

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Third Sunday of Advent, Year C: 16th December 2018

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Joy in Difficulties.

The Third Sunday of Advent is celebrated in the Church's liturgical calendar as a day of rejoicing. Christians hope that God will make all things well, assured as we are of God's benevolence shown in his incarnate Son.

Paul's letter to the Philippians, in which the note of rejoicing is found, was written from prison. Paul's joyful manner of responding to his difficult situation has become emblematic of the better responses to adversity and persecution inflicted upon the Church.

Sometimes our setbacks arise from the malice of opponents.

Sometimes they reflect the need that arises over and over to adapt our priorities and pastoral style to new circumstances and mentalities. When adaptation is delayed, unease grows.

Sometimes our adversities are the consequences of our failures in charity, of our sins, of our resistance to deeper conversion. We just don't practise what Jesus taught us about life in the Kingdom of God.

Sometimes, in a perfect storm, all three elements come together. Our time in history may well be one of these times. Pope Francis asks us to think whether we are living in an era of change, or whether we have reached a change of era.

Whenever the Church is justly critiqued we should look to put our house in order. Something of this response is called for in bringing to

fruition the nature of the Church as the People of God and the Body of Christ.

This vision of the second Vatican Council would enable us to respect the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to each one. We would more easily employ our gifts for the mission of the Church. The smallest contribution is valuable. This is the way to bring the good news about Jesus Christ to men and women.

Francis insists that we adopt anything that would help us to live in the Church in a less clerical manner. All of our church practices should be examined to reduce a clericalist mindset.

Our Catholic family is too well aware that the current travail of the Church is, in a significant degree, due to the gross disrespect inflicted by clergy and other Catholics upon children and vulnerable adults, both younger and more mature individuals.

We owe to survivors our understanding, respect and care. Our commitment to renewal must be uncompromising.

In the social media climate today, we encounter frequently rage, prejudice and gloating, rather than balance and fairness. Although this is not a useful response to injury, yet it is only right to acknowledge that it is in response to grave hurts that this occurs.

Nevertheless, it would be abominable to destroy our heritage of common law. While a criminal charge constitutes the safeguard of the rights of the injured, the presumption of innocence afforded by common law to all charged with criminal offences operates to protect an innocent person who has been wrongly charged. The right to

appeal a sentence is inscribed equally in our law. Together, these elements intend to minimise mistakes and prejudices throughout the judicial process.

While still a young man, Pope Benedict XVI wrote about the fallibility of the Church. He stressed that Christ's own contemporaries were scandalised because he wasn't a burning fire that fell from heaven to destroy sinners.¹ Christ lived "a complete community of fate with the lost ... and so revealed what true holiness is: not a separation but union; not judgment, but redeeming love. ... Can, therefore, the holiness of the Church be anything else but the bearing with one another that comes, of course, from the fact that all of us are borne up by Christ?"²

On this 'rejoicing Sunday', "the consolation that the Christian community can offer is that its members should support and be patient with others as they themselves are supported and endured."³

¹ <https://aleteia.org/2018/08/30/ratzingers-advice-for-keeping-the-faith-amidst-grave-scandal/> accessed 9 September 2018

² J Ratzinger *Introduction to Christianity* chapter on the Church

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Advent Organ Concert Series

Each Saturday 5pm throughout
Advent.
this **Saturday 22nd December**
RHYS ARVIDSON

The last of the Advent Organ
Concert series before Christmas.
See flyer on Church noticeboard
and doors.
Free admission.

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Ann Finegan, Brian Gilfedder, Sebastian D'Imperio, Craig Blair, Mary Morris

Prayer for the Sick



Darren Lacey, Greg McLeod, Leo Soulsby, John Hannan, 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: \$1,702.55

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,373.41
Loose Money: \$675.05

Pope's Intentions: December 2018 In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Vocation View

"What ought we to do?"

Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

Please pray for Vocations



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour."

Parish Events

Christmas Working Bee:

There will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's this **Tuesday 18th December** after the 9.15 am morning Mass to prepare the Church for Christmas. We are calling on you to help clean and prepare the Church in readiness for Christmas. Are **you** handy with a sweeping brush or chux cloth?



Christmas Tree Gift Appeal

St Vincent de Paul

Society - East Parkdale

We invite parishioners to participate in the above by selecting a heart from the Christmas Tree located in the church foyer at St John Vianney. The heart will have details for you to provide a Christmas gift that will be distributed to a family we assist in the community. We thank you for your help with this appeal.



22/23 DECEMBER 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo, P Edkins (SJV)
11:00 am - L Freeman (SP)
5:00 pm - F DeSumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - G Sullivan (SJV)
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Counters: Team 12:

S Lavery, F Grijalvo, J Marshall, C Giosus, P Osboldstone

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 4:

C Price, S Rodrigo

SJV - A Berghella

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Walton Family, 13 Leichhardt Ct (SP)

Next Week:

Vincent Family, 30 Murray 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

Travelling Chalice



The purpose of the Travelling Chalice Program is to encourage families and parishioners to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you to all who participated this year.



Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Parish Events

Lift to Christmas Vigil Mass

Local parishioner who lives very close to the church but now needs the use of a walker would like to attend the 6pm Christmas Vigil. Are you able to offer them a lift?

To: Catholic Parents whose children are not attending catholic schools:

Sunday Catechism Classes for Students who are not attending Catholic schools will start from **17 February 2019 at 10am** (for 45 min.) and are held **every Sunday in the Victoria School Terms** in the Prep. Block of St Patrick Primary School, Mentone. **Registration at 10am, Sunday 10th Feb., 2019**, in the All-Purpose Room of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. We welcome children aged 6 or above, and in particular, those who wish to be prepared for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion as well as for Confirmation. "Let children come to me" said Jesus, "and do not hinder them. For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

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). You are very welcome to come and browse

through the many items we have on sale, all at very reasonable prices



SJV Choir Practice

St John Vianney Choir rehearsals for Christmas each Thursday in December at 7.00pm in St Patrick's School Hall.

Other Events

Share a message of compassion this Christmas

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in vulnerable communities.

Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.

Information Event: 2019 Camino Journeys for women

Sunday 20 January 2019, 2pm
The Garden, Mind Body Business,
4 Ross Smith Avenue, Frankston



This free information event is for women who are interested in joining a Guided Camino Pilgrimage in September 2019. Come along and find out how you can be part of our Gentle Camino. This unique Guided Camino Pilgrimage has been specifically designed to offer you guided meditations, nightly sharing circle, quiet reflection, prayers and Mass, pre-booked accommodation and daily luggage transfers. We will be walking an average of 10-15km per day over the last 100km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, **starting 9 September 2019.**

Registration / Web:

www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au
Details: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369 or caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY, 24 DECEMBER

6.00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas: (SP)

8.00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas: (SJV)
(preceded by carols from 7.30pm)

Midnight: Solemn Mass of Christmas: (SP)
(preceded by Carols from 11.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY, 25 DECEMBER

10.00am: Mass of Christmas Day (SP)

(please note there are no other Masses on Christmas Day at St Patrick's and St John Vianney)

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confessions)

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER

9.45am following 9.15am Mass, (SP)

WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER

9.45am following 9.15am Mass, (SP)

11.00am following 10.30am Mass, (SJV)

THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER

9.45am following 9.15am Mass, (SP)

FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER

9.45am following 9.15am Mass, (SP)

5:45pm following 5.15pm Mass, (SJV)

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER

9.45am following 9.15am Mass, (SP)

5:15pm Before the 6.00pm Mass, (SP)

The Liturgy for the 3rd Sunday in Advent: 16th December 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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 248
Offertory: CWBII 239
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 232

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 239
Offertory: CWBII 248
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 232

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Russian Kyrie (arr. Bell)
Entrance: CWBII 236a
Offertory: *Ave Maria, gratia plena -*
Antiphona ad offertorium
Communion: *Creator alme siderum - Viadana*
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 239
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 242

Readings Next Week:

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Year C:

Micah: 5:1-4
Hebrews: 10:5-10
Luke: 1:39-44

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 17th December NO MASS

Tuesday, 18th December

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

Wednesday, 19th December

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

Thursday, 20th December

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

Friday, 21st December

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

Saturday, 22nd December

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

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (SP) (**Ordinariate 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)**