THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C): 14th April 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear friends

We begin the high point today of the Church's worship – Palm Sunday of the Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

The festive liturgies of this week are our profession of faith, enacted in the solemn rituals and in the reception of faith that we give to the proclamation of the word of God.

These days are the summit and source of the entire liturgical year. Second Vatican Council taught that the sacred liturgy is the summit and source of the life of the Church.

The days of the Lord's Passover are themselves the source and summit of the Church's worship. They are the source because in the rituals of these days we commemorate the act of reconciliation that our Lord effected in his own body on the Cross. Giving himself totally in loving surrender to the Father's will that he be the Saviour of the world, Jesus draws each of us into reconciliation with God and with one another.

They are the summit because no other act of worship excels this one. The Son of God offers perfect worship to God. This is because he is divine, equal to the task of perfect recognition of God's goodness. It is also because he has a human nature, a nature that needs a bridge builder ('mediator') in order to offer itself in obedience to its creator. The truth that he mysteriously unites everyone who shares his human nature with his divinity is experienced by us in these days. This is so because our faith spurs us to recognize his gift for us, and our senses and emotions aroused by the liturgical actions unite us with the actions and sufferings by which he saved us.

The director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has expressed this in another way by reflecting upon the Triduum as a sacred story. Thanks to Cathy Jenkins for what follows.

"The Story that shapes us

There have been a number of film adaptations of the novel Jane Eyre, and one was televised recently. In the TV guide, it was written up as 'A mousy governess who softens the heart of her employer discovers that he's hiding a terrible secret.' And there it was: this literary classic, with one of the great figures of nineteenth-century literature at its heart, encapsulated in seventeen words. The description was a reminder to me that powerful though this story is, it is a story born of the imagination of a writer, and it is constrained by its culture and time.

Stories shape our lives: the 'remember when' story that binds us to family and friends and keeps memories alive; the 'can you believe it' story, the retelling of which helps us make sense of an event or experience; or the courage of the 'l'm not sure I should be telling you this' story that lays bare a deep heart hurt, sorrow or fear. This is one of the ways we make sense of it all; these are the blessing stories of daily life.

For Christians, life is inspired by the most sacred of stories: the story of God as revealed in the person of Jesus. And as we move into these late weeks of Lent, we are once again graciously invited to enter into the most sacred of the 'remember when' times. We will gather around the table of the Lord in our communities and we will remember. We will bring to this year's remembering all the stories that have shaped our journey in faith with our God since last year: the hopes and dreams, the disappointments and joys, our griefs, all that we fear and all with which we abide. We will bring the stories of our lives to the table on Holy Thursday night, to the Cross on Good Friday, and when we hold our lit candles at the Easter Vigil, we will be reminded of the transformative power of love that breaks through darkness.

So, let's enter into this sacred time with our eyes and hearts fixed upon Jesus. Let

us remember that Jesus lived to serve, that no suffering was too great for his shoulders and that, in rising from the dead, Jesus reveals to us anew that God is a God of every age. That in the midst of the swirl of issues facing the Church at the moment—governance and the accountability of bishops, the grief and pain that a culture of abuse has cultivated, the bickering about the future of the Church—we now draw back to the very heart of it all.

And our remembering is not just a remembering of something past; we bring this great story of salvation into the present. Theologians use the term 'anamnesis' to describe this remembering — a way of not just recalling to mind what Jesus did but making Jesus present again. We close a chronological and cultural gap. And it is this that we celebrate each time we gather at the table of the Lord.

The story of Jesus is the story that was born of the imagination of God, enfleshed through word and action and lived out by generations of people who have taken the paschal mystery into their hearts and minds and, because of this story, have been propelled to act. And this dynamic is at work in every moment of every day of every event in our lives—if we have the eyes to see. So let us open our hearts and allow our gaze to soften as we join with our communities and share this time with the Lord. Jesus lives. This is a story without end; this is the Story that shapes

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—entrance antiphon for Holy Thursday (cf. Galatians 6:14)

PALM SUNDAY

As recognition of the week ahead (the ultimate of the Church year) we depart from all masses this weekend in silence.

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

Recently Deceased

Tony Wilson, Len Bennet, Mary Dorgan

Anniversaries

Anne Hall, Vincent Joseph, Percival Lacey, Vincent Flanagan, Anne & Ellen Brennan, Cecil Tregonning

Prayer for the Sick

Bill Nixon, 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.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME SHOULD BE REMOVED)

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:

- 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, with the exception of Good Friday.

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.

Ist Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,541.20

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,929.87 Loose Money: \$411.55

Pope's Intentions: April 2019

Universal - Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Vocation View

Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Lenten Reflections

Week six of Lent is Redeeming. There are prayer cards in both Church foyers, please take one home.

This week we ask has Lent prised our hearts open, even a skerrick more, to God's searing grace in the world around us?



Church Cleaning for Easter Tuesday 16th April after 9.15am Mass

there will be a Working Bee at St Patrick's to prepare the Church for

Easter.

Any assistance Parishioners can offer in helping the Sacristans with this task would be much appreciated.

A list of duties will be left in the Sacristy and as each task is completed it should be marked off the list. I

know it is a busy time for everyone but if you could spare even half an hour it would be appreciated.

Holy Places Special Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability within the territory that we have always referred to as the Holy Land.

Easter Offering Envelopes

Please support your priests by making a special offering at Easter. "Easter Offering" Envelopes are in the set of Thanksgiving envelopes or are available at the back of the Church.

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - TBA (SP) 9:00 am - D Clifton, A Berghella (SJV) 11:00 am - TDA (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - B Foley, H Foley (SP) 9:00 am - G Sullivan (SJV) 11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)

Procession of Gifts

7:00 pm - B Hickey, E Hoare (SP) 9:00 am - Lowe Family (SJV) I I:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 5 B Foley, D Boulton J Lynch, D McDonald

Sacristans: St Patrick's - Group 3 M Zickett, K Lyons A Berghella (SIV)

Flowers:

A Berghella (SIV)

Pilgrim Statues: This Week:

Burford Family, 14 Stawell St (SP)

Next Week:

Soulsby Family, 21 Balcombe Rd (SP)

This Week:

Jensen Family, 13 Temora St (SJV)

Next Week:

Alford Family, 2/3-4 Steven Court (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Parish and Diocesan News



Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. She lived the first 14 years of her life isolated at home. Her disability restricted her movements and any chance of going to school.

Around 7% of people in Vietnam are living with a disability. They often have poorer health, fewer education and employment opportunities and higher poverty rates.

The future appeared bleak for Nguyet, until a Caritas Australia program, implemented by our partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), changed her life forever. Around 4,000 people have now benefitted from this inspiring Caritas program.

The program is helping people like Nguyet, by focusing on inclusive education, health services and building strong community networks to help to break down stigma and discrimination for those with disabilities and their families.

Two years after she featured in Project Compassion 2017, Nguyet has built a successful online business selling t-shirts, accessories and home-cooked snacks made by her sister. She is also more confident in communicating with people – and is riding a motorbike she bought from her profits.

"I can go out independently now,"
Nguyet says. "I would like to have my
own shop in the village one day. And I
hope that other people with disabilities
in Vietnam will receive help like I did."

Nguyet has great hope and a real commitment to succeed in her future. She hopes her story will inspire others to see what is possible for a person once isolated and unheard.

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Did You Know?

At the present time, we have fifty students in our seminary at Carlton, Corpus Christi College. There are currently thirty-five students for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne - thirty in Corpus Christi College, and five studying in Rome. Please keep these men in your prayers, and pray that many more will join them to minister in our Archdiocese. Your prayer today might make the difference to a young person.

Pledge to Pray

Recently the Vocations Office in Melbourne partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery', popular in some parts of the USA.

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetopray.com.au

This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY 16th MAY** at a venue to be advised, after Easter, in the Parish Bulletin. **David Carson 0419 001 968**

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

Lenten Podcast: Week 5: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Great Expectations

https://soundcloud.com/user-842576877/lent -week-6-palm-sunday-of-the-Lords-passion/-lyCwy

In this **sixth** instalment of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast series listen to the talk of Jesus coming into Jerusalem. Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, a lonely figure, what threat did He pose to the powerful Roman Empire?



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

(<u>please note</u> 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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C: 14th April 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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 303

Offertory: CWBII 400

Communion: CWBII 330

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Entrance: CWBII 303

Offertory: CWBII 400

Communion: CWBII 164

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong

Introit: Hosanna filio David

Entrance: CWBII 303

Offertory: Christus factus est - Anerio

Communion: Adoramus te, Christe - Palestrina

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly

Entrance: CWBII 303

Offertory: CWBII 400

Communion: CWBII 164

Readings Next Week:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Year C

Acts: 10:34, 37-43 Colossians: 3:1-4

John: 20:1-9

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 15th April NO MASS

Tuesday, 16th April

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, 17th April

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of Holy Week

10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 18th April Holy Thursday

NOTE: No Morning Mass

7:30pm (SP) Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, 19th April Good Friday:

Day of Fast and Abstinence

11:00 am (SP) Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm (SP) Ceremony of the Lord's Passion

8:00 pm (SP) Night Prayer

Saturday, 20th April

Holy Saturday

7:00 pm (SP) Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

 (Vigil) Saturday:
 7:00 pm (SP)

 Sunday:
 9:00 am (SJV)

 Sunday:
 9:30 am (SP)

Sunday: II:00 am (SP) (Choral Mass)

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St John Vianney on Easter Sunday

RECONCILIATION

See Easter time table page three

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY: GOOD FRIDAY 19th April (SP)