

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 3rd March 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

I offer the following for your consideration.

The exploitation of children and young adults, as well as other vulnerable adult persons, cries to God for redress. God entrusts this work of redress to our hearts and minds.

SURVIVORS

The first step is to provide a listening ear for a survivor. She or he deserves to be welcomed and believed. As is evident below, these revelations take place after decades of concealed suffering. Victims are unanimous in praise of anyone who listens to them, and feel non-existent when they are not listened to.

For a Catholic, the most difficult thing is to be able to speak about sexual abuse; but once you have taken courage . . . the first thing I thought was: I'm going to tell everything to Holy Mother Church, where they will listen to me and respect me. The first thing they did was to treat me as a liar, turn their backs and tell me that I, and others, were enemies of the Church. (Male survivor, Chile at the Vatican last week)

At first I trusted him so much that I did not know that he could abuse me. I was afraid of him. I feel I have a life destroyed. (Woman survivor, Italy at the Vatican last week)

I write as the wife of a man abused as a child, who lives with the consequences still, decades later. . . . a cascade of despair and depression and worthlessness (is) imprinted on his sense of self. It is part of both our lives. (Wife of survivor, scout master's victim, Melbourne)

What you carry inside you is like a ghost. Attempts to return with the own true self . . . are just as painful as the abuse itself. One always lives in these two worlds simultaneously. (Male survivor, Chile at the Vatican last week)

Families realised quite some time ago that their adult children who revealed the abuse that had for decades negatively affected their lives were speaking the truth. The church's official representatives have only recently accepted that the act of revealing is tragically delayed.

Let each of us listen to Jesus' invitation: "Let the little ones come to me". In the voice of survivors, we hear the voice of Jesus wounded for the

world's sins. We must not go backwards now.

DISCERNMENT

The second step is that communities be open to hearing difficult truths, and capable of sifting the very occasional occurrence of untruths or faulty memory.

George Pell has appealed his conviction. As citizens of a nation founded proudly upon a robust and incorruptible legal system, we must preserve the delicate balance written into our laws. This makes possible, in most cases, the punishment of criminals and the acquittal of innocent persons mistakenly accused of crime.

In the interests of both truth and justice, we must both listen to survivors of abuse and accord to the accused the right of appeal.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Thirdly, a community should, once a complaint is publicly known, strive to make possible for itself a just and truthful outcome. St Ignatius of Loyola left a useful maxim that I paraphrase: "A Christian presumes the good will of a fellow Christian"

This demands prudence, patience, and preparedness to accept that unanimity about what has been alleged may not happen. This is rendered more difficult as evidence heard by the jury in George Pell's trial has not been made public.

The legal system of our nation requires us to await a final declaration of the truth from another court. None of us feels totally at peace.

As he was our parish priest, the case of George Pell is felt in our local community with particular poignancy.

Some of our own are experiencing now a range of painful and conflicting thoughts and emotions. George Pell has incurred civil punishment, and the canonical penalty of being forbidden public ministry has been imposed upon him.

THE FUTURE

I simply ask every one of us to be committed to the present and future of our community. The life of our parish is expressed in the worshipping activity and the service of our parish organizations. They nourish us all at different times. So too do the activities of our schools. It is all a precious heritage and it is in our hands. We have the responsibility to promote it in difficult

times as well as on the routine days throughout each year.

Should anyone wish to meet with me personally or as a group, I will do my utmost to do that as mutually convenient.

Carelink is a free support service at 1300 810 957. Charity calls us to pray for survivors, for the cardinal, for one another and for our precious children.

Fr Michael

LENT

This week commences Lent, our 40-day journey to the Resurrection of Our Lord at Easter.



Lent Traditional Discipline

Lent recalls baptism and stresses a penitential spirit. By these means especially, Lent readies us for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. Lenten penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social, such as support of Project Compassion

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

All aged 19-59 are bound to fast. All aged 15 and over are bound to abstain. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament

Ash Wednesday Masses

Start your Lent well!

This **Wednesday, March 6** is Ash Wednesday a day of fasting, penitence and abstinence.

Four Masses will be held:

9:15am (SP), 10:30am (SJV), 12 noon (SJV) and 7:30pm (SP), with distribution of ashes at each mass.

Stations of the Cross

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

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Upali de Silva, Peggy Morrissy, Luigi Casabene

Prayer for the Sick



Noel Mathers, 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 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 or leave a message on her mobile 0410 002 270.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,654.95

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,278.50
Loose Money \$491.45

Parish Events

Missionary Awareness Day Appeal

This weekend young members of our parish who attend St Bede's College will ask us to participate in their Missionary Awareness Day. with a special third collection.

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.

Form a group of friends to meet in your home, or come to the Presbytery on Thursdays in Lent beginning on 7th March, either at 10 am after Mass or at 7 pm in the evening.

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, 3rd Sunday in Lent), subdivided into weekly discussions on Trusting, Transforming, Risking, Reconciling, Encountering, Redeeming. **Please indicate your interest to Parish Office.**

Project

Compassion

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2018 - Mentone Conference

A big thank you to all who contributed to our 2018 Christmas Appeal. We raised a total of \$3,165.65 which will be a great help in providing food and other material assistance to those less fortunate living in our local area. In addition to this, St Patrick's Primary School provided 23 Christmas hampers and Kilbreda College 9 Christmas hampers.

Found set of keys

A set of house and car keys on a lanyard was found in St Patrick's Church last Monday. Please call the Parish office to claim if the keys are yours. (9583 2103)

9/10 MARCH 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)

9:00 am - K Swadling, N Perazzo (SJV)

11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (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 - V Mathers, S Tobin (SP)

5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Lavery Family (SP)

9:00 am - Lowe Family (SJV)

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Counters: Team 11

H Commins, A Rasiah

B John, A & C Smit

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3

M Zickett, K Lyons

A Berghella (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Howe Family, 9/60 Beach Rd (SP)

Next Week:

Noonan Family, 24 Swanston St (SP)

This Week:

O'Donoghue Family, 129 Warren Rd (SJV)

Next Week:

Williams Family, 5 Vialls Ave (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY, 28 MARCH** at a venue to be advised in the Parish Bulletin.

David Carson 04 1900 1968

Plenary Council Feedback

After attending the Share and Listen meeting last Sunday, I would like to thank Father Michael and the committee for providing the opportunity to engage with other people in our parish. It was very interesting that when asked what we thought God is asking of us in Australia the group that I joined came up with similar themes. We decided to discuss the problem of attracting and keeping young people engaged in our faith. There were other themes as well, but when we think of the future, can the church in Australia (us) find a way to work together so that we are strong and hopeful. We cannot look backwards at what worked before, we are living in different times where things change so quickly. We are struggling but with God nothing is impossible.

Thankyou, Anne Berghella

Other Events

Our 2019 40 Days for Life campaign starts on the 6th of March (Ash Wednesday) and finishes on the 14th of April (Palm Sunday)

This year, to kick our campaign off, we will have a Grand Opening and **YOU** are invited! We have two distinguished guests from the American headquarters, Matt Brittan and Fr Francis M de Rosa, visiting the 40 Days cities in Australia. Melbourne is the first.

On Friday, March 1st, we start off with Mass at 12:30pm at Star of the Sea, Catholic Church, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne.

After Mass and Rosary, at 2pm, our guests will present and inspire us on how we can end abortion in Melbourne. This same presentation will be repeated at 6.30pm. The sessions will be at nearby Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St, Nth Melbourne. Afternoon tea and supper will be provided.

Please, please RSVP which session you are able to attend as well as how many others you are committing yourself to bring along.

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

Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life.

Please pray for Vocations

'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.

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

'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

PROJECT COMPASSION

The readings today prepare us for the coming Lenten season, a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time for stepping away from the instinct to judge one another, be that close to home, or beyond into the human family of nations. Caring for others keeps us connected to the spirit of God, reminding us that the just will 'flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon'



The gospel reading tells us that 'the fully trained disciple will always be like the teacher', reminding us that our example of living is to come from Jesus and his mission of bringing good news to the poor. It is by what we say and do, that people will see the face of God in the world. This is the 'good' fruit.

In the coming weeks, we have the privilege of walking with some of our sisters and brothers who participate in Caritas programs, and who feature in the Project Compassion stories this year. How might we learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another and for the common good of our one human family? As the season of Lent approaches, we might consider: What could we do to commit ourselves to the flourishing of hope in our time? How can we give Lent 100%?

Lives change when we all give 100%

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8th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C: 3rd March 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. **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
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 192
Offertory: CWBII 624
Communion: CWBII 602
Recessional: CWBII 580

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 181
Offertory: CWBII 449
Communion: CWBII 397
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong
Entrance: CWBII 181
Credo: CWBII 62
Offertory: *Ego sum panis vivus* - Joseph Surzynski
Communion: *Ave Maria (dit de Caccini)* - Vladimir Vavilov
Arrangement - Rhys Boak
Soloist - Ariane Ludlow
Recessional: Toccata in F Major BWV 540 - J.S.Bach

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 192
Offertory: CWBII 449
Communion: CWBII 397
Recessional: CWBII 580

Readings Next Week:

1st Sunday in Lent, Year C:

Deuteronomy : 26:4-10
Romans : 10:8-13
Luke : 4:1-13

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 4th March NO MASS

Tuesday, 5th March

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

Wednesday, 6th March

9:15 am (SP) **ASH WEDNESDAY** Day of Fast
and Abstinence
School Mass
10:30 am (SJV) Mass
12 noon (SJV) School Mass
7:30 pm (SP) Mass

Thursday, 7th March

9:15 am (SP) Thursday after Ash Wednesday
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 8th March

9:15 am (SP) Friday after Ash Wednesday
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 9th March

9:15 am (SP) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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)