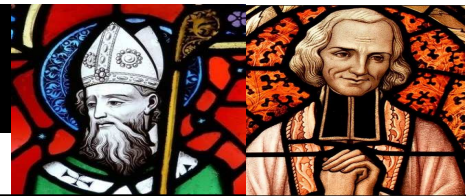


# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 29 August 2021

Reflections for the XXII Sunday of the year

**Introduction:** Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply the scrupulous external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.



### Life messages:

1) We need to keep the spirit of the Church's laws and practices. For example, our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask His pardon for our sins, to thank God for His blessings, to present our needs before Him and to receive Divine Life and strength from Him in receiving Holy Communion. Our daily family prayers are meant to thank God for His blessings, to present the family's needs before God, to ask pardon for all our sins, and to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family.

2) Let us avoid the tendency to become cafeteria Christians: As the Pharisees did, we too show the

tendency to add to or subtract from God's laws given in the Bible and taught by the Church. Some of us pick and choose certain Commandments to follow, ignoring the others as we do food offerings in a cafeteria. For example, some actively do corporal and spiritual works of Charity, but avoid Sunday Mass or remain unfaithful to the obligations attached to the gift of their sexuality or the sacrament of marriage. Others are interested in fulfilling only the "minimal obligations" of the Faith. They come to Mass late and leave early. They make an effort to avoid serious sins, but don't go to confession even when they fall into mortal sins.

3) Let us accept the challenge to become hearers and doers of God's word as St. James instructs us: Let us ask ourselves how the Sunday or daily readings are affecting or changing our lives. That will show us whether we are being attentive listeners to, and doers of, God's word. We become more fully Jesus' family members, only when we consistently "hear the word of God and do it" (Lk 8:21). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today, let us ask him for the grace to become the doers of his word as he was the doer of his Fathers' will. (Prepared by Fr. Anthony Kadavil).

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/>

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

## Recently Deceased

Bernadette Munro

## Anniversaries

## Prayer for the Sick

**We pray for those who are sick.** Sr Miriam da Luz, SPC, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey



We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them. May their works of service be richly blessed.

## Vocation View

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

**Please pray for Vocations**

## Prayer / Meditation

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open from 8:30 am to 6:00pm. Please choose a time (1/2 hour) to spend in Adoration. Each Friday the



On hold during lockdown

### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$XXX

### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,445.00

Loose Money: \$XXX

## Parish Events

**CatholicCare's Annual Appeal will be held on return of our churches being opened.**

CatholicCare Victoria empowers communities, builds strength and resilience, and works to help everyone reach their full potential. Thank you in advance for helping the thousands of individuals and families we support each year.

**Please give generously to this appeal.**

## Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes are in the church foyer for you to collect

## Monthly E-newsletter

If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter please contact the Parish Office with your email address.

[mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au](mailto:mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au)



**ACN -**

## Haiti Emergency Aid

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

**Emergency Aid for Haiti.** *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time.

To donate visit

[www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)

## Video

Aid to the Church in Need - Our Mission

<https://youtu.be/zx3HkxYcLtl>

## 4 / 5 Sept 2021

### Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - K Ady (SP)  
9:00 am - B Fitchet, D Atherton (SJV)  
11:00 am - A Earle (SP)  
5:00 pm - S Henning (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 A Ady (SP)  
11:00 am - J Grealish (SP)  
5:00 pm - A Moore (SP)

#### Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

#### Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

A Berghella

#### Flowers (SJV):

B McCann

### Readings next week:

#### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Isaiah: 35:4-7

James: 2:1-5

Mark: 7:31-37

### Rosary:

1. In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8:40am. All welcome.
2. The Rosary is also prayed on Thursday after 10:40am OLSC Mass and on Wednesday evenings 7pm at Bridie's (9585 1142)

### Cuppa & Chat

All are welcome

each

Sunday

to join us in the Parish Community



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## OTHER EVENTS

### Mass to honour Australia's saint-in-waiting

A special Mass was held on the Feast of the Assumption to honour Sydney saint-in-waiting Eileen O'Connor, who had a profound devotion to Our Lady.

Source: *The Catholic Weekly*.

The Mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Waterloo – the church where O'Connor was likely first inspired to say “Yes” to God and commit her life to serving the disadvantaged.

The Mass, celebrated Fr Paul Smithers, was part of broader commemorations throughout 2021 to mark the centenary of O'Connor's death.

As co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor in 1913, alongside missionary priest Fr Edward McGrath, Eileen O'Connor helped establish a religious order, based at Coogee, committed to nursing the sick poor in their own homes at a time when there was no free government healthcare scheme.

In his homily, Fr Smithers spoke of O'Connor's profound devotion to Mary, who like O'Connor, was inspired to care for the vulnerable. “It's said that Our Lady appeared to Eileen in her room at Coogee and I have no doubt that Our Lady did do so in order to inspire such greatness in someone so vulnerable,” Fr Smithers explained.

“Our Lord reminds us that He will bring strength to those who are weak and lift up those who are bowed down. So it's no wonder then that Our Lady would appear to this crippled, weak woman, Eileen, to lift her up and make her great, not so much for herself, but also for the glory of God.

Eileen's legacy continues today through ongoing ministries in Coogee, Newcastle and Minto and through the Brown Nurses, an independent organisation which provides in-home care and support to the most disadvantaged and marginalised in inner Sydney.

Eileen O'Connor's cause for canonisation was officially launched in February 2020 and anyone with “useful information” is invited to come forward to assist Church authorities.

Sr Margaret Mary Birgan Oln from Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor said Eileen would have been proud to have been honoured on the Feast of the Assumption at a church she had a great affection for.

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“Eileen and her sister, Mary, attended the nearby Sisters of Mercy convent school, while her brothers, Charles and Francis, attended the local Patrician Brothers school and on Sundays, the family attended Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Waterloo”, Sr Margaret Mary said.

“Eileen could barely walk, but she was determined to get to school and up the hill to Mass when she was well enough. Often her brothers and friends had to carry her. Eileen could well have learned through her struggles that if she had some road to follow for Christ, His Mother would show it to her”.

Dr Jocelyn Hedley works for the Historical Commission for the Archdiocese of Sydney, which is compiling evidence to support Eileen's cause for Canonisation. She has written several books on Eileen's life and believes the Feast of the Assumption was fitting to honour her.

“So very many of Eileen's spiritual writings express her desire to increase in love for Our Lady such that she would, in turn, increase in love for Our Lord”, Dr Hedley said.

**More information can be found at [eileenconnor.com.au](http://eileenconnor.com.au)**

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 29 August 2021

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8 *A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v. I

**(R.)** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 *A reading from the letter of St James*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

### Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

### Communion Antiphon Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.