

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 25th August 2019

On a bright sunny day in London, I offer my prayers and good wishes for everyone in our parish in this challenging period. Archbishop Comensoli has reminded us of our commitment to survivors of sexual abuse and encourages us to accept the verdict of the court of appeal.

Fr Michael

Media Statement

Wednesday 21 August 2019

Cardinal George Pell



Today the Victorian Court of Appeal, in a 2:1 majority decision, dismissed Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his conviction for assaulting two choir boys at St Patrick's Cathedral in late 1996 and early 1997.

I respectfully receive the Court's decision, and I encourage everyone to do the same. That there have been two trials, and now today's decision in the Court of Appeal, the complexity of the search for the truth in this matter has tested many, and may very well continue to do so.

My thoughts and prayers are with the man who brought this matter before the courts. I humbly acknowledge it has been a challenging time for him, and I stand ready to offer pastoral and spiritual help, should he seek it.

In Christian charity, I will ensure that Cardinal Pell is provided pastoral and spiritual support while he serves the remainder of his sentence, according to the teaching and example of Jesus to visit those in prison.

I also want to acknowledge with gratitude the people who have been involved in this case. For many, this has been a demanding and distressing experience.

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I want to acknowledge the deep impact today's decision will have for you. My prayer is that all of us might reach out to each other in faith, hope and love, as I do for you at this moment.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne continues to work with survivors to offer support for their healing, recovery and well-being. This is based upon an Archdiocesan-wide commitment to build a culture of respect and safety for all, and to reach out to those who courageously bring forward their stories.

I re-commit myself and the Archdiocese to a culture that listens, that seeks to bring justice and healing, and that protects children and vulnerable people.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

THE SEAL OF THE CONFESSIONAL: FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

What is worth protecting and fighting for? The answer to that question is straightforward: our children.

Of this, there is no doubt. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse cast a much-needed light on the failures of many institutions across Australia, including government and church institutions, and most prominently my own church.

It grieves me daily to know that young, and now adult lives, have been devastated and destroyed through multiple failures by the Catholic Church. We failed to hear, to believe, and to act on credible information regarding child sexual abuse. There is no stepping aside from this fact, and it drives my ongoing commitment to personally do everything in my power to create and maintain safe environments for children in our schools and parishes.

I share the concern of our civic leaders that religious leaders like myself follow the laws of our land. I support religious ministers holding mandatory reporting responsibilities, a change the Catholic Church proposed in 2013. I have committed the Archdiocese of Melbourne to organisational and cultural change. We have policies, procedures and processes to achieve compliance with the Child Safe Standards; we are providing reports to the Commission for Children and Young People under the Reportable Conduct Scheme; we offer professional development of leaders and workers; we ensure accreditation of those involved in child related employment, and train our clergy and people in constant improvement in building a culture that recognises, respects and defends the rights of children and young people.

Alongside this commitment I will also uphold the Seal of Confession. I recognise that many people find it hard to understand, or relate, to the importance of Confession in the lives of many Christians. Even some Catholics who haven't "called in" for a long time only remember aspects of what it was once like.

So why, when faced with Victoria's proposed new laws on mandatory reporting of child abuse, which would include information revealed in Confession, would any reasonable Catholic person, or any person for that matter, express concern?

Violating the Seal of Confession does not address any reform needed to protect children from abuse in institutions and other contexts, which is the fundamental point of the royal commission. We learned a great deal from that work, including the need for ongoing supervision of those who work with children, regular review of relevant policies, transparency and accreditation for religious ministers, none of which are addressed by removing the Seal of Confession.

Let me name some of my other deep concerns with the current draft of the bill.

Firstly, what is proposed is unworkable. It shows a significant lack of understanding about the act of Confession - particularly ignoring the anonymity of this sacrament, and the very real expectations of Catholic families that clergy will respect the strictest confidentiality of the Seal of Confession. Unlike a patient's relationship with their doctor or psychologist, or a student's relationship with their teacher, the relationship within the sacrament is between the penitent and God, with the priest being merely a conduit. It is a religious act, of a deeply spiritual nature, in which the priest has no latitude to require a penitent to identify themselves.

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights, like all similar international covenants to which Australia is a signatory, protects the freedom to demonstrate a person's religion and belief in worship, and their observance and practice as a basic human right. The proposed new laws on the Sacrament of Confession effectively deprive this basic human right to Victorians of faith, and in particular, members of the Catholic Church.

Secondly, what is often not understood is that the strictest confidentiality of the Seal of Confession is a constant thread running through the Catholic community around the world. Among my parishioners are families who have come to Australia from countries where the government interferes directly in religion, including contraventions of the Seal of Confession. They tell me how safe they feel in Australia where they can practice their faith freely. Much is lost if we can't afford respect to this religious practice.

While the government has presented this issue as a choice between child protection and religious freedom, to any reasonable observer this is too simplistic, and worryingly deflects attention away from real action to ensure the care and safety of our children and vulnerable people.

Catholics will continue to respect the law and do everything possible to make children safe.

Sometimes governments can rush a law that brings unintended consequences, which means the law proposed will be ineffective. Undermining the Seal of Confession is not merely to adjust a small part of something, but to decimate the heart of what it means for every penitent - there would be no sacrament left to practice. Confession is built on the trust that people have in the confidentiality they are afforded to be honest and open about their lives before God. For the state to remove the Seal would be a betrayal of that trust.

The Most Reverend Peter Comensoli,
Archbishop of Melbourne
[This statement first appeared in The Age newspaper on August 16th., 2019]
The Victorian Government is planning to introduce legislation which would make it a legal requirement for clergy to break the seal of the confessional and disclose information confessed by penitents.

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

Recently Deceased

Sue Patricia Strickland, Mavis Strom, Vilma Black

Anniversaries

Mary Carroll, Jack and Ronnie Carroll, Jack and Bridgie Heffernan, Ethel McMahon, Lionel Newman

Prayer for the Sick



Earlene Granger, Margaret Hopkins, Theresa Ahearn, Jenny Jessep, Kathleen Cerato, Bill Nixon, Ron Brown, Nancy Lopez, 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, Anthony Mannion, John Wong, Sharon Kirkwood, Peter Zickert, 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, with the exception of Good Friday.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,506.50

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,206.85
Loose Money: \$361.30

Pope's Intentions: August 2019 Evangelization – Families

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

Vocation View

Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters.

Pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Help Required

For those who have not returned their Time and Talent & Pledge forms from the recent

Thanksgiving Campaign, can you help to ease the burden on your fellow parishioners from having to collect these from you by returning them to the parish office or placing them into the second collection at mass no later than the weekend of **September 1**. Thankyou.



Priest's Retirement Foundation

Next weekend we will have our annual appeal for retired Priests. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Parish Seniors Group

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY 19 September** at a venue to be advised later in the Parish.

Please pencil in **Thursday, 10 October**, for a luncheon during Seniors Week when travel using your MYKI card is FREE!

David Carson 0419 001 968

Michael Buck's Ordination 7th Sept

Please note

There will be no mass or morning confession on September 7th due attendance by clergy at Michael's Ordination.

BENEDICTION

Exposition will take place on Fridays following the 9.15 am Mass for adoration until after the Divine Mercy devotions at 3 pm.



There is no Benediction during August.

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

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

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - S Henning, R Razga (SP)
9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - B Campbell, J Renden (SP)
9:00 am - Swadling Family (SJV)
11:00 am - N Chung (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 12

S Lavery, F Grijalvo, J Marshall
C Giosis, P Osboldstone

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 4

C Price, S Rodrigo

G & K Sullivan

(SJV)

Flowers:

B Noonan (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Potter Family, 18 Phillip St (SP)

Next Week:

Cornelius Family, 21 Neville St (SP)

This Week:

Fitchet Family, 15 Belle Cres (SJV)

Next Week:

Rodrigo Family, 1/39 Brownfield St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish and Diocesan News



Assumption Day St Patrick's School Mass was so Glorious with the sun shining as nine junior Legion of Mary children marched the banner of the Assumption up to the altar with Father Williams.

Mathew Bergin and Ryan Stoppa held the banner as other junior legionaries took up their Legion banners and fresh orchids for the great feast of their Holy Mother and Queen of the Legion.

During consecration the sun shone directly on the banner making it brilliant and colourful.

On the way back from the altar at the end of Mass, it was Ryan Stoppa and Luke Watkins who held the banner.

Praise God for this great feast. Everything went so well for that celebration. God be praised.

The Junior Legion of Mary.

Parish Events

Alight Family Fiesta



**Saturday 21 September, 8.30am-4pm
St Bede's College, Mentone**

At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone, especially parents-to-be, to feel renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family!

Details and registrations: early bird registrations are open until Saturday 31 August; look for the Alight flyers in your parish or

visit www.cam.org.au/alight19

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.

Visiting Our Parish: The Ordinary Rev Mons Keith Newton

The Right Rev Monsignor Keith Newton The Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, United Kingdom will preside and preach at the Ordinariate Mass at St Patrick's, Mentone next Sunday the First of September, the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

Join us for brunch afterwards in the Parish Centre. **ALL WELCOME!**

An Evening with Camino Author and Legend, John Brierley Tuesday 15 October, 7-10pm Newman College Oratory, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Camino Community Melbourne is hosting an event for international Camino legend and author John Brierley. John is the author of the most popular Camino guide book, *A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago*. John will be sharing his reflections on how the Camino can act as a potent force in the collective evolution for humanity.

Cost: \$10.00

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Ordination to the Priesthood Rev. Michael Kevin Buck

*By the Most Rev. Peter A. Comensoli,
Archbishop of Melbourne
At 10am on Saturday the 7th of
September, 2019*

*At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral
Place,
East Melbourne.*

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*You are also invited to attend
Fr. Buck's First Mass of Thanksgiving
At 2pm on Sunday the 8th of September,
2019*

*At St. Patrick and the Holy Angels Church,
Mentone*

*10 Rogers Street, Mentone, VIC 3194
Followed by a Reception in the Parish
Hall.*

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It is with great joy that we announce the up-coming ordination of one of our parishioners Michael Buck. After graduating from St Bede's College Mentone in 2012 where he was dux, Michael began studies at Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne. He has been completing his formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and was ordained last year to the Diaconate in St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Michael is the first priestly ordination from our parish in decades. Collections will be taken up for a gift for Michael from the parish, and envelopes will be on the end of the pews.

We hope you can attend Michael's first Mass on 8th September and the celebration afterwards.

Parishioners attending the First Mass and Reception at St Patrick's Mentone are asked to bring a plate (not hot food).

*Enquiries contact Liz Freeman
9585 0146*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 25th August 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
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 520
Offertory: CWBII 586
Communion: CWBII 576
Recessional: CWBII 519

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Gloria - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 586
Offertory: CWBII 520
Communion: CWBII 595
Recessional: CWBII 503

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 520
Offertory: *O sanctissima* - traditional Sicilian melody
Communion: *O word incarnate* - Gibbons
Recessional: CWBII 519

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 586
Offertory: CWBII 520
Communion: CWBII 595
Recessional: CWBII 503

Readings Next Week: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time: Year C

Ecclesiasticus: 3:17-20,28-29
Hebrews: 12:18-19,22-24
Luke: 14:1-14

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 26th August NO MASS

Tuesday, 27th August

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Monica
School Mass (SP)
12 noon School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 28th August

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Augustine, bishop, doctor
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 29th August

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 30th August

9:15 am (SP) 21st week in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 31st August

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 (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)

NO BENEDICTION IN AUGUST 2019.

**Simple Reposition after
Divine Mercy Prayers 3.15pm Fridays.**