

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



3rd Sunday in Lent (Year C) : 24th March 2019

### KEEPING A HOLY LENT: FROM DEATH TO LIFE

How are you going with your Lenten spiritual exercises so far?

Lent is a season all Catholics should be using as preparation for Easter, the greatest of all Christian festivals, in which we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, his rising from the dead, and our share in that victory.

As we prepare for Easter, we cannot fail to avoid or miss this death-to-life dimension of our Christian religion. The whole structure of our religion and its credibility rests on the foundation of the resurrection of Christ on the first Easter Day.

So Lent should be a time of 'mortification', a word little used these days, which means quite literally, a 'deadening'. Lent is a time of dying to our old selves, in order to enter more deeply into the life of Christ, our Lord and our God.

*Lent is an occasion to make time to expand and develop our spiritual life, so that we not only deepen our faith, but also become more conscious of the truth of our holy religion.*

Traditionally, we observe a holy Lent through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. By so doing, Lent can be a great gift to everyone who sincerely strives to make the most of it.

For Lent to be of any real source of growth or change in our spiritual life, we should make a definite and conscious choice about what we are to do, and how we will live throughout these forty days. Only then can we expect an enhanced experience of Christ's presence in our lives.

The traditional spiritual practices which characterise the Lenten Christian, may sound remote from our experience, more suited to the life and discipline of the cloister. Yet, they are practical things that are within the capability of everyone:

**Self-examination.** Ask yourself the question: 'Do I live in the way that God, through our Lord Jesus Christ calls me to live? Do I use my time, my energy, my talents, my resources, in ways that are consistent with the call of the Gospel? The only person who can answer these questions for us is ourselves. We should set aside some time during Lent to review our spiritual life in the light of these questions.

**Prayer.** Prayer has been described as "responding to God by thought and by deeds, with or without words." In fact, most of our lives are spent responding to the world around us. God, of course, is not absent from that world, and often when we respond to the call of the world, we are responding to God's presence within it. But – let's be frank – too often our focus can be on how the world can please us or be used for our own purposes.

Responding to God is most likely to happen when we consciously choose to turn to him in our thoughts and actions, whether we use words or not. Our prayer life, of course, should have its centre in public worship, on the Mass - the supreme act of worship of our Catholic faith. Our private prayer life should overflow from that. We should all try to attend at least one extra weekday Mass during Lent.

**Fasting.** This is often the greatest challenge.

Yet fasting doesn't have to be difficult. If you have the opportunity to make a choice about food, choose one thing less. Once we find that we can survive quite nicely without a certain item of food or drink, we can discover how fulfilling it can be. We have the freedom to make such choices and to discover the joy of doing with less, or without.

**Self-denial.** This works on the same principle as fasting. It is applied to other areas of our life, apart from food and drink.

There is no end to the possibilities there are of discovering how we can survive quite nicely with less in our lives. We can all learn to live more simply. And perhaps some of the savings we make as a result can be

applied to worthy causes [such as Project Compassion] which support people who are forced to live far more simply than will ever be our experience. Lent is a good time to remind us of that fact, and to provide us with the incentive to start doing so.

**Reading and meditating on God's holy Word.** Most of us have a Bible in our homes. It's a book which is meant to be read, not merely to decorate our bookshelves. It is the handbook of our religion. An alternative is simply to read again the Sunday Mass readings during the week, and to reflect and meditate upon them.

These are just some of the ways – the tried and tested ways- that can help us to grow in our faith, and in our knowledge and love for God.

Lent *can* be a holy season for each of us, and a fruitful spiritual journey. But we need to make a conscious decision to do something about it. We cannot make any journey successfully, or reach our destination, unless we plan for it, and set out on it, well equipped. It's not too late to begin, even now.

How much more joyful, and meaningful will Easter be for us, if we have kept a holy and disciplined Lent.

May God give us all the grace to do so.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC,  
Associate Priest

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent:  
Stations of the Cross  
will be at **7pm**  
each Friday



**HOLY WEEK Mass times**  
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# Notices for Parish Bulletin to the Parish Office by 12 noon Thursday

## Recently Deceased

## Anniversaries

Clare Griffiths, Clare and Val Wain, Doris Nicholas, Agnes Patricia Walshe, Anne Sullivan

## Prayer for the Sick



Bill Nixon, John Green, 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, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles, John Wong 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:

Anyone interested in joining a prayer group would be welcome: **Thursday 11:30 - 12:30 from 7th March.** Please contact Sr Damian via email [srdamianspc@gmail.com](mailto:srdamianspc@gmail.com) or leave a message on her mobile 0410 002 270.

#### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,346.05

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,438.55  
Loose Money \$337.80

### Pope's Intentions: March 2019

#### Evangelization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

#### Vocation View

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.

**Please pray for Vocations**

## Parish Events

### Lenten Reflections

We have a resource from Brisbane Archdiocese to assist any parishioner who wishes to spend some time in reflecting with others on the gospel readings for each Sunday of Lent.

Come to the Presbytery on Thursdays in Lent, either at 10 am after Mass or at 7 pm in the evening at Tony's home, 5 Holland Avenue DINGLEY.



The overall theme is COMPASSION, drawing upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son, "His father saw him and was filled with compassion" (Lk 15:20, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent), subdivided into weekly discussions on Trusting, Transforming, Risking, Reconciling, Encountering, Redeeming.

### Week three of Lent is RISKING.

**There are prayer cards in both Church foyers, please take one home.**

This week, the half way point in our Lenten journey, is a time to take a risk — do something a little bit outside your comfort zone for someone else.



### Mass this Monday 25th March

#### Solemnity of

**The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD at 9:15am St Patrick's**

## 30/31 MARCH 2019

### Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - R Tregonning, N Perazzo (SJV)

11:00 am - L Freeman (SP)

5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, A Ady (SP)

9:00 am - V Mathers (SJV)

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

5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

#### Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Marshall Family (SP)

9:00 am - Sells Family (SJV)

11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

#### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

#### Counters: Team 2

P Drenan, J Russo,

M Jensen, S Stewart.

#### Sacristans:

#### St Patrick's - Group 6

H Foley, G Tregonning

A Berghella (SJV)

#### Pilgrim Statues:

##### This Week:

Michael Family (SP)

##### Next Week:

Vernon Family, 3/4 Childers St (SP)

##### This Week:

Lavery Family, 51 Marriott St (SJV)

##### Next Week:

Webster Family, 22 Mountview Ave (SJV)

#### Adoration Roster:

Week 4 - St John Vianney

## WEEK 3: SOLOMON ISLANDS

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 24 MARCH 2019

Sixteen-year-old Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water



shortages for 60 years. Previously students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water. This was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

Peter's mother left the family when he was little and has since passed away. His father decided to move from northern Malaita to Honiara, to better provide for his family. He arranged for Peter to stay with his aunt, then attend Aligegeo Secondary School.

Groundwater sources at the school have dried up and rainfall is unpredictable. Water in surrounding wells often made students sick or gave them rashes. Caritas Australia and partners Caritas Solomon Islands (CASI) and the Solomon Islands Government Rural Water Sanitation and Hygiene division (RWASH), have teamed up with the school to tackle the problem.

CASI provided a 90 kilo-litre water tank, electric pump and technical advice, while the Malaita Provincial Government contributed labour. Staff and students took part in training, dug trenches and are helping with a water management plan. The school now has a safe, reliable water system, servicing around 1,000 people. "Now we can stay at school to wash and not interrupt our official class time," Peter says.

Peter hopes to focus on his education and to help others in future by working for an aid and development agency himself. However much more needs to be done to improve access to reliable water and sanitation in the Solomon Islands.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019**

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## Parish Events

### Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **Mordialloc Sporting Club**, 528 Main St (next door to St Brigid's Presbytery) on **Thursday, 28 March** from **12:00 noon**. **RSVP** by 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 2** at Mentone Station to catch the **11:40am** train to Mordialloc.

## Other Events

### Annual Mission Concert

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 116 Cotham Rd., Kew commencing 2pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken up during the Concert. This year proceeds will go to assist Sr Donatus Kilole working in the very remote village of Timau in the diocese of Kenya.

### Lent W3: The woman at the Well

<https://soundcloud.com/user-842576877/len-w3-the-woman-at-the-well>

In this third episode of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast series, Fr Elio Capra SDB discusses the gospel of John (4:5-42), where Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well. As part of his reflection, Fr Elio refers to a sculpture located at Chester Cathedral (UK), reflecting on why such a modern piece of art has been placed outside the seemingly old cathedral (UK).

He says, 'The woman is talking about water. H2O. Jesus is talking about something much deeper than that: "a living water that will well up to eternal life." The word "eternal", we think, is of an afterlife but it also means the "fullness of life". This water gives us a fullness of life now.

For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne website [www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation)



### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

#### St John Vianney's

Tuesday 16th April 7pm-7.30pm  
Wednesday 17th April 11am-11.30am

#### St Patrick's

Wednesday 17th April 9.45-10.30am  
and 7pm-8pm  
Saturday 20th April 10am-11am

### **Masses and Ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter**

#### Holy Thursday 18th April

7.30pm – Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Evening Mass followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

#### Good Friday 19th April

11.00am – Stations of the Cross (includes the veneration of the relic of the true Cross)

3.00pm – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (includes veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

8.00pm – Compline  
The Night Prayer of the Church

#### Holy Saturday 20th April

7.00pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism and First Mass of Easter)

#### Easter Sunday 21st April

9.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St John Vianney's Church

9.30am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

11.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

**(please note there are no other Masses at St Patrick's and St John Vianney on Easter Sunday)**

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# 3rd Sunday in Lent, Year C: 24th March 2019

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
(sung) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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 624  
Offertory: CWBII 295  
Communion: CWBII 570  
Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski  
Entrance: CWBII 295  
Offertory: CWBII 624  
Communion: *De torrente in via bibet* from *Dixit Dominus* -  
G F Handel  
Soloists - Ariane Ludlow & Erika Tandiono  
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski  
Entrance: CWBII 295  
Offertory: *Sicut cervus* - Palestrina  
Communion: *De torrente in via bibet* from *Dixit Dominus* -  
G F Handel  
Soloists - Ariane Ludlow & Erika Tandiono  
Recessional: CWBII 296

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Entrance: CWBII 295  
Offertory: CWBII 555  
Communion: CWBII 551  
Recessional: CWBII 301

### Readings Next Week:

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C:

Joshua : 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians : 5:17-21  
Luke : 15:1-3. 11-32

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

#### WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

#### Monday, 25th March

9:15am (SP) Solemnity: The  
ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

#### Tuesday, 26th March

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

#### Wednesday, 27th March

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

#### Thursday, 28th March

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

#### Friday, 29th March

9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 3rd week of Lent  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass  
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, 30th March

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

#### 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)**