

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE



SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 17th February 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Last Thursday was St Valentine's Day. Two Sundays ago, we heard at Mass the nourishing perspectives on love in the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:31 – 13:13). Readings from the Book of Genesis at daily Mass this week recounted the biblical view of complementarity of the sexes in the account of the creation of woman from the rib of man. A few reflections on Christian marriage follow.

A married couple's perspective from Francine and Brian Pirola, well known marriage educators in the Catholic Church.

"Modern relationships are plagued by busyness. While children certainly make a couple's time together scarce, even newly weds complain of a 'time drought' in their relationships. The busier couples get with activities outside their relationship, the more time-starved their marriage becomes.

Many people justify the lack of time spent with their loved ones by saying 'we have quality time'. In truth, quality time is only effective with a foundation of quantity time - low intensity companionship which builds trust and openness. Quality time requires emotional vulnerability. This disposition can not be turned on and off at will. The best way to make time available for each other is to establish couple rituals. "

Current Church teaching, Pope St John Paul II and Pope Francis

In 1982 Pope John Paul II wrote about the beauty and challenge in every single marriage in *The Christian Family in the Modern World*.

He encouraged young people not to experiment with one another in some form of trial marriage since a person is too precious to experiment with. But he drew attention to the varied situations of persons in defacto unions and encouraged them to consider regular marriage (para. 80-82)

He also recalled that divorced and remarried persons in a civil marriage cannot receive the Eucharist, yet they accept the obligations as well as the advantages of marriage. It is a duty of the

whole community that these couples do not consider themselves separated from the Church, because "as baptized persons ... they share in (the Church's) life (para 84).

Commenting on the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome, St John Paul II said in an audience on 10 March 1993 that the expression of the papal magisterium can vary according to the person who exercises it, his interpretation of the needs of the times, his style of thought and communication, while always having Christ, the living truth, as its vital force.

Particularly in the Apostolic Exhortation 'The Joy of Love' (2016) that followed the Synod of Bishops on the Family, Pope Francis, in line with the long tradition of the 'internal forum solution' in the Church, is re-evaluating the pastoral practice of automatically excluding divorced and remarried Catholics from the sacraments.

In 1973 and 1975, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith gave two replies to bishops urging them to have 'particular solicitude for those who live in irregular unions' and to seek 'to resolve these cases through the use of the approved practices of the Church in the internal forum'.

A question was put to Cardinal Ratzinger after the publication of *Familiaris consortio* whether St John Paul II's teaching referred to above rendered the internal forum solution no longer valid. Cardinal Ratzinger replied that the general norm is very clear and it is equally clear that it cannot cover all cases exhaustively.

'The Joy of Love' was criticised as a departure from received teaching by some. Pope Francis uses his own "style of thought and communication" (John Paul II above) about the internal forum solution, writing for all Catholics about a point that was previously not aired so publicly.

Nor is there an endorsement of a laxity in moral discernment in 'The Joy of Love'. "I encourage the faithful who find themselves in complicated situations to speak confidently with their pastors. They may not always encounter in them a confirmation of their own ideas or desires, but they will surely receive some light to help them better understand their situation and discover a path to personal growth." (para. 312)

A note on annulment of marriage in the Catholic Church by Fr John Hannon in *The Swag* (2018)

Annulment has been mistakenly described as 'ecclesiastical divorce'. This is not to deny the reality of a marriage in the first place, presuming good intentions and love, but the conclusion is that this commitment fell short, for whatever reason, of what constitutes a sacred bond.

Vatican II's, *Gaudium et spes*, teaches that marriage is a partnership of love and life, for the mutual good of the parties, as one of the key elements of marriage, equally important to the other three dimensions of children, fidelity and permanence.

In 1969, a landmark decision to grant an annulment was given by the Roman Rota, on psychological grounds.

In general, immaturity of judgement is the commonest ground. And, don't we know, nothing beats youthful immaturity and infatuation, in terms of heading towards inevitable disaster.

Divorce is not a good thing in itself, but for Catholics, there is the means of having an opportunity to remarry in the Church, following annulment. Marriage rarely ends lightly; there are always serious underlying problems, often not externally observed.

Afterword about St Valentine.

St. Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. His association with marriage arises from the story that Claudius, urgent to recruit soldiers, decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage more single, unattached men to serve in his armies. Seeing the anguish of the young couples forbidden to marry, St. Valentine allegedly performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor.

He was eventually arrested and imprisoned. While awaiting his execution, St. Valentine restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. On the eve of his death, he penned her a farewell note signing it, "From your Valentine". On February 14th, 269AD he was beheaded. He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples and married lovers.

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

Recently Deceased

Peter Lynch, Val Lambert, John Earp

Anniversaries

Owen Finegan, Angela Sampieri, Terrance Brennan, Jim Noble, John Mardling

Prayer for the Sick



Noel Mathers, 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:

Mother's Prayer Group:

Our meetings will recommence soon at a venue and date still to be announced.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,521.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,975.39
Loose Money \$530.65

Pope's Intentions:

February 2019

Universal – Victims

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

Vocation View

Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

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 Feb., 2019 at 10 am (for 45 minutes) every Sunday during school term and are held in the Prep. Block of St. Patrick Primary School.**

There are classes for children aged 6 or above, especially those aged 8 or above to get prepared for the sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

Piety Stalls

The **2019 Columban Calendars** are now available for purchase at the St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Piety Stalls. Open following 9:00am Mass (Parkdale) and from 10:30am (Mentone).



Found

Childs backpack with Disney Pixar Cars on the front and containing children's clothes.

To claim contact the Parish Office.

23/24 FEBRUARY 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - T Howe (SP)

9:00 am - J Alford, A Berghella (SJV)

11:00 am - R Smith (SP)

5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Maloney, A Ady (SP)

9:00 am - M Webster (SJV)

11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)

5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - DSouza Family (SP)

9:00 am - Shea (SJV)

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 9

J Goodwin, H Foley, T Terblanche
G Intemann, G Scandurra

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group I

L Smith, L Terblanche
A Burn (SJV)

Flowers (SJV)

B Noonan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Carroll Family, 1/84 Como Pde (SP)

Next Week:

Hoare Family, 1/1 Brindisi St (SP)

This Week:

Costanzo Family, 79 Scarlet St (SJV)

Next Week:

Nixon Family, 44 Brownfield St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **HIGHETT RSL** on **Thursday, 28 February** 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 1** at Mentone Station to catch the **11:39am** City-bound train to Highett.

CD's/DVD's of the music at Midnight Mass 2018.

Those who have requested a copy please now call by the Parish Office to collect or see me. *Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music*

Other Events

World Day of Prayer

Correction to the date

Every year the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme.

This year St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 12 McDonald Street Mordialloc, will host the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 1st March 2019 10.30am**.

The theme this year is 'Come, everything is ready' and host nation is Slovenia.



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Organ and Vocal Concert

Organ and Vocal Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 19 February, 2019 at 6.30pm**.

This concert will feature the great French Organist Johann Vexo (former Choir Organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris) and French Tenor Damien Rivière.
Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions).
Children under 15 free

Bookings: at the door or
<https://www.trybooking.com/ZONI>

'Close and Concrete: Pope Francis Evangelising in a World of Flux' Thursday 21 March, 5-6.30pm. The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

A Helder Camara Lecture hosted by Dr Austen Ivereigh (noted UK Catholic writer and biographer of Pope Francis) with a response by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB of Honduras, Coordinator of Pope Francis' C9 group for the Reform of the Church.

Enquiries: Br Mark O'Connor at mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

'A voice crying out: Becoming a Humble, Listening and Learning Church'

Friday 22 March, 10am-1pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

A seminar with input from Dr Austen Ivereigh, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB and local theologians and bishops. A contribution to the forthcoming Plenary Council of the Church in Australia.

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'The Golden Age of Broadway'

playing the Frankston Arts Centre on **March 30th, 2pm**.

The show is a two act musical revue celebrating the music of G&I Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, R&H, and many more, performer by the stars of Australian Musical Theatre and the **Jack Earle Trio**. The Golden Age of Broadway will have you laughing, crying and humming along to the most memorable songs of the 20th Century. Purchase tickets on-line through <https://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au> *Whats_On_-_Buy_Tickets*.

Tickets prices: Member \$38.95, Full \$45.95, Concession \$42.95

Pallotine Camino 2019

Thursday April 25th to Saturday April 27th, 2019 Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove. A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove travelling approximately 65km over three days. A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine Spirituality & Mission. Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship & friendship with others.

Contact: Denise on 0420 200266 or denisejlyons@gmail.com for further information or to book.

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6th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C: 17th February 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: (said) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
(sung 6pm, 11am) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven. **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 - Owstrowski

Entrance: CWBII 447

Offertory: CWBII 543

Communion: CWBII 555

Recessional: CWBII 494

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 447

Offertory: CWBII 548

Communion: CWBII 533

Recessional: CWBII 455

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

Mass Setting: Mass Shalom 27a

Entrance: CWBII 617

Offertory: Ave Maria - César Franck

Soloist - Ariane Ludlow

Communion: *Manducaverunt* - Antiphona ad
communione

Recessional: CWBII 494

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 583

Offertory: CWBII 458

Communion: CWBII 533

Recessional: CWBII 494

Readings Next Week:

7th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C:

I Samuel: 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

I Corinthians: 15:45-49

Luke: 6:27-38

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 18th Feb NO MASS

Tuesday, 19th Feb

9:15 am (SP) Week six in Ordinary Time

School Mass (SP)

12 noon (SJV)

School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 20th Feb

9:15 am (SP) Week six in Ordinary Time

10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 21st Feb

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Peter Damian, bishop,
doctor

10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 22nd Feb

9:15 am (SP) Feast: The Chair of St Peter, apostle

5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 23rd Feb

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Polycarp, bishop, martyr

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)**