing truths, as the risen Jesus shows the marks of the nails in his hands and his feet, and refuses to confront those who were responsible for his death. Instead, he comes back from death to meet again with those few men and women who had been his faithless friends in life. So very few people meet the transcendent Lord, whom death itself cannot overcome. Then these very few are sent out to tell the whole

world what God is like, and why God must be met, not in the trappings that human beings expect of him, but in the humility that he has chosen, in Jesus Christ.

The Christian witness insists that there is no way round this self-revelation of God. We cannot get to the majesty and saving power of God except in the way that God chooses to reveal it - in Jesus. There is, apparently, something compatible here, between the power of God and the humility of the human life and death of Jesus Christ. We do not instinctively understand this; it is so counter-intuitive, so alien to our definitions of achievement.

This, then, is the Lenten journey. During these weeks, we will try to slow ourselves down enough to pay attention to the ways of God.

Jane Williams,
The Merciful Humility of God
Jane Williams, Lecturer in Systematic Theology
at St Mellitus College

Reflection

Genuinely Alive

Life is the pole star on our journey from ashes to Easter.

But the life that we are to choose is not physical vitality. We are not genuinely alive, in the biblical sense, by raising our standard of living and lowering our cholesterol. To choose life, rather, is to love God, to obey God, and to be faithful to God. For Lent, then, practice piety, obedience, and fidelity.

Piety is not the pretentious display of religious fervour. Piety is the central energy of prayer: paying attention to God. For Lent, take time to pray. When we pray, we express our love for God and open ourselves to the movements of God.

Obedience to God requires discernment. Listening is key. Attention must be paid. Listen to what is stirring around you and moving within you. The murmurings of the

heart may be messages from God. For Lent, ask, "What is of God in this?"

Fidelity anchors us in God. It helps us know from whom we have received all things. With the psalmist, fidelity inspires us to ask, "How can I repay the Lord for all that he has done for me?" For Lent, give as gift what you have received as gift.

Throughout this Lenten journey, we are the authority of our own Calvary. Some of our crosses keep us from being alive. By crucifying our self-centered interests, by taking time to listen to our heart's murmurs in prayer, and by using our gifts well, we can rise at Easter to the life that is communion with God.

Fr. Richard Gula

Richard M. Gula, PSS, taught in seminaries and ministry formation programs for many years. He is presently director of personnel for the U.S. Province of the Sulpicians.

LENT

This week commences Lent, our
40-day journey to the
Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter.

Lent Traditional Discipline

Lent recalls baptism and stresses a penitential spirit. By these means especially, Lent readies us for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. Lenten penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social, such as support of Project Compassion

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

All aged 19-59 are bound to fast. All aged 15 and over are bound to abstain. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament

Stations of the Cross

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



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

Recently Deceased

Fr Dennis Edwards, Noel Mathers, Mary O'Brien, Henryk Kuchminski

Anniversaries

Fr Martin Leach, Marjorie Forster, William Harris, Marta Egyed

Prayer for the Sick



John Green, 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 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:

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:

Anyone interested in joining a prayer group would be welcome: **Thursday 11:30 - 12:30 from 7th March.** Please contact Sr Damian via email srdamianspc@gmail.com or leave a message on her mobile 0410 002 270.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,148.20

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,944.57
Loose Money \$373.55

Pope's Intentions: March 2019

Evangalization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Parish Events

Lenten Reflections

We have a resource from Brisbane Archdiocese to assist any parishioner who wishes to spend some time in reflecting with others 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 7 pm in the evening, or form a group of friends to meet in your home,

The overall theme is COMPASSION, drawing upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son, "His father saw him and was filled with compassion" (Lk 15:20, 3rd Sunday in Lent), subdivided into weekly discussions on Trusting, Transforming, Risking, Reconciling, Encountering, Redeeming.

Week One of Lent is TRUSTING.

There are prayer cards in both Church foyers, please take one home.

Lent is a transition time, a time to look honestly at our journey of faith as we walk with Jesus to the cross. During this week, take some time to reflect upon the things that fill your heart.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

Kilbreda Open Evening

Thursday 14th March, from 4-8pm. Principal's Address @ 4pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm. College Tours every 30 minutes from 4.30pm-7.30pm. 9581 7766. www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - T Howe (SP)

9:00 am - A Burn, P Edkins (SJV)

11:00 am - M Leach (SP)

5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - B Foley, H Foley (SP)

9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)

11:00 am - A Earle, J Grealish (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Brennan Family (SP)

9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)

11:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

D Kidner (SJV)

Counters: Team 12

S Lavery, F Grijalvo, J Marshall

C Giosis, P Osboldstone

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 4

C Price, S Rodrigo

G & K Sullivan (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Noonan Family, 24 Swanston St (SP)

Next Week:

Phelan Family, 19 Warrigal Rd (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

Parish and Diocesan News

Vocation View

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life.

Please pray for Vocations

And we are offered beautiful and ancient tools to help us enter into this time: tools of being prayerful, of living more simply and living more generously.

For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

Details: www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group

Cards Group

The next cards day was for this Monday

11th March, 2pm but as it is a **Public Holiday** it will be re-scheduled .

Contact Tony 9558 3646 for the new date
All parishioners and friends most welcome to attend.

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, 28 March** from **12:00 noon**.

RSVP by either –

- leaving a message with **David Carson** on **0419 001 968** no later than the **Tuesday evening** prior to the 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

Lent Podcast series: the Lenten Pilgrim Week 1 – Jesus in the Wilderness

<https://soundcloud.com/user-842576877/len-week-1-jesus-in-the-wilderness>

Over the next five weeks of Lent, listeners will be offered a brief reflection on the Sunday gospel, exploring its context and themes, and how it might encourage us in our Lenten journey. In this first episode, Cathy Jenkins offers a reflection on Jesus' experience in the wilderness, one of the few times where he is without human accompaniment. Lent offers an invitation to actively re-orientate ourselves to God, because for Christians, God -and the one who was so loved, Jesus - is the heart and the soul of life.

Hamer Singers: Artistic Director Jonathan Grieves-Smith

Sunday 31 March, 3.30pm

St Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond

Renowned Scottish composer Sir James MacMillan has written the extraordinary Strathclyde Motets, which refract the language of the great Renaissance composers through a contemporary prism.

These are the superb successors to the other works on this program, Robert Ramsey's three exquisite motets composed early in the 17th century while he was organist at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAJTB>

Details: <https://www.hamersingers.com.au/>

Footprints of Jesus: 14-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

Sunday 2 to Sunday 16 June

Chaplain: Rev. Fr Richard Rosse. Trace the journey of Jesus from the land where he was born through to where he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice.

See places mentioned in the Old and New Testaments and bring your faith alive as you walk through the lands reflecting on the Bible and unfolding the rich history of our faith.

Indicative Cost: \$5,690. Single room supplement \$1,150

Enquiries: St Catherine of Siena Parish Office on 8361 9822 or carolinesprings@cam.org.au.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

WEEK 1: ZIMBABWE
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 10 MARCH 2019



Life in her village in northwestern Zimbabwe wasn't easy for 12 year old Thandolwayo.

Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students.

Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted.

Thandolwayo's grandparents sell pearl millet bran to fishermen and farmers for animal feed. They also sell chickens - but the income it brings isn't enough to support the family.

It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%

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.

1st Sunday in Lent, Year C: 10th March 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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 295

Offertory: CWBII 291

Communion: CWBII 595

Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Entrance: CWBII 295

Offertory: CWBII 595

Communion: CWBII 470

Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Entrance: CWBII 295

Gospel Acc: CWBII 54

Offertory: *Call to remembrance* - Richard Farrant

Communion: *Intellege clamorem*
CWBII 290

Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly

Entrance: CWBII 295

Offertory: CWBII 595

Communion: CWBII 470

Recessional: CWBII 290

Readings Next Week:

2nd Sunday in Lent, Year C:

Genesis : 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians : 3:17 - 4:1

Luke : 9:28-36

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 11th March NO MASS

Tuesday, 12th March

9:15 am (SP)

Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

11:00 am (SP)

Liturgy of the Word: Noel Mathers

Wednesday, 13th March

9:15 am (SP)

Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

10:30 am (SJV)

Mass

Thursday, 14th March

9:15 am (SP)

Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

10:30 am (SP)

Ordinarie Mass

Friday, 15th March

9:15 am (SP)

Friday of the 1st week of Lent

5:15 pm (SJV)

Mass

7:00 pm (SP)

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 16th March

9:15 am (SP)

Saturday of the 1st 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)**