

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE



SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C) : 5th May 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Pope Francis' advice for approaching the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Pope Francis' coat of arms carries the motto, "Having had mercy, Christ called him" (Latin: *Eligendo atque miserando*), a reference to the call of Matthew (Mt 9:9).

As a seventeen year old youth, while on his way to meet up with a group of friends, he went to confession and felt the descent of the mercy of God, that with eyes of tender love, he was being called to the religious life.

In the letter he wrote at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy (2016), he states that "the Sacrament of Reconciliation must regain its central place in the Christian life."¹

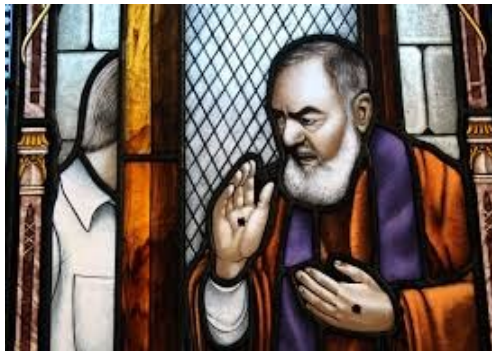
Francis recalled that Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the apostles when he showed himself to them on the evening of the day of the resurrection. The doors were closed for fear of the Jew(ish authorities).

To assist us to prepare ourselves for confession, Francis expands the metaphor of the closed door.

- There is the temptation to *lock the doors*, to minimise our sin, always justifying it, thinking we are no worse than others. In this way, the locks of the soul are closed and we remain prisoners of evil;
- There is the obstacle of *shame*, which, in reality, is a good symptom that we want to break away from evil;

- The third trap is to *distance ourselves from the door* (that leads to repentance) by ruminating constantly, by sinking into the darkest corners of our soul.

These pitfalls make us discouraged, weaker in the face of temptation so that we remain alone. We do not turn to the light of the Lord's grace. Francis concludes, "Let us listen to Jesus who says, 'Come to me.' (Mt 11:28)²



Returning to the theme of preparation for confession in the homily on the feast of the Divine Mercy in 2018, the Pope offered more suggestions.

-*Shame* is a secret invitation of the soul that needs the Lord to overcome evil;

-*Resignation* is always a closed door. "I've been a Christian for all this time, but nothing has changed in me." In discouragement, we give up on mercy. The Lord challenges us to give more weight to his mercy than to our own misery. Every time we are forgiven, we are reassured and encouraged, because each time we experience more love.

-*And when we fall again*, precisely because we are loved, we experience even greater sorrow

– a beneficial sorrow that slowly detaches us from sin. This is the Christian life: from shame to shame, from forgiveness to forgiveness.

-The last closed door is *our sin*. When I commit a grave sin, if I, in all honesty, do not want to forgive myself, why should God forgive me? But this is faulty logic. The door is closed on one side only, our own; but for God, no door is ever completely closed. He loves to enter, precisely, as we hear in the gospel, 'through closed doors'. There God works his wonders.

-When we make our confession, something unheard-of happens: we discover that the very sin that kept us apart from the Lord becomes the place where we encounter him. There the God who is wounded by love comes to meet our wounds. He makes our wretched wounds like his own glorious wounds. There is a transformation: my wretched wounds resemble his glorious wounds. Because he is mercy and works wonders in our wretchedness.³

¹Francis Apostolic Letter 'Misericordia et misera' (2016) #11

²Francis Homily at the Sending Forth of the Missionaries of Mercy, Ash Wednesday 2016

³Francis Homily for the Feast of the Divine Mercy 2018.

In bringing the Jubilee to a close, Pope Francis granted to all priests the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion. This faculty had been restricted to the local ordinary (the bishop). The Pope not only restated that abortion is a grave sin since it puts an end to an innocent life, but strongly insisted that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach. Apostolic Letter *Misericordia*

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

Recently Deceased

Ella Hancock, Bridget Smith

Anniversaries

Bert Lucas, Anthony Ward

Prayer for the Sick



Bill Nixon, 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, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles, John Wong 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.

Pope's Intentions: May 2019

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Vocation View

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?"

Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Good Shepherd Sunday

Next weekend **11/12th May** we mark Good Shepherd Sunday, also known as Vocations Sunday. Fifth year Seminarian Anthony Beltrame, from the Adelaide Archdiocese, will visit us and talk at all Masses. Please include him and all our seminarians in your prayers.

Rosary Procession for Peace and the Families

Saturday 11th May at 5pm,

Rosary procession at St Patrick's School Oval. Please bring Rosary Beads and invite your friends. *Volunteers are required to bear the statue. Please contact Jim Stoppa (9585 0362).*



Reflection on "Christus Vivit" - Christ Lives

Pope Francis wants us to be alive no matter what age you are - Anyone interested in joining a prayer group each Thursday with reflections on "Christus Vivit" after 9:15am Mass. Please contact Sr Damian.

Knights of the Southern Cross Raffle

Members will be selling raffle tickets this weekend (**4 / 5 May**) to assist in fundraising for their various projects. Excellent prizes, Travel & Electrical goods. Tickets \$2. (Community Raffle facilitated by Rotary Club of Frankston North).

11/12 MAY 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

- 6:00 pm - T Howe (SP)
9:00 am - R Tregonning, K Swadling (SJV)
11:00 am - A Earle (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

- 6:00 pm - J Stoppa, D McDonald (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)
5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

Procession of Gifts

- 6:00 pm - Marshall Family (SP)
9:00 am - Swadling Family (SJV)
11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

N Perazzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 8

L Pickett, M Forsyth, J Alford
G & R Tregonning

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 6
H Foley, G Tregonning
A Burn (SJV)

Flowers:

A Berghella (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Wiggin Family, 35 Holding St (SP)

Next Week:

Heath Family, 6/19 Brindisi St (SP)

This Week:

Edkins Family, 49 Brownfield St (SJV)

Next Week:

Mindum Family, 22 Jacaranda Ave (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,357.20

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,607.49
Loose Money: \$495.00

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events



Caritas; Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal. Please return your Project boxes to the Parish Office.

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY 16th MAY** at a venue to be advised in the Parish Bulletin. **David Carson 0419 001 968**

Cuppa & Chat - Mentone



All parishioners are invited for a cup of tea or coffee following the 9:30am OLSC and 11:00am Masses each Sunday

Other Events

'How to win an argument without losing a soul': Theology @ The Pub

Monday 6 May, 6.30-9pm

The Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Theology @ the Pub and Catholic Vocations Melbourne are proud to be hosting internationally renowned author, podcaster and speaker Matt Fradd on his Melbourne tour. Matt's podcast 'Pints with Aquinas' receives hundreds of thousands of downloads every month. Join us as Matt shares from his vast experience on the topic.

Registrations:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBABQ>

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



Well done to the members of the St Patrick's Church Choir for their months of preparation and a wonderful performance at the Easter Triduum 2019. The music was a worthy accompaniment to the sacred liturgy. Many parishioners took time to pass on their compliments of how much they appreciated the music. A DVD and CD will be available at a later stage. If you would like to reserve a copy, please let the parish office know.

Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music



News from the Ordinariate

Cardinal John Henry Newman to be proclaimed a Saint

Cardinal John Henry Newman is close to becoming Britain's first new saint since St. John Ogilvie was canonized by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1976. Cardinal Newman, who was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010, was born in 1801. He was ordained as a Church of England priest and went on to found the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845.

He was later made a cardinal. After he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets for his funeral.

New head for Ordinariate

Pope Francis appointed Canadian priest Fr Carl Reid the second Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

The Reverend Monsignor Carl Reid will be installed in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on August 27th 2019.

Those interested in reading articles on the Ordinariate may wish to access their website:

<http://www.ordinariate.org.au/> and

<https://www.portalmag.co.uk/index.php>

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The Liturgy for the Third Sunday of Easter Year C: 5th May 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people. **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 354
Offertory: CWBII 347
Communion: CWBII 481
Recessional: CWBII 353

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 353
Offertory: CWBII 347
Communion: CWBII 553
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong
Entrance: CWBII 354
Credo: CWBII 62
Offertory: *O sing unto the Lord* - Rawsthorne
Communion: *Ave verum corpus* - Mozart
Recessional: CWBII 353

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 491
Offertory: CWBII 353
Communion: CWBII 553
Recessional: CWBII 503

Readings Next Week:

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Year C

Acts: 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse: 7:9, 14-17
John: 10:27-30

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 6th May NO MASS

Tuesday, 7th May

9:15 am (SP) Mother's Day School Mass (SP)
12 noon (SJV) Mother's Day School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 8th May

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter
10:30 am (SJV) Mass
1:00 pm (SP) **Funeral:** Bridget Smith

Thursday, 9th May

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

Friday, 10th May

9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 3rd week of Easter
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 11th May

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

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)**