

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 10 February 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Pope Francis spent two nights in Abu Dhabi last week for a meeting of prayer and reflection with religious leaders of many faiths. This gesture reminds us of the prophetic visit eight centuries ago of St Francis of Assisi to the Sultan in Egypt in the hope of attenuating the conflict between Christians and Muslims.



In the homily of the Mass held in the sports stadium, the Pope spoke only of the essentials - love of Jesus and his words. I thought that each of us would enjoy this theme.

Blessed: Jesus begins his preaching in Matthew's Gospel. And he repeats today, as if to fix in our hearts an essential message: if you are with Jesus, if you love to listen to his word as the disciples of that time did, if you try to live out this word every day, then you are blessed. Not you *will* be blessed, but you *are* blessed; this is the first truth we know about the Christian life. It is not simply a list of external prescriptions to fulfil or a set of teachings to know. The Christian life, first and foremost, is the knowledge that, in Jesus, we are the Father's beloved children.

The Christian life means wanting to live life as a love story, the story of God's faithful love. This is the reason for our joy, a joy that no one and no circumstance can take from us, a joy that already makes us participate in that eternal happiness which awaits us.

The Beatitudes overturn that thinking, according to which it is the rich and the powerful who are blessed, those who are successful and acclaimed. For Jesus, blessed are the poor, the meek, those who remain just even at the cost of appearing in a bad light, those who are persecuted. Who is correct here: Jesus or the world? To understand this, let us look at how Jesus lived: poor in respect to things, but

wealthy in love; he healed so many lives, but did not spare his own. He came to serve and not to be served; he taught us that greatness is not found in having but rather in giving. Just and meek, he did not offer resistance.

In this way Jesus brought God's love into the world. Only in this way did he defeat death, sin, fear and even worldliness: only by the power of divine love. The grace of not seeking anyone else but him and his humble love is the meaning of our life.

Following the way of Jesus does not, however, mean always being cheerful. Someone who is afflicted, who suffers injustice, who does everything he can to be a peacemaker, knows what it means to suffer. But the Lord is faithful and does not abandon his people. The Lord is close. It can happen that, when faced with fresh sorrow, we think we are alone. But in those moments, where he might not intervene immediately, he walks at our side. And if we continue to go forward, he will open up a new way for us; for the Lord specializes in doing new things; he can even open paths in the desert (cf. *Is* 43:19).

Dear brothers and sisters, living out the Beatitudes does not require dramatic gestures. Look at Jesus: he left nothing written, built nothing imposing. And when he told us how to live, he asked us to produce just one work of art, possible for everyone: our own life.

The Beatitudes are thus a *roadmap for our life*: they do not require superhuman actions, but rather the imitation of Jesus in our everyday life. They invite us to

keep our hearts pure, to practice meekness and justice despite everything, to be merciful to all, to live affliction in union with God. This is the holiness of daily life.

Finally, I would like to consider for a moment two of the Beatitudes. First: "Blessed are the meek" (*Mt* 5:5). I like to quote Saint Francis, when he gave his brothers instructions about approaching non-Christians. He wrote: "Let them not get into arguments or disagreements." At that time, as many people were setting out, heavily armed, Saint Francis pointed out that Christians set out armed only with their humble faith and concrete love. Otherwise, we will not bear fruit. Second: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (v. 9). The Christian promotes peace, starting with the community where he or she lives. I ask for you the grace to preserve peace, unity, to take care of each other, with that beautiful fraternity in which there are no first or second class Christians.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Parish Advisory Group invites all interested parishioners to take part in a discussion of the two questions posed by the Plenary Council Facilitators. These are, "What is God asking of us today?" and "What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?"

The meetings will be on Sunday 17th February after 11 am and 5 pm Masses.

Prayer for the meeting:

Creator God, we thank you for the encounter with one another today. We know that where two or three are gathered, you are in our midst. Thank you for being with us. We ask you to continue to walk with us, as we discover the pathway toward the future you are calling us to.

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

Recently Deceased

Catherine Anne Corry

Anniversaries

Dr Laszlo Valkanyi

Prayer for the Sick



Jayden Beyrooti, Darren Lacey, Ann Curtain, Greg McLeod, John Hannan, Maureen Oswald, Madeline Wesson, 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 and those on the continuing prayer list.

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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.

NOTE: No meetings in January & February 2019.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,382.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,003.37
Loose Money \$317.45

Pope's Intentions:

February 2019

Universal – Victims

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

Vocation View

Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!"

Please pray for Vocations



'Do not be afraid from now on you will be fishers of men' Luke 5,10

Parish Events

Piety Stalls

The 2019

Columban

Calendars are now available for purchase at the St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Piety Stalls. Open following 9:00am Mass (Parkdale) and from 10:30am (Mentone).



2019 Columban Art Calendar

Found.

Child's backpack with Disney Pixar Cars on the front and containing children's clothes. To claim contact the Parish Office

Mother's Prayer Group

The Mother's Prayer Group will recommence in March on a date to be announced.

16/17 FEBRUARY 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - R Tregonning, P Edkins (SJV)

11:00 am - L Freeman (SP)

5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - R Razga, T Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - A Berghella (SJV)

11:00 am - My-Nga Ly, S Tobin (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - B Campbell, J Renden (SP)

9:00 am - Hoppe Family (SJV)

11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

Counters: Team 8

L Pickett, M Forsyth, J Alford, G & R Tregonning

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 6

H Foley, G Tregonning
G & K Sullivan (SJV)

Flowers (SJV)

TBA

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

DSouza Family, 5 Balcombe Pl (SP)

Next Week:

Carroll Family, 1/84 Balcombe Pde (SP)

This Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

Next Week:

Costanzo Family, 79 Scarlet St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish Events

Cards Group

Join the small group who play cards each month.

Meet at the Parish

Office. The next card day

will be **Monday 11th February at 2pm.**

At 4pm we stop playing to enjoy some light refreshments and tea/coffee.

Contact: Tony 9558 3646.

All welcome.



Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at the **HIGHETT RSL** on **Thursday, 28 February** from **12:00 noon.**

RSVP by either – leaving a message with **David Carson** on **0419 001 968** no later than the **Tuesday evening** prior to the lunch; or adding your name to the **list** on the **noticeboard** inside the front doors OF St Patrick's Church

Travelling by train? Meet on **Platform 1** at Mentone Station to catch the **11:39am** City-bound train to Highett.

CD's/DVD's of the music at Midnight Mass 2018.

Those who have requested a copy please now call by the Parish Office to collect or see me. *Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music*

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Other Events

World Day of Prayer

Correction to the date

Every year the worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme.

This year St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 12 McDonald Street Mordialloc, will host the World Day of Prayer on **Friday 1st**

March 2019 10.30am.

The theme this year is 'Come, everything is ready' and host nation is Slovenia.

World Day of Prayer



Pope Francis has declared 8th February to be the World Day of Prayer Reflection

and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church.

He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of Trafficked People. St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. A vigil Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli at 7.30pm on **Thursday 7th February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral.** All are most welcome.

Organ and Vocal Concert

Organ and Vocal Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Tuesday 19 February, 2019 at 6.30pm.**

This concert will feature the great French

Organist Johann Vexo (former Choir Organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris) and French Tenor Damien Rivière.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions).

Children under 15 free

Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/ZONI> or at the door

'Close and Concrete: Pope Francis Evangelising in a World of Flux'

Thursday 21 March, 5–6.30pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

A Helder Camara Lecture hosted by Dr Austen Ivereigh (noted UK Catholic writer and biographer of Pope Francis) with a response by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB of Honduras, Coordinator of Pope Francis' C9 group for the Reform of the Church.

Enquiries: Br Mark O'Connor at mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

'A voice crying out: Becoming a Humble, Listening and Learning Church'

Friday 22 March, 10am–1pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

A seminar with input from Dr Austen Ivereigh, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez SDB and local theologians and bishops. A contribution to the forthcoming Plenary Council of the Church in Australia.

Enquiries: Br Mark O'Connor at mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

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5th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C: 10th February 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people. **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: Sherwin Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians — Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 652
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 408

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

Mass Setting: Sherwin Gloria - Ostrowski
Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians — Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 652
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 561

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

Mass Setting: Community Mass — Proulx
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: *Lord, thou hast told us* — Bax
Communion: *Mirabantur omnes - Antiphona ad
communione*
Recessional: CWBII 561

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians — Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 448
Offertory: CWBII 652
Communion: CWBII 540
Recessional: CWBII 561

Readings Next Week:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C:

Jeremiah: 17:5-8
I Corinthians: 15:12. 16-20
Luke: 6:17. 20-26

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 11th Feb NO MASS

Tuesday, 12th Feb
9:15 am (SP) Week five in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, 13th Feb
9:15 am (SP) Week five in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 14th Feb
9:15 am (SP) Memorial: Sts Cyril, monk &
Methodius, bishop
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 15th Feb
9:15 am (SP) Week five in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 16th Feb
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)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THIS FRIDAY: BENEDICTION 4:30 PM (SP)**