

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



*First Sunday of Advent, Year C: 2nd December 2018*

### FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

An online news source featured an 'adult' Advent Calendar as a guide to purchases and leisure. Far from the advent calendar that opens up to the family day by day the wondrous mystery of the entry into human history of a child who is the Son of God, the tradition is now put to serve commercial interests. This is a simple, if unwelcome, manifestation of what it means to live in a secularized society.

The most suitable response from us is to consider what opportunity this gives ordinary Christians to be 'missionary disciples'. That is the call that Pope Francis makes over and over: consider yourself a 'missionary disciple', one who brings the good news of Jesus Christ into any situation. The opportunity to witness is always there, whether in an explicitly Christian society, a secularized society, a traditional society or any other.

The first week of the season of Advent presents us with the lens through which to view our moment in history. Whether it is cataclysmic events, or the daily challenges and stresses of family life, Advent is our celebration of faith that God is benevolent, he desires the salvation of individuals and the healing of the world. This is why he comes as the judge of the world.

If my cry is about an injustice that I am suffering, God hears my cry. If my lament is for my own failings, God hears my lament. If my need is for care and protection, God inspires in the heart of a neighbour a firm resolve to accompany me in charity and practical action. If I cannot find words good

enough to express my love of God and the praise that I desire to offer him, God has promised that the Holy Spirit comes to my aid. We read in Romans 5:26: "When we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words." This teaching of St Paul is a fundamental consolation in all our seeking for God.

The first Sunday of Advent each year recalls our faith that God will come in a judgement that we should not fear, even though we should be prepared at all times by our upright life. The trials that I have cited are symbolized in the biblical images of cataclysmic events. Before such experiences, our stance is one of trust. "(The king will) practise honesty and integrity in the land ... the city will be called: The-Lord-Our-Integrity." (1<sup>st</sup> reading) "Hold your heads high because your liberation is near at hand." (Gospel reading)

By living with serene trust in God, we are missionary disciples in the anxiety-ridden society of our time.

There is a second aspect to the first week of Advent. It is the call to watchfulness lest our "hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life." (Gospel reading)

Promotion of consumerism represents the secularized society's idea of being happy and joyful. There is a temptation that accompanies consumerism. It is to become forgetful of our neighbor in need. This is something that Pope Francis frequently warns against. The advent calendar mentioned above is a clear indicator of these attitudes.

To be on guard against excess and anxiety, as the gospel recommends, is another act of witness by us missionary disciples.

The choice of scripture texts in the liturgies of the Advent season invites us to consider the welcome we give him as we contemplate the gift of his birth, as well as the welcome that we give to Christ on a daily basis. Advent ties our welcome of Christ to our practice of just living. This is what we will hear in the voice of John the Baptist calling us to conversion on the second Sunday of Advent.

This is not the place for the Pope or the priest to give prescriptions about how to act. Rather, it is the time in the Church's cycle of worship when we recall that God's dealings with us are entirely God's gift. Our world, our own life, our family and friends, our opportunities for health, shelter, education, relaxation, sport, employment are all of God's gift. God's greatest gift is the infant Christ. He is the 'reason for the season'.

To celebrate with faith the annual observance of the gift of his only Son in his human birth implies that we become collaborators of our God who has shown himself as the giver and the gift. Will this Advent help me to become myself the gift of Christ to the world?

### **Advent Organ Concert Series**

Each Saturday 5pm throughout Advent.

this **Saturday 8th December**  
**David MacFarlane**

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

Mary Sikand

## Anniversaries

Alf, Mabel, Graham and Dale Williams,  
Florence Clifton

## Prayer for the Sick



Darren Lacey, Greg McLeod,  
Leo Soulsby, John Hannan,  
Michael Dawson, 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: \$1,456.10

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,895.05  
Loose Money \$397.50

## Vocation View

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.



## Parish Events

### Melbourne Overseas Mission 2018 Appeal

Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) provides assistance to communities in developing countries as an outreach of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Appeal will take place **next weekend 8th/9th December**. MOM strives to improve the lives of the poor through education in literacy, health, hygiene, agriculture, cottage industry, small business cooperatives as well as the training of teachers, doctors and nurses. Each year, large quantities of donated goods are shipped to over 90 mission stations worldwide. The majority of these include clothing, hospital and school supplies.

### Christmas Working Bee:

There will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's on **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?



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Help St Vincent de Paul rebuild strength for families in need. A collection will be taken up **this weekend 1st/2nd December**. Envelopes will be available. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

### 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.

## 8/9 DECEMBER 2018

### Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

#### Readers:

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

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon, R Razga (SP)  
9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)  
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)  
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

#### Procession of Gifts:

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

#### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

B Fitchet (SJV)

#### Counters: Team 10:

T Busutil, J Camerino  
B Nixon, C Burn

#### Sacristans:

**St Patrick's - Group 2:**  
N Goodwin, J Dillon

**SJV - A Burn**

#### Pilgrim Statues:

##### This Week:

DSouza Family, 5 Balcombe Place (SP)

##### Next Week:

Mount Family, 1/46 Third 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

## Travelling Chalice



**This week beginning: 2 Dec**  
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**Next week beginning: 9 Dec**  
tba

## Parish Events

### Cards Group

Join the small group who now have their card gathering in the Convent behind the Parish Office. The next card day will be **Monday 10th December at 2pm**. At 4pm we stop playing to enjoy some light refreshments and tea/coffee. Contact: Tony 9558 3646 or the Parish Office, 9583 2103. All welcome.



### 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



2019 Columban Art Calendar

(Mentone).

### Travelling Chalice

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the Travelling Chalice. Once again we will start a new roster in the new year and invite parishioners to submit their names and/or request to have the Travelling Chalice for one week to pray for vocations to the priesthood.



### SJV Choir Practice

**St John Vianney Choir Rehearsals for Christmas start this Thursday 6th December at 7.00pm.**

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### 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.

## 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.

When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are ensuring more women can access the support they need for a safe birth and healthy child.

**Order Global Gift cards online at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call us on 1800 024 413.**



### St Patrick's Cathedral Christmas Concert

**Wednesday 12 December, 7pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, corner Gisborne Street and Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

A Christmas Concert in the glorious setting of St Patrick's Cathedral. Featuring Anthony Halliday (organ) and Joel Brennan (trumpet). Works by Handel, Bach, Corelli, Daquin and Halliday.

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/ZEUH>

### KSC International Essay Competition

The International Alliance of Catholic Knights (I. A. C. K.) has organised an International Essay Competition open to students 16-18 years of age, in their final three years of secondary school, on the topic of 'Walking in joy to serve the Lord', a young person's perspective of the Gospel in today's world. The essay is to have a minimum of 1200 words, maximum of 2000. The competition closes on **28th February 2019**.

Full details available on the IACK website <http://iack.org> under NEWS CHANNEL.



## 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 1st Sunday in Advent: 2nd December 2018

## Mass Response

Psalm Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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 in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski  
Entrance: CWBII 239  
Offertory: CWBII 232  
Communion: CWBII 552 - words, CWBII 449 - tune  
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski  
Entrance: CWBII 239  
Offertory: CWBII 242  
Communion: CWBII 552 - words, CWBII 449 - tune  
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong  
Entrance: CWBII 239  
Credo: 62  
Offertory: *O Emmanuel - Stainer*  
Communion: *The Lord will give us what is good*  
CWBII 552 - words, CWBII 449 - tune  
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly  
Entrance: CWBII 239  
Offertory: CWBII 232  
Communion: CWBII 242  
Recessional: CWBII 621

### Readings Next Week:

#### 2nd Sunday in Advent: Year C

Baruch: 5:1-9  
Philippians: 1:3-6. 8-11  
Luke: 3:1-6

### MASSES THIS WEEK

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

#### WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

**Monday, 3rd December NO MASS**

**Tuesday, 4th December**

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St John Damascene,  
priest, doctor

**Wednesday, 5th December**

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of 1st week of Advent  
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

**Thursday, 6th December**

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Nicholas, bishop  
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

**Friday, 7th December**

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Ambrose,  
bishop, doctor  
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

**Saturday, 8th December**

9:15 am (SP) Solemnity: The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

#### 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)**