

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 12 September 2021

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”*

In the Gospel today Jesus foretells his passion, death and Resurrection for the first time, in response to Peter’s profession of Faith in him as God’s Messiah and Saviour.

### **Life Messages: 1: We need to ask ourselves the question what Jesus means to us.**

Founder of a religion? Revolutionary Jewish reformer? One of the great teachers? Son of God and personal Saviour? This can perhaps be broken down into other questions: "How do I really see Jesus? Is Jesus a living experience for me, walking with me, loving me, forgiving me, helping me and transforming my life and outlook? What difference does Jesus make in my life? Have I really given my life to him? Are there areas where I have excluded Him, where my life is not noticeably different from the lives of those who see Jesus as irrelevant? Who do we say that Jesus is through our daily life? Who do we say that Jesus is when we are in the presence of those who don't know him, those who aren't interested in him? What does the way we live and behave say about who Jesus is? Is the joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus reflected in the way we live our lives? We are gathered here today in the name of Jesus. We have not come together to celebrate a continuing memorial for a merely good man

### **Prayer for Generosity**

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

who died long ago. We are here to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ, the Messiah, our Lord and personal Saviour in this Eucharistic celebration in which we encounter directly the Living God.

### **2: We need to experience Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and surrender our life to him.**

The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour needs to become a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible, with the grace of God, by our listening to him through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by our talking to him through daily, personal and family prayers, by our offering to him our lives on the altar in the Holy Mass and by our being forgiven by and reconciled with him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus through rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is

present in every person. The final step is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, good and bad, realizing that God’s love shapes every event of our lives.

### **3: We should be ready to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.**

Do we have enough Faith to offer up a genuine sacrifice for Christ's sake? Can a Church in today's self-centered culture ask its people to sacrifice something for the sake of the Gospel? Jesus' challenge to all would-be disciples requires more than a "feel-good" spirituality. A true disciple asks, "Am I willing to sacrifice something for the God Who loves me?" What made it possible for first-century Christians to choose a martyr's death? What has kept generations of Christians from losing Faith and falling apart when confronted by the violence and hatred of this world? Can we offer even the day-to-day sacrifices asked by Jesus when they demand things we don't want to do? Can we sacrifice some of our time in order to visit Him in a homeless shelter or soup kitchen? Can we sacrifice our job security and refuse to "go along" with a policy that is unjust? Can we sacrifice our need to be in control and let Christ do with us what he will? Can we refuse to let our children watch television programs filled with sex and violence? (Prepared by Fr. Anthony Kadavil).

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## Recently Deceased

### Anniversaries

Elizabeth Freeman Snr

### Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick. Fr Alex Lim, 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

When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?'

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 Blessed Sacrament is exposed

#### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$XXX

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,029.00

Loose Money: \$XXX

## Parish Events

### CatholicCare's Annual Appeal

With the current lockdown extended again this week you may prefer to donate directly to CatholicCare.

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/donations>

At CatholicCare Victoria they have been helping Victorian children, families and communities to access the care and support they need, when they need it most. Donations help ensure mental health, parenting, employment, housing, and financial support continues to be available for families and individuals in need, now and into the future.

**Everyone deserves to live life to the full. Donate now**

### Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes are in the church foyer for you to collect once our churches reopen.

### Vinnies appeal—page three

#### Would you like to make a contribution to our Winter Appeal?

If you can contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub> or calling 13 18 12. Please help us to help others.

Please nominate either the Mentone or Parkdale conference when making your donation. Donation of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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## 18 / 19 Sept 2021

### Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP)  
9:00 am - J Alford, K Lowe SJV  
11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (SP)  
5:00 pm - N Hadzi (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 J Mount (SP)  
11:00 am - A Earle (SP)  
5:00 pm - F Archer (SP)

#### Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

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

J O'Donoghue

#### Flowers (SJV):

B McCann

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

Wisdom: 2:12. 17:20

James: 3:16-4:3

Mark: 9:30-37

### 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, 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 Parish Community



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## OTHER EVENTS



**The Priests' Retirement Foundation** holds the Father's Day appeal annually on the first Sunday of September, Father's Day. Funds raised from the appeal go towards the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Please give generously to this appeal.

To donate on-line

<https://www.cam1.org.au/foundation/Donate>

### **Monthly E-newsletter**

Even though our monthly e-newsletter is on hold during this lockdown we are happy to hear from you to add your email to our mailout list. Please contact the Parish Office via email [mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au](mailto:mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au)



### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has been unable to hold its 2021 Winter Appeal due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this spring in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping people experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

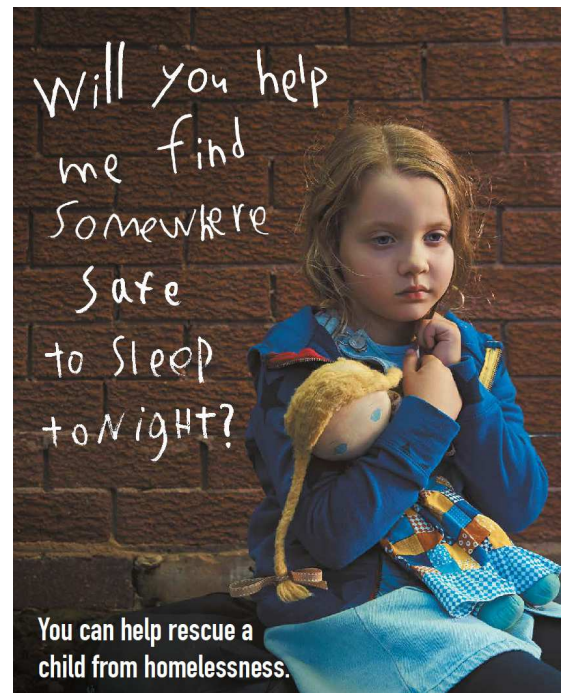
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### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### First Reading **Is 50:5-9** A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

### Second Reading **Jas 2:14-18** A reading from the letter of St James

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

### Gospel Acclamation **Gal 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel **Mk 8:27-35** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.