

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 7th October 2018

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Most of our parish community has experienced the joys and achievements as well as the challenges and struggles that come with your commitment to married life.

The Gospel reading for today's Mass states Jesus' call to accept God's plan for human love in marriage. "In Christ's kingdom, divine wisdom is the foundation for human institutions. The legal questions over divorce, although compelling to some, failed completely to address the love of God and neighbor that marriage teaches. . . . Although the law of Moses allows (divorce), the changed circumstances of the first century C.E. lead Jesus to argue that the usefulness of that custom had come to an end. In fact, the growing body of interpretation on the topic of divorce threatened to obscure the purpose for which God had created marriage."¹

Referring to the second creation account in the book of Genesis, Jesus recalls that each of us is sacred, created "in the image of God". That "the two become one flesh" (Gn 2:24) reveals the remedy for solitude and the gift that man and woman are for each other in marriage. "Sexuality . . . is willed by God to push man to get out of himself and to go towards the other. . . . Forgetting himself, he offers himself as a gift to another."²

The reaction by the disciples to Jesus's words reminds us of the sentiments of so many of our contemporaries. "In the early centuries of the Church, the church's understanding of marriage was at odds with that of the wider society, and so it is today."³ Marriage has been redefined in Australia as no longer between a man and a woman but as between two adults, apart from the procreative potential inherent in the union of a man and a woman. Our Christian understanding of marriage has not been changed by this at all.

In 2014 and 2015, two Synods of the bishops of the entire world considered marriage. Drawing on the contributions of bishops and lay men and women present in the Synods, Pope Francis wrote a long letter on love in the family,

entitled *The Joy of Love (Amoris laetitia [2016], hereafter AL)*.

The Pope repeatedly calls on all of us in the Church of Christ to propose the ideal of a life-long, faithful, and fruitful marriage covenant entered into by spouses. "Young people . . . should be encouraged to understand that the sacrament of marriage can enrich their prospects of love and that they can be sustained by the grace of Christ . . . participating fully in the life of the Church." (AL #307)

The Synods were acutely aware of the prevalence of cohabitation by young couples, preparatory to marriage, and of the high incidence of marriage breakdown. "Today, more important than the pastoral care of failures is the pastoral effort to strengthen marriages and thus to prevent their breakdown." (AL #307)

For the past two generations, many young Catholics have resorted to civil celebrants for their marriage ceremonies. There is widespread ignorance of the Church's tradition of a couple exchanging their vows in the presence of a priest. The priest has two duties in officiating at a marriage. He offers the church's blessing to the new marriage as the couple exchange their vows. Two baptized persons thus give one another the sacrament of matrimony. Also, the priest represents the faithful community that needs their witness of a Christian way of life present in the family that they will form. If a couple had been free to enter into marriage, should they come to realize later what is lacking, it is quite simple to have the vows of their civil union recognized and blessed. This procedure is known as a 'convalidation'. A propos of this, St John Paul II commented that a human being "knows, loves and accomplishes moral good by different stages of growth." (The Christian Family in the Modern World [1981] #123, hereafter FC)

Very few of our extended families are not affected by separation, or breakdown, or divorce, or remarriage. St John Paul II gave careful consideration to this phenomenon. He calls upon every Catholic community to make every effort to help people who have suffered the breakdown of their marriage to prize the contributions that these families make through

their charity, prayer, and service in the parish community, and certainly not to condemn them (FC#84). Pope John Paul accepted that there are persons "who are sometimes subjectively certain in conscience that their previous and irreparably destroyed marriage had never been valid." (ibid) Priests are always ready to assist couples who, after remarrying in a civil ceremony though still desiring to enjoy the gift of a sacramental marriage, seek an annulment of their prior marriage, or who ask for help in discerning the state of their conscience (FC #82, 84; AL # 296-299).

Jesus' lesson in today's reading is pronounced after he announces his pending suffering and death. Usually we grow in maturity in our Christian life through our encounter with the Cross of Jesus in our own crosses. In his recent letter, Pope Francis noted how "love (is) strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience." (AL #5) He repeats the importance of patience: "Marital problems are often confronted in haste and without the courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another." (AL #41)

Despite the challenges and struggles of our humanity, there is so much for which to be grateful and wholesomely proud. "We are thankful for the witness Christian married couples bear to us and to the world in showing us how to take up our cross and follow Jesus. We know that (they) are not perfect and that many find it difficult to love as unconditionally as God loves, and do not find the way of the cross an easy path to follow. But we are thankful for the ways in which married couples strive to seek the growth and happiness of the other person no matter what the cost. (Their example) helps the rest of us to learn . . . what love is really about."⁴

¹ Michael J Simone SJ THE WORD. TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B members@americamagazine.org accessed 2nd October 2018

² Fernando Armellini Celebrating the Word of God. Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time year B <http://bibleclaret.org/celebrating-the-word-of-god> accessed 3 October 2018

³ Geoffrey D Dunn Reflections on the Readings for Sundays and Feasts *Australasian Catholic Record* July 2018 vol 95 no 3, page 362

⁴ Geoffrey D Dunn (ibid)

Presbytery & Office: 10 Rogers Street, Mentone 3194. Ph: 9583 2103

- **Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Michael McEntee Ph: 0417 673 857 • **Hon Associate Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ramsay Williams OLSC
 - **Pastoral Associate:** Sr Damian SPC Ph: 0410 002 270 • **Convent:** Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
 - **Director of Music:** Myfanwy McIndoe Ph: 0484 079 880
 - **St Patrick's School:** Ph: 9583 5033 • **St John Vianney's School:** Ph: 9580 5812
- Website:** stpatriksmentone.org.au **Email:** stpatriksmentone@bigpond.com

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

Recently Deceased

Kevin Davis, Jessie Mammino, Dean Olsen, Gerard Anthony Healy

Anniversaries

Sr Margaret Kennedy OLSH, Bill Wilson, Tom Morton, Philomena Alderton, Mary Godfrey, Dorothy Forsyth, Florence Kelly, George Kelly, John McEntee

Prayer for the Sick



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, Angela Iorianni, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles and those on the continuing prayer list.
(PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME SHOULD BE

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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1416.45

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2856.60
Loose Money: \$512.00

Pope's Intentions:

October 2018

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Vocation View

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

Please pray for vocations

Rosary Procession

for Peace and Families



You are invited to a Rosary Procession at St. Patrick's Primary School oval, Childers St Mentone.
Sunday October 7th 2018
Please assemble in the school playground at 4pm.

Participants are kindly requested to bring their Rosary beads and also their families and friends, including those in the pram or wheelchair.

Carriers of statue please report to Jim Stoppa at 3:50pm.

Observance Sunday for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Sunday 7th October is Observance Sunday for the St Vincent de Paul Society. The members in our parish visit people in their homes, or in a community setting, to provide support and practical assistance such as food, vouchers, clothing, furniture and help with budgeting. All of this is made possible because of your generosity. On behalf of those in need we say thank you.

13/14 OCTOBER 2018

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - School Mass (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, T Maloney (SP)
9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - My-Nga Ly, M Scalzo (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick: B Fitchet (SJV)

Flowers:

G Costanzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 2:

P Drenen, J Russo
M Jensen, S Stewart

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 6:
H Foley, G Tregonning
SJV - G & K Sullivan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Anthony Family, 2-8 Pietro Rd (SP)

Next Week:

Glennon Family, 8 Ganton Place (SP)

This Week:

Green Family, 17 Clare St (SJV)

Next Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

Adoration Roster: Week 4 - St John Vianney

Travelling Chalice



This week beginning: 7 Oct
tba

Next week beginning: 14 Oct
tba

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at **Zagame's Hotel**, 25 Derby Rd, Caulfield (150m from the station) on **Thursday 11th October**, from 12 noon. Please RSVP no later than 12 noon on the Tuesday prior by adding your name to the list on the noticeboard at St Patrick's church OR leaving a message with **David Carson** on **9580 7118**. If travelling by train meet on Platform 1, Mentone station to catch the 11.29am train to Caulfield and **TRAVEL FREE!** Touch on and off with your **MYKI** card as usual but as this is in **Senior's Week** you won't be charged.



Parish Confirmations

Please pray for our candidates to be Confirmed next weekend **Sunday 14th October**, 9am at SJV and 2.30pm at St Patrick's. Note below the Piety Stall will be open for gifts for Confirmation.



Piety Stalls

The Piety Stall at St Patrick's will be open on **Wednesday 10th October** from 3-4pm for those wishing to buy gifts for the children making their Confirmation. The 2019 Columban Calendars are now available for purchase at the St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Piety Stalls. Open following 9 am Mass (Parkdale) and from 10.30am (Mentone).

Organic Lunch with Myfanwy Mndoe

All welcome to come and hear the organ at the **Melbourne Town Hall**. "Bach and the French Organists: A journey through time and place". **Wednesday 10th October, 1pm**. Bookings NOT required **FREE** entry.

Other Events

March for the Babies Rally

Join us for the 2018 March for the Babies, **Saturday 13th October**, starting at 1pm from the **Treasury Gardens**, cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, East Melbourne., a two minute walk from Parliament train station. A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Act.



Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us



Life, Marriage & Family Sunday Living Icons: Mothers, Fathers & The Gospel of the Family.

New video and print resources highlighting the role of both a mother and a father in family life have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available in parishes from **Sunday 7th October**.

The accompanying videos can be viewed online at:

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

We encourage you to watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

The Spring Ball

The annual Spring Ball, supporting the work of Capuchin Friars Outreach, is on **Saturday 13th October**, 7pm.

Held at **Sts Peter and Pauls**, cnr Dorcas and Montague Streets, South Melbourne.

Bookings www.trybooking.com/XRHT, details

www.facebook.com/CapuchinFriarsOutreach

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.

Annual Mission Fair

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on **Saturday 13th October**, 9am-3pm at **154 Cotham Rd, Kew**.

This year the proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 250 poor girls and boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese, Egypt. Enquiries **9817 3715**

St Patrick's Cathedral Organ Recital

Tuesday 9 October 2018, 7pm-8:15pm,

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne
Rhys Boak Works by *Durufle, Karg-Elert, Vierne and Alcock*.

Tickets at the door (\$20/pax)

No concessions/No booking required, children under 15 free.

For more information contact

paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753

A Place to Call home - Parish Forum

Wednesday 24th October 5:30pm-8:45pm, St Columba's Parish Centre, 24 Glenhunted Road ELWOOD. (Enter via Church car park off Normandy Rd).

What are the key issues we face in relation to housing in Australia? What action can individuals and parishes take to address housing, stress and homelessness in their communities? Catholic Social Services Victoria invite you to a forum following the 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement: A Place to Call Home and Ten Steps brochure.

The forum is an opportunity for parishes to consider possible action and advocacy they can take in response to the Statement.

No Cost.

Refreshments from 5:30pm for a 6pm start.

RSVP by 21st October.

Enquiries Lucia Brick 9287 5566 or email: lucia.brick@css.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to.

Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: somml@bigpond.com

Hymn texts reproduced with permission
One Licence #A -621271

The Liturgy for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7th October 2018

Mass Response

Psalm Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love. **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 448
Offertory: CWBII 181
Communion: CWBII 381
Recessional: CWBII 385

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 181
Communion: CWBII 381
Recessional: CWBII 385

11.00am Choral Mass (Sunday) - St Patrick's

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 564
Communion: CWBII 381
Recessional: CWBII 385

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians – Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 564
Communion: CWBII 164
Recessional: CWBII 385

Readings Next Week:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

Wisdom : 7:7-11
Hebrews: 4:12-13
Mark: 10:17-30

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 8th October NO MASS

Tuesday, 9th October

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Denis, bishop, martyr and companions, martyrs

Wednesday, 10th October

9:15 am (SP) 27th week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 11th October

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St John XXIII, pope
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 12th October

9:15 am (SP) 27th week in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 13th October

9:15 am (SP) Optional: Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (**Ordinariate Mass**) (SP)
Sunday: 11:00 am (Choral Mass) (SP)
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)**