

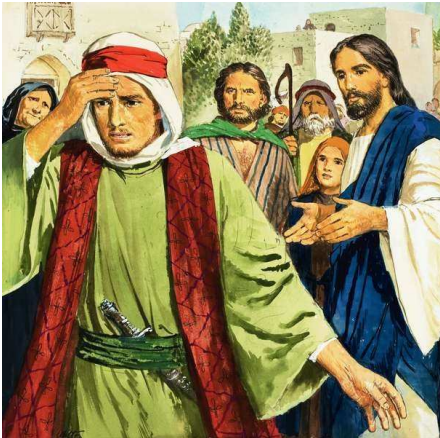
THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 10 October 2021

Reflections for the XXVIII Sunday Year B



Central theme: Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. In reality, these things often possess us, and we become the prisoners of our possessions. What we have really done is to give our "things" top priority in our lives. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God

Life messages: 1) **We need to "Do something beautiful for God" by reaching out to others.** That's the message we need to reflect on. Our most precious possession is our souls. Let us give ourselves away and give lavishly. Mother Teresa puts it in a different way: "*Do SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL*

for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it in your own way. But do it!"

2) **We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing.** Jesus was so generous that he gave us his very self. The crucifix is "Exhibit A." To follow Jesus, we must have a generous heart and be willing to give our money away in order to express our generosity. In the heart of every Christian there should be a desire to give. Martin Luther says that the man who has given his heart to God will also give God his wallet. God does not have to extort money from those who love him. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service. We must manage our possessions wisely, so that they do not gain control over our hearts. Let us also ask the question: "How do I use my talents?" God gives us talents. Hence, they are not really ours. He lends them to us to be used in this world. How do we use our talents? What about *time* – do we use it for God? We each get 168 hours every week. How do we use our time? Are we too busy to pray each day?

3) **"You are lacking one thing."** We all have something in our lives that serves as a *major obstacle* to happiness and peace. We must recognize this

obstacle and address it head-on. It may not be riches -- it may be anger, holding grudges, alcohol, drugs, lust, apathy, lies, unfaithfulness, theft, or fraud. Let us invite God into our lives and into our efforts to face and remove that one obstacle to holiness. We have a decision to make: whether to go away sad like the rich young man, or to follow Jesus and be happy. Let us choose happiness.

4) **We need to follow Jesus on his terms, and not on our terms.** This involves giving up whatever in our lives leads us to evil. That's step one. Sometimes it may involve giving up things which are good. As parents, we might consider all the *time* and *personal recreation* and *relaxation* (all good things), which we have given up over the years for the sake of the children. As a mother or father who is also a disciple of Jesus Christ, this was required of us, and we made the sacrifice. When we follow Jesus on his terms, there may be certain crosses to bear, but deep down in the core of our being there is peace, and there is joy, because we know that we are doing our best to carry out God's perfect will in our lives. (Prepared by Fr. Anthony Kadavil).

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

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Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick. Fr Alex Lim, Vanessa, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, Melissa Tonkin, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey, Chris Taylor



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

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.'

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 Blessed Sacrament is exposed

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$XXX

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,599.00
Loose Money: \$XXX

Other Events



March for the Babies

March for the Babies this year is online **9th October at 1pm**. Please support the cause for the unborn and spread the word! You can watch it at <https://www.marchforthebabies.com/>. You can watch our advertisement <https://vimeo.com/609785264/658462fde0>

CatholicCare

New mental health service and free self-help guide! The demand for mental health services is becoming more and more prominent across the State, and for many regions, waiting lists to access services are becoming overwhelming long.

As a response to the increased need for mental health support, we've recently commenced a new state-wide mental health service with minimal wait times, called the Psychological Wellbeing Service (PWS).

We've also launched a free Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide created by our PWS team. Read more about our new service and download the guide below!

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/198/new-self-help-mental-health-service-for-parents-families-and-individuals?>

16 / 17 October 2021

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - D Clifton K Lowe (SJV)
11:00 am - S Tobin (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 J Mount (SP)
9:00 D Kidner (SJV)
11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (SP)
5:00 pm - A Ady (SP)

Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

D Kidner

Flowers (SJV):

A Burn

Readings next week: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Isaiah: 53:10-11
Hebrews: 4:14-16
Mark: 10:35-45

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, 3pm at Bridie's (9585 5142)

Divine Mercy Devotions:

Are held in St Patrick's

Cuppa

& Chat



All are welcome each Sunday to join us in the

OTHER EVENTS

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.



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October, Month of the Rosary....

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary every day.

Our Blessed Mother herself has asked us in her apparitions to pray the rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and of the world. As we pray the Rosary, we are not only praising the Blessed Virgin Mary with the words of the angel Gabriel but we are also petitioning the Father to hear us while at the same time we have the opportunity to reflect upon the events of the life of our Lord Jesus.



***Our Lady of the Rosary,
Pray for us!***

<https://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au>

Puns

Turning vegan would be a big miss steak.

I have a chicken proof lawn it is impeccable.

I'm terrified of elevators and am taking steps to avoid them.

Drink wine, it isn't good to keep things bottled up.

People are making apocalypse jokes like there is no tomorrow.

Cows have hooves because they lactose.

Huge fight at local seafood diner! Battered fish everywhere.

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.

Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers.

Well to be frank I'd have to change my name.

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners but catscan.

Our mountains aren't just funny, they are hill are-as.

Wishing you a happy whatever doesn't offend you.

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Entrance Antiphon Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading Wis 7:7-11 A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:17-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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