

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) : 15th December 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Continuing...

Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter on the **meaning and importance** of the nativity scene, included here are some of his writings.

Pope Francis reflects of the meaning behind the elements that make up the nativity scene.

The **background** of “a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night”, showing that God does not abandon us. “His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering”.

Of the shepherds, Pope Francis writes that, “unlike so many other people, busy about many things, **the shepherds** become the first to see the most essential thing of all: the gift of salvation. It is the humble and the poor who greet the event of the Incarnation.” The shepherds respond to God “who comes to meet us in the Infant Jesus by setting out to meet Him with love, gratitude and awe”.

From the manger, “Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a

more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized”.

“**Mary** is a mother who contemplates her child and shows Him to every visitor”. In her, we see the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself, but invites everyone to obey His word and to put it into practice. **Saint Joseph** stands by her side, “protecting the Child and His Mother.” Joseph is the guardian, the just man, who “entrusted himself always to God’s will.”

But it is when we place the statue of the **Infant Jesus** in the manger, that the nativity scene comes alive. “It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way He wished to reveal the greatness of His love: by smiling and opening His arms to all.” The crèche allows us to see and touch this unique and unparalleled event that changed the course of history, “but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God’s own life”.

As the Feast of Epiphany approaches, we add the **Three Kings**. Their presence reminds us of every Christian’s responsibility to spread the Gospel. “The

Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route”, but returning home, they tell others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, “thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations”.

The memories of standing before the Christmas crèche when we were children should remind us “of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren”. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged, “what matters is that it speaks to our lives.”

The Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the **faith**, “Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God’s love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with Him.”

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-12/popefrancis-apostolic-letter-nativity-scene



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

Recently Deceased

Margaret Lord, George Clifton, Patricia Brady, Rosalia Rufolo

Anniversaries

Arokia Swammy, Arthur McNerney, Brian Gilfedder, Suzanne (Cullen) Rouse, Sebastian D'Imperio, Marjorie Margaret Mary Peart, Richard Bloink

Prayer for the Sick

Milly Camera, Fran Panetta, Catherine Ternent, Gerald Kenny, Clodagh Dowley, 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, Sharon Kirkwood, Peter Zickert. (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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,505.05

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,379.54
Loose Money: \$546.60

Vocations

"The Lord is Near" Today the Church bids us rejoice, the Lord is near, indeed He is with us. Let us rejoice today for those who have said 'yes' to the call of Jesus. Pray for our priests and religious. Pray for the fifty men in formation to the priesthood at our seminary in Carlton, Corpus Christi College.

Please Pray for Vocations

Pope's Intentions: December 2019

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Parish Events

ADVENT CONCERT 2019 *Magnificat*

Sunday 22nd December, 3pm
St Patrick's Church, Mentone

St Patrick's Choir
Organ - Myfanwy McIndoe
French Horn - Evgeny Chebykin



Featuring music of the Advent season

FREE ADMISSION

CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION 2019

Times and details are printed in this bulletin, please take a copy home for reference, noting all times and dates.

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)
9:00 am - K Lowe, K Mooney (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - F De Summa (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, R Razga (SP)
9:00 am - A Berghella (SJV)
11:00 am - S Henning, T Mengle (SP)
5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Lavery Family (SP)
9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)
11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

A Berghella (SJV)

Counters: Team 3

A Berghella, B Andrews
B McCann, J Ludlow

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 2

N Goodwin, J Dillon
St John Vianney's
A Burn

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Jones Family, 19 Wakool Ave (SP)

Next Week:

Anawana Family, 15 Kershaw St (SP)

This Week:

McCann Family (SJV)

Next Week:

Alford Family (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish and Diocesan News

SACRISTY WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee at **St Patrick's** this **Tuesday 17th December** following the 9:15am Mass.



We are calling on you to help clean and prepare the Church in readiness for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL St Vincent De Paul

The Christmas Appeal will be held in the parish this weekend, **14-15 December 2019**. Donation envelopes will be made available at both St Patrick and St John Vianney churches. Envelopes can be returned with a special collection at The Appeal Mass. The Society thanks you for your generosity and help with the Appeal.

2020 Columban Calendars

2020 Columban Calendars are now available in St John Vianney's and St Patrick's piety stalls for \$9 each. A new selection of Christmas Cards are now available for sale too.

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 Ordinate Mass and after the 11:00am mass.

KENSHI CANDLES

Thank you to all who have supported the ongoing charitable work of Kenshi enterprises and the parish through the purchase of candles. Our stock has been exhausted but orders can be made until **Sunday 15th December** for delivery before Christmas. Please email ThanksGiving2019@bigpond.com or call **Anton Ady 0411 135 850**



Discover more about the Church's story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include: The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1, Wednesday 6-9pm.

CUPPA & CHAT

Come along following the **9:30am** and **11:00am** Masses at **St Patricks** to enjoy a Cuppa & Chat in the comfort of the new **Parish Centre**, this **Sunday 15th December**. Volunteers are wanted to assist with the Cuppa & Chat on Sunday mornings. To volunteer, please phone **Richard McCormick 0438 045 464** or **Eddie Woods 0419 872 932**.

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.

ADVENT GOSPEL STUDY GROUP

Third session: Thursday 19th December
Fourth session: Monday 23rd December
2:00pm in the **Parish Centre**. Sessions will run for approximately 45 minutes.
Enquiries to **Sr Mary Joseph 0405 700 308**

Catholic Theological College

2020 Study Options Now Available!

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation:

Meditation in the Christian Tradition; Applied Meditation; Meditation and Wholeness

Audit and Credit options available

Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments.

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The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New Environment

Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the missionary creativity of people and priests working together in a changed social and ecclesial environment. Fr Brendan Reed, author of *Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes*, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This intensive will be beneficial for anyone involved in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online learning (12 hours equivalent)

Church History

Discover more about the Church's story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include:

The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1, Wednesday 6-9pm.

Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm

The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive, Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8, 12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December 2019

6:00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas: St Patrick's

7:30pm - Carols

8:00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas: St John Vianney's

11:30pm - Carols

Midnight: Solemn Mass of Christmas: St Patrick's

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December 2019

10:00am: Mass of Christmas Day: St Patrick's
(please note there is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day)



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confessions)

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

9:45am

Following 9:15 Mass, St Patrick's Mentone

11:00am

Following 10:30am Mass, St John Vianney's East Parkdale

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

6-7pm St Patrick's Mentone

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

5:45pm

Following 5:15pm Mass, St John Vianney's East Parkdale

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

9:45am

Following 9:15am Mass, St Patrick's Mentone

5:15pm

Before the 6:00 pm Mass, St Patrick's Mentone

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER

9:45am

Following 9:15am Mass, St Patrick's Mentone

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A, 15th December 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
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 in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 587
Offertory: CWBII 248
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 247

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 248
Offertory: CWBII 247
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 242

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Russian Kyrie (arr. Bell)
Entrance: CWBII 248
Offertory: *O sanctissima* - trad. Scilian Carol
Communion: *O Word Incarnate* - O. Gibbons
CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 242

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 587
Offertory: CWBII 248
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 247

Readings Next Week: 4th Sunday of Advent: Year A

Isaiah: 7:10-14
Romans: 1:1-7
Matthew: 1:18-24

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 16th December

NO MASS

Tuesday, 17th December

9:15 am (SP) 3rd week of Advent

Wednesday, 18th December

9:15 am (SP) 3rd week of Advent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 19th December

9:15 am (SP) 3rd week of Advent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 20th December

9:15 am (SP) 3rd week of Advent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 21st December

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Peter Canisius, priest,
doctor

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 (SP)**