

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



First Sunday of Advent (Year A) : 1st December 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Sister of Mercy, Margaret Harrington, from the Office for Liturgy in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, writes about **the meaning of the Season of Advent.**

Advent is in many ways difficult to come to grips with. This is especially so in Australia where it comes at the beginning of summer, as the school and working years conclude and beaches and barbeques beckon. There is a tendency for the busy-ness of shopping, parties and planning for Christmas Day to overtake the rhythm of the church year.

What then do we make of Advent? It is, of course, the curtain raiser and very much part of the Christmas season. Christmas Time does not end on 25th December but continues through the feasts of the Mother of God, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord.

In the background is always Mary's 'Yes', which grounds these marvellous events and shows us how to respond.

The texts of Advent – the scripture readings, prefaces and prayers – are some of the richest treasures of the Church's liturgy and draw us into the true spirit and purpose of the Advent season.

The special focus of Advent, as the word's origins indicate (*ad-venire* = to come close), can be summed up in the phrase *Here he comes*. As we enter its meaning, we look back in time, look forward in time and open our eyes fully to the present.

'Nation will not lift up sword against nation, there will be no more training for war!' announces the prophet Isaiah on the first Sunday of Advent this year. We can connect with the longing of the Chosen People for peace as they waited for God to intervene and bring justice on earth.

We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus as the beginning of the decisive answer to those prayers. As we look

back in time and identify with our ancestors in faith, we marvel at how God's answer went beyond anything they had dreamt. Here he comes.

A Saviour has been born for us, has died and risen for us. We look for him to come again, because we do not yet see the fullness of his Kingdom. This looking forward in time is the second meaning of *Here he comes*. In the epistle readings of Advent this year, Paul and James urge their communities – and us – to wait patiently for the completion of our salvation.

And here he comes right now. Christ is present today in his Church in word, sacrament and community. We can see him in the faces of the poor, the suffering and the powerless.

Advent is a time to let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to the presence of Jesus Christ alive today, even within ourselves. Every Christian in some way conceives and gives birth to the Word of God. In the faith, we bring Christ to a world that is waiting.

The period of Advent and Christmas is a time for us to ponder more deeply and proclaim to the world the Word of God made flesh. In this season, every Christian is called to share, through whatever opportunities the Lord provides, the good news that God has entered our human condition to unite us to him.

Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus!



Following is a reflection on **celebrating the Sacrament of Penance during Advent** by Rev Joseph C Rascher:-

Jesus! Only Jesus, the selfless one can bring us to the right order of existence we desire. He CAME once before. He lived, died and in his resurrection revealed that his way, his order is the way of being that repairs the divisions of humanity and defeats sin.

He will COME AGAIN, to complete the work begun in his incarnation.

And so in the Sacrament of Reconciliation two movements are taking place. WE COME to this sacrament, to discover that HE COMES looking for us who have lost our way while looking for something to satisfy our thirst for happiness. HE COMES with hope, with healing, with the offer of a lifetime!

And, in our meeting, grace happens. The division, the hurt, our inadequate attempts to make life better which have brought about a disorder in this life are repaired. JESUS makes right, he restores order to humanity's relationships and people's relationship with God through the power of his selfless love revealed on the cross that is made present in the words of absolution in the sacrament of Penance.

Let that power flow through you as a priest speaking in the name of the Body of Christ says "May God give you pardon and peace!"

Rejoice that our coming together in celebrations of confession renews our hope that one day Jesus will come again with healing for the broken-ness of the human race, forever reconciling the disorder our choice of selfishness has brought to the world.

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Jim Soulsby, Francis Kelly, Miklos and Katalin Mindum

Prayer for the Sick

Milly Camera, Clodagh Dowley, Maroa Shelton, Paul Geri, Les Lacey, Lisa Ambrosi, Nick Quill, Oisín 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, and those on our continuing prayer list.

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, with the exception of Good Friday.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,464.35

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,776.80
Loose Money: \$470.30

Vocations

"Stay Awake". Jesus urges us to be ready. Today let us pray for the young people in our parish community, that they may be ready and alert to hear the Lord calling them to the faithful vocations of marriage, priesthood, consecrated or single life.

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

Feast of Immaculate Conception

HOUR OF GRACE 12-1PM

St Patrick's Mentone, Sunday 8th December 2019, 12 noon, after the 11:00am Mass. One full hour of prayer, either at home or in a church, put away all distractions during this **Hour of Grace**. Contact: *Angela Iorianni 9583 8391*.

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

7/8 DECEMBER 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - School Mass (SJV)
11:00 am - L Freeman (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - R Tregonning (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - School (SJV)
11:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 2

H Commins, M Jensen
S Stewart, Alan Laver

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 6
H Foley, G Tregonning
St John Vianney's
A Berghella

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:
Bergin Family, 9 Eulinga Ave (SP)
Next Week:
DSouza Family, 5 Balcombe Place (SP)

This Week:

Stewart Family (SJV)

Next Week:

Jensen Family (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 4 - St John Vianney

Parish Events

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 9th December 2019

Please note:

There will be **Mass at St Patrick's
Mentone at 8:30am** on this date.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

Annual appeal is next weekend
December 7/8. Collections will be
taken up at all Masses.

ADVENT GOSPEL STUDY GROUP

First session: Monday 2nd December
Second session: Thursday 5th December
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.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL St Vincent De Paul

The Christmas Appeal will be held in
the parish on the 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.

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
people and
families in the
community. We thank you for your help
with this Appeal. Gifts are to be returned
to the Christmas Tree by December 15th
2019.



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 Ordinariate Mass and after
the 11:00am mass.

PARISH FUNDRAISER

In the lead up to Christmas, a Kenshi
Candle makes the perfect all round gift.
This enterprise, started by a Melbourne
student provides employment to the
Melbourne refugee Chin community
with proceeds of over \$30,000
distributed to worthy causes.
<http://kenshicandles.com/>

These candles are of the highest quality,
available in 7 difference fragrances, for
\$35 each. Purchasing would continue
the works of Kenshi Candles and
provide additional financial support to
this parish. Available after ALL Masses
this weekend. For futher information
contact **Anton Ady 0411 135 850.**

CUPPA & CHAT

Come along following morning Mass to
enjoy a Cuppa & Chat in the comfort of the
new **Parish Centre**, from Sunday **15th
December**. Volunteers are wanted to
assist with the Cuppa & Chat on Sunday
mornings. To volunteer, please phone
either:- Richard McCormick 0438 045 464
or Eddie Woods 0419 872 932.
<https://www.catholic.org.au/drought>

PRAY FOR RAIN!

The Catholic church in Australia is
dedicating the month of December 2019 as
a time to pray for those affected by crippling
drought conditions and the pray for the gift
of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other
Catholic communities across the country
are being encouraged to participate in the
National Prayer Campaign for Drought.
<https://www.catholic.org.au/drought>

In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments
introduced legislation that deals with the manner in
which public and private sector organisations may rec-
ord, 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2019

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th
December 2019**

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

8:00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas: St John Vianney's
(preceded by carols from 7:30pm)

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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First Sunday of Advent, Year A, 1st December 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
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 of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 246
Offertory: CWBII 232
Communion: CWBII words 552, tune 449
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 246
Offertory: CWBII 242
Communion: CWBII words 552, tune 449
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong
Russian Kyrie (arr. Bell)
Entrance: CWBII 246
Credo: CWBII 62
Offertory: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* - J.S. Bach
Communion: *The Lord will give us what is good*
CWBII 252
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 246
Offertory: CWBII 242
Communion: CWBII words 552, tune 449
Recessional: CWBII 621

Readings Next Week: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Year A

Isaiah: 11:1-10
Romans: 15:4-9
Matthew: 3:1-12

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 2nd December

NO MASS

Tuesday, 3rd December

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Francis Xavier, priest
School Mass (SP)
12 noon (SJV) School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 4th December

9:15 am (SP) Optional: John Damascene, priest, doctor
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 5th December

9:15 am (SP) 1st week of Advent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 6th December

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Nicholas, Bishop
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 7th December

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
6:00 pm (SP) End of School Year Family Mass (SP)

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 (SP)**