

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year C) : 31st March 2019

FINDING JOY IN A TROUBLED WORLD

The Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Lent strikes a note of joy in the mid-point of this holy season: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her, be joyful ..." [Isaiah 66.10-11]

Today, in our world, however, it would seem that we have little cause to rejoice.

We live in times of great international unrest, in which not only western civilisation and culture, but that of many other parts of our world, face the constant threat of terrorism. The enemies of both our holy religion and our way of life make no secret of their intention to destroy both.

We hear almost daily reports of atrocities in many parts of the world, the most recent in neighbouring New Zealand where 50 Muslim worshippers were killed during worship by an armed madman, and in the Philippines, where 20 people were murdered and 81 injured in a bomb blast triggered by Islamist terrorists after Mass at the cathedral on the island of Jolo. In the last eight weeks, 168 people have been murdered by terrorists in Nigeria. Closer to home, Christians in the Indonesian provinces of Aceh and West Papua are subject to constant violence and harassment.

In addition, in 2019 so far, there have been 453 attacks in which 1,956 people have been murdered by terrorists. Last year 4,305 Christians were murdered for their faith in attacks across the world.*

As travellers know, elaborate security precautions are now in place at all centres of international travel, indeed wherever large numbers of people gather, to protect us from the threat of terrorism.

No cause for rejoicing here!

Neither it would seem can there be rejoicing in our time for those who hold sacred the value of human life as the Church upholds it.

Our nation, the State of Victoria in particular, and many others of the Western world allow the taking of lives of unborn children through abortion [euphemistically called 'terminations'] and,

increasingly, of the sick and elderly through euthanasia, sugar-coated as 'assisted dying'. Millions of people, in fact the majority of human beings, live in poverty. Millions live with disease, and in conditions which offer little hope for any kind of positive future.

The conditions for the people to whom the prophet Isaiah first addressed his exhortation, six centuries before the time of Christ, would seem to give them little reason for rejoicing either.

In urging his fellow Jews to rejoice, Isaiah was addressing a demoralised people who had been exiled from their homeland, with the Temple destroyed and King David's last royal descendants executed. They had returned to the ruined holy city of Jerusalem. It took them generations to rebuild the Temple and their former life.

Yet Isaiah urges them to rejoice because of God's love for them.

In Jesus' day, God's chosen people, too, lived in subjection to an oppressive foreign power, and in the early Church, the followers of Jesus faced persecution and death for their beliefs, from religious and secular authorities.

The message of the writers of the New Testament, as it was for the prophets of the Old Testament, was we should depend, not so much on the 'now' but ultimately on the eternal, our hope in the promises of Christ and faith in the God who has so often shown mercy and kindness to the human family.

For those who believe in Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection bring God's merciful kindness into sharp focus.

When Jesus sent out his first disciples to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, he told them not to rely on material resources to guarantee the success of their mission. He warned them not even to rely on the power they had experienced over demonic powers.

Instead, Jesus said: "rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven". His heavenly Father had specially chosen them to share the life of heaven. [Luke 10.1-12, 17-20]

We know that Christ's first followers could not fully comprehend him until after

his passion and resurrection. Once they had seen God's love and mercy revealed in their risen Lord after the first Easter Day, they were able to rejoice in the midst of suffering.

The sacred Scriptures, and every Eucharistic celebration [in which we participate sacramentally in Christ's death and resurrection] - indeed this holy season of Lent - all remind us that as Christians we are called to be joyful, and to rejoice at all times, with our eyes firmly fixed on our destiny as children of the one Father, loved by him as much as he loves his only begotten Son.

The real cause of our joy, the real reason for rejoicing, in the midst of so much anxiety, despair and apparent disaster in our world, is because of the loving kindness of our God who is the source of all we have that is good, the God, who in the end will have the final word.

It is confidence in the God who sent his Son to die for us, and to rise again, who has won the final victory over sin and death, that alone gives true meaning to life, and enables us to rejoice even in times of terror, in times of war, in times of national uncertainty, in the face of issues too big for us to deal with as individuals.

Yes, let us rejoice and be glad - even in our troubled times - because our names are written in heaven, and we are children of the one, true God, and brothers and sisters of his Son Jesus Christ, the one he has sent, and who alone is the true source of our hope and the ultimate goal of our future.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC,
Associate Priest

*Source: Open Doors: www.opendoorsusa.org/

Stations of the Cross

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



HOLY WEEK Mass times

See page three

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Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Jim and Marie Williams, Susanne Morton, George Cracknell,

Prayer for the Sick

Bill Nixon, John Green, Claire Marion Pekin (nee Coman), 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.

Special Prayer Groups:

Anyone interested in joining a prayer group would be welcome: **Each Thursday 11:30 - 12:30.** Please contact Sr Damian via email srdamianspc@gmail.com or leave a message on her mobile 0410 002 270.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,535.20

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,584.65
Loose Money: \$422.15

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

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. **Please pray for Vocations**

Parish Events

Lenten Reflections

Join those reflecting on the gospel readings for each Sunday of Lent. Come to the Presbytery on Thursdays in Lent, either at 10 am after Mass or at 7pm in the Presbytery.

The overall theme is COMPASSION, drawing upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son, subdivided into weekly discussions on Trusting, Transforming, Risking, Reconciling, Encountering, Redeeming. **Week four of Lent is Reconciling.**

There are prayer cards in both Church foyers, please take one home. This week's suggestion:- invite someone to lunch, dinner or a coffee - give them your time.

Knights of the Southern Cross – Mentone

The Mentone branch of the Knights meets on the first Monday of each month in the O'Hanlon Centre on Mitchell Street.

The next meeting will be on 1st April, 7:00 to 8:pm. Catholic men interested in becoming more involved in Parish life are invited to attend and can speak to Eddie or Richard.

menALIVE - Mentone

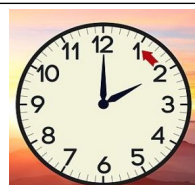
Interested men are invited to join a small group on the first Wednesday of each month in the O'Hanlon Centre. The next MenAlive meeting will be **Wednesday 3rd April between 6:30 - 7:30pm.** This regular gathering can be very personally rewarding.

New Set of Envelopes

Please collect your next series of envelopes from the Church foyer this weekend.

Next Weekend
Daylight Saving ends
Sunday 7th April,

wind your clocks
back one hour.



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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - T Busuttill, K Swadling (SJV)
11:00 am - R Smith (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - J O'Donoghue (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - B Campbell, J Renden (SP)
9:00 am - Hoppe Family (SJV)
11:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Counters: Team 3

H Adams, J Green
A Berghella, B Andrews

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group I
L Smith, L Terblanche

A Burn (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:
Vernon Family, 3/4 Childers St (SP)
Next Week:
Price Family, 3/9 Childers St (SP)

This Week:
Webster Family, 22 Mountview Ave (SJV)
Next Week:
Stewart Family, 15 Rivette St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

100% COMMUNITY



Michaela, Australia

Twenty-one year-old Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at The Purple House in Alice Springs. Featured in Project Compassion 2014, the First Australian-run Wellbeing Project, uses its profits to connect and care for dialysis patients who are far from home.

As a Purple House trainee, Michaela completed a Certificate IV in business management. She was also recently promoted from administration trainee to permanent employee, working on The Wellbeing Project.

The young Alywarr woman cares for patients as they receive dialysis and helps them to feel at home and remain hopeful during treatment. Patients in turn pass on traditional knowledge to Michaela.

The program is run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, with support from Caritas Australia. First Australians are twice as likely to experience chronic kidney disease, and four times more likely to die from it than other Australians*.

With the help of staff like Michaela, the Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps.

Profits are invested back into supporting patients receiving remote care and help to get people on dialysis back on country. In addition to completing her studies, Michaela has obtained a driver's licence, and is building her leadership skills running workshops solo.

"Hope means having something to look forward to," Michaela says. "I enjoy building relationships with the patients and learning from them. If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong"

*Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2017

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY, 16 MAY** at a venue to be advised after Easter in the Parish Bulletin
David Carson 04 1900 1968

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

Annual Mission Concert

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on **Sunday 31st March** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 116 Cotham Rd., Kew commencing 2pm. Admission is free - a collection will be taken up during the Concert. This year proceeds will go to assist Sr Donatus Kilole working in the very remote village of Timau in the diocese of Kenya.

Lenten Podcast

Week 4: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

<https://soundcloud.com/user-842576877/len-week-4-the-parable-of-the-prodigal-son>

In this fourth episode of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast, Fr Steven Rigo reflects on the parable of the prodigal son, which he says might also be a story of how to be a good parent, a good child, a good sibling and, ultimately, a good church. He says, "Even when we are far off, he is there waiting for us to return and experience his forgiveness. So maybe put yourself into this scene: what do you want to ask for? And what do you hear?"

Fr Steven Rigo is Parish Priest of the partnered parishes of St Mary's Greensborough, St Thomas' North Greensborough and Sacred Heart Diamond Creek. He previously lectured in Ecclesiology at Catholic Theological College Melbourne

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Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

St John Vianney's

Tuesday 16th April 7pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 17th April 11am-11.30am

St Patrick's

Wednesday 17th April 9.45-10.30am
and 7pm-8pm
Saturday 20th April 10am-11am

Masses and Ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday 18th April

7.30pm – Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Evening Mass followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Good Friday 19th April

11.00am – Stations of the Cross (includes the veneration of the relic of the true Cross)

3.00pm – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (includes veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

8.00pm – Compline
The Night Prayer of the Church

Holy Saturday 20th April

7.00pm – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word,

Liturgy of Baptism and First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday 21st April

9.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St John Vianney's Church

9.30am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

11.00am: Solemn Mass of Easter at St Patrick's Church

(please note there are no other Masses at St Patrick's and St John Vianney on Easter Sunday)

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C: 31st March 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: (sung) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him;
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
(sung) **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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
Entrance: CWBII 476
Offertory: CWBII 290
Communion: CWBII 602
Recessional: CWBII 520

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 290
Offertory: CWBII 520
Communion: CWBII 163
Recessional: CWBII 543

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 297
Offertory: *O bone Jesu* - Palestrina
Communion: *Tantum ergo* - Bruckner
Recessional: CWBII 585

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 587
Offertory: CWBII 520
Communion: CWBII 163
Recessional: CWBII 543

Readings Next Week:

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C:

Isaiah: 43:16-21
Philippians: 3:8-14
John: 8:1-11

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 1st April NO MASS

Tuesday, 2nd April

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent

Wednesday, 3rd April

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 4th April

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 4th week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 5th April

9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 4th week of Lent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 6th April

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of the 4th week of Lent

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)**