THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 10th November 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Modern society is marked by many people who would answer the question about death 'Where do you believe you are you going?' with "nowhere at all". Those people repeat the skepticism of the Sadducees in their dispute with Jesus over the resurrection of the dead. They held to a resounding 'nowhere, just a place of shadows'. Jesus proclaims however that 'God is the god of both the dead and the living.'

We should not think of the Sadducees as terrible heretics, because the firm belief in resurrection of the dead was found in only a couple of places throughout the history of Israel, including the reading that we've heard today from the book of Maccabees. Jesus's teaching, however, is what we depend on for our hope. The testimony of the witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, especially St Paul, is the other reason for our belief.

There were indignant reactions when Pope Francis called on Catholics in 2013 to remember our respect for the dead. He stressed that it has not been a Christian practice to scatter the ashes of our faithful departed. Everyone, from 'distressed mother – Maldon' (as best I can recall the signature on one letter to the HERALD-SUN) to Tom Elliott, disagreed.

There are two fundamental reasons why the Pope reminds us of the Christian custom. The first is our faith in the goodness of our body, and its essential, deep union with our spirit. My body is united with my spirit and deserves more than 'destruction' and 'dispersal'. Our faith presupposes corporeal integrity even in death.

The second is our belief about the reason for our existence. What is it?

All Saints Day (Ist November) recognizes God's work in every person, Christian or other, who became the best possible manifestation that they could become of the goodness of God. That's why we're given time, that's why the world is evolving. If we reduce that to just a phrase, it means that I become a neighbor to everyone I meet, anyone's sister or brother, a universal friend. This is my way of serving God in others who are created in the image of God.

In a similar vein, Pope Francis this week asked: "Do I pray for those whom nobody thinks of? Do I help someone who has nothing to give me back? Do I make choices that have the flavor of eternity, the taste of love? These are questions of life, questions of resurrection."

All Souls Day (2nd November) commemorates the struggle of all of us to respect one another in our thoughts, in our words, in our decisions and in our actions. All Souls Day is the day when we renew our trust that God wishes each of us to reach our potential, though that will need a purifying struggle with our sins and limits until we become that fully functioning human being, the sister and brother of anyone whom we meet. We have traditionally said that the holy souls are at peace with God 'once they have been freed from every trace of sin'. Our prayers for the dead create a great symphony of understanding, of hope and companionship, both for this life and for the next.

Another contemporary reason is the importance of witnessing to our Christian faith. Those who believe in Christ, who by their choices have progressively left behind sinful ways, are going to rise with Christ to new life in the presence of God.

Spreading the ashes of a loved one, or keeping them at home, is an expression of affection by a family that we can readily understand. However, by focusing on our family ties and our pastimes in this way leaves unspoken the Christian hope that God saves us from death and that our life has been the manifestation of his glory in us. We are social beings, our life has been a blessing for everyone! That's part of the meaning of a cemetery.

Our Catholic funeral rite has three stages. First, there are prayers immediately after the death of a person. Second, the vigil of prayer takes place in the family home or parish church. Third, the funeral Mass or prayers are celebrated and the body is committed to its resting place where the prayers of the family and community can readily be repeated in months and years to come.

Effectively, this entire experience has been squeezed into the hour of the funeral Mass. The eulogies would be better heard at the vigil where there would be time and leisure after the prayers for the memories of all present to be shared. Many have abandoned the poignant act of committal at the resting place, substituting it with the cold passage of the hearse from the church to the busy highway.

Under the pressure of expense involved and time that cannot – so it's believed – be spared, we have lost a lot in the past forty years. The scattering of the ashes or their preservation in the home would possibly not seem so urgent if the natural mourning cycle were still in place.

People reacted to the reminder from Rome as an imposition by an alien authority who should be ignored. However, I think that the intention of the reminder is an attempt to revive the natural, healthy process of mourning for a human being and to recommend to Catholics the faith-filled rituals celebrated around a deceased member of a community of believers, all of whom await the resurrection of the dead.

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

Recently Deceased

Bruno Milanovic

Anniversaries

Edward Brohan, Frank Owens, Leo Bloink

Prayer for the Sick



Maroa Shelton, Paul Geri, Les Lacey, Lisa Ambrosi, Nick Quill, Oisin Slevin (infant), Theresa Ahearn, Jenny Jessep, Kathleen Cerato, Ron Brown, Nancy

Lopez, Yvonne Provis, 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, Anthony Mannion, John Wong, Sharon Kirkwood, Peter Zickert, 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, with the exception of Good Friday.

Ist Collection: Presbytery:	\$1,455.55
2nd Collection:	£410400
Thanksgiving:	\$4,196.00
Loose Money:	\$473.50

Vocation View

You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom.

Pray for Vocations

Pope's Intentions: November 2019 Universal-Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Parish Events Catholic Deaf Appeal

Collections will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, November 9/10. Please welcome Deaf Volunteer Gail Finn and her interpreter Melissa Smith who will be speaking and signing at the Saturday Vigil Mass and the 11:00 am Sunday Choral Mass at St Patrick's.

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at **Mordy HQ**

(Mordialloc Sporting Club) 528 Main St, next door to St Brigid's Presbytery, on Thursday 21st November from 12



RSVP to **David Carson 0419 001 968** no later than the Tuesday prior to lunch **OR** add your name to the list on the **noticeboard** inside the front doors of St Patrick's church. If travelling by train or bus from Mentone catch either the **11:40am** train (from Platform 2) towards Frankston or the **11:40am 903 bus**, at the latest, to allow ample time on arrival at Mordialloc to walk to the venue. <u>Please note</u>: The walk from the bus terminus at Mordialloc to the venue is far more direct and a little over half that from the train station.

November Masses for the Holy Souls

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Do not forget to have

Masses offered for deceased family members and friends. November Mass envelopes are contained in the thanksgiving envelope sets, can be obtained from the



parish office and are also available in the church.

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP) 9:00 am - R Tregonning, P Edkins (SJV) 11:00 am - K Mooney (SP) 5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - A Ady, D McDonald (SP) 9:00 am - F & J O'Donoghue (SJV) 11:00 am - S Tobin, A Earle (SP) 5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Brennan Family (SP) 9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV) I I:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Counters: Team II H Commins, B John A & C Smit

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3 M Zickett, K Lyons St John Vianney's J Dunstan

> Flowers: B Noonan (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week: Walton Family, 13 Leichhardt Crt (SP) Next Week: Wong Family, 30 Hall Mark Rd (SP)

> This Week: Atherton Family (SJV) Next Week: Lavery Family (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week I - Christ, The Priest



Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

2020 Columban

Calendars 2020 Columban Calendars are now available in St John



Vianney's and St Patrick's piety stalls for \$9 each. St John Vianney's piety stall is open every Sunday after the 9:00am mass. St Patrick's piety stall is open every Sunday after the 9:30am Ordinariate Mass and after the 11:00am mass.

Other Events

"Assist A Student" program

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to draw your attention to and provide information on our "Assist A Student" program.

The "Assist A Student" program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our north to get to school. We

all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. Some parishioners



are already supporting the program. Would you be able and willing to support too? It costs \$70 to assist one student for one year.

There are brochures and a poster at the back of the church that provide more information about the program. If you would like to support the "Assist A Student" program, please take a brochure and complete the details on the back. You can either post directly to the address shown or you can drop the completed brochure into the piety stall at either church.

Thank you St Vincent de Paul Society East Parkdale and Mentone Conferences

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Mass For Young Adults, Melbourne With Archbishop Peter Comensoli Wednesday 13th November, 7pm St Peters And St Paul's, South Melbourne Join Young People From All Over Melbourne To Celebrate The Source And Summit Of The Christian Life. Facebook.Com/Events/367469000874687/? Ti=lcl

Holding The Light: Ecumenical Service Of Remembrance Sunday 1st December, 3–4pm St Francis' Catholic Church, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne The Catholic community of Melbourne is hosting this annual event for 2019. 'Holding The Light: Ecumenical Service of Remembrance' is for Australian women and children killed by domestic or relationship violence during 2019.

RSVP: <u>https://www.thinkprevent.org/event-info/</u> <u>holding-the-light-a-service-of-remembrance-for-</u> <u>australian-women-and-children-killed-by-</u> <u>domestic-violence</u>

Lourdes Day Mass Saturday 7th December, 10.30am St Patrick's Cathedral

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France.

Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as 'the Immaculate Conception'.

This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly and their carers.

Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials.

Individual blessings are available after Mass.



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ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL BY CHRISTOPHER TRIKILIS Friday 15th November, 6pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Place,

East Melbourne

To coincide with the exhibition, *The* Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect at Old Treasury Building, Spring Street, Melbourne (I August 2019 – 2 March 2020), an Organ Recital will be given by Christopher Trikilis, Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell, commencing with short introduction by Rev Dr Max Vodola PP, Chairman of Diocesan Historical Commission, and Dr Paul Taylor, Director of Music, St Patrick's Cathedral.



Bookings: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/book/</u> event?eid=567168&

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 10th November 2019 Mass Response

Psalm Response: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Legend: "CWBII" Catholic Worship Book II

<u>6:00 p</u>	m Vigil Mass (Saturday) - St Patrick's		Readings Next Week: nday in Ordinary time: Year C
Mass Setting:	Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly	1	Malachi: 3:19-20 Ionians: 3:7-12 Luke: 21:5-19
Entrance:	CWBII 568		
Offertory:	CWBII 520	MASSES THIS WEEK	
Communion:	CWBII 509	(SP) St Patrick's Church; (SJV) St John Vianney's Church	
Recessional:	CWBII 410	WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES	
<u>9:00ar</u>	n (Sunday) - St John Vianney's	Monday, 11th November NO MASS	
Mass Setting:	Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly Gloria - Ostrowski	Tuesday, 12th N 9:15 am (SP) 12:00 noon (SJV)	Memorial: St Josaphat, bishop, martyr School Mass (SP)
Entrance:	CWBII 568	12.00 10011 (3) ()	
	CWBII 486	Wednesday, 13t	
,	CWBII 509	9:15 am (SP) 10:30 am (SJV)	32nd week in Ordinary Time Mass
Recessional:		10:30 am (SP)	Funeral Mass: Bruno Milanovic
		Thursday, 14th November	
<u>11:00am (</u>	<u> Choral Mass (Sunday) - St Patrick's</u>	9:15 am (SP) 10:30 am (SP)	32nd week in Ordinary Time
Mass Setting:	Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly	Friday, 15th Nov	vember
Entrance:	CWBII 568	9:15 am (SP)	Optional: St Albert the Great, bishop,
Offertory:	Psalm 23 - Obikhod Tone	5:15 pm (SJV)	doctor Mass
Communion:	Ave verum corpus - W. A. Mozart	• • • • •	
		Saturday, 16th N 9:15 am (SP)	November Optional: Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary
Recessional:	CWBII 503	7.15 am (SI)	Optional. Saturday mass of virgin mary
			WEEKEND MASSES
5	:00 pm (Sunday) - St Patrick's	(Vigil) Saturday: Sunday:	6:00 pm (SP) 9:00 am (SJV)
Mass Setting:	Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly	Sunday: Sunday:	9:30 am (SP) Ordinariate Mass 11:00 am (SP) (Choral Mass)
Entrance:	CWBII 568	Sunday:	5:00 pm (SP)
Offertory:	CWBII 486		
,	CWBII 509	RECONCILIATION After the 9:15 am Mass on Wednesday & Saturday mornings (SP) and 5:15 pm Saturday (SP)	
	CWBII 503		
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