THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF **MENTONE - PARKDALE**

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A): 15th March 2020



FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

LENTEN LONGINGS

The Paschal Triduum of Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Friday of the Passion of the Lord, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is very close.

The Catechumens of our parish community are experiencing the final steps leading up to their Christian Initiation. Through baptism and confirmation, and the first reception of the Body and Blood of Christ they become fully initiated Christians. In addition, it is the season when a baptised adult who has previously not had formation in the faith comes to receive Confirmation and the Eucharist.

On each of the next three Sundays we read, from the Gospel according to John, inspiring accounts of the healing goodness of Jesus offered to a woman of Samaria, a blind man in Jerusalem, and to his deceased friend, Lazarus.

The living water, the light, the resurrection and the life are Christ's gifts to each of us who rejoices to be a Christian.

Our catechumens - one adult and two school age children - will be present for the Scrutinies on these Sundays. This ritual recognizes that sin is a burden from which "the whole world longs to be delivered" (Rite of Scrutinies - RS).

The rite proclaims to the catechumens that "their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer" (RS). The exorcism that is part of the Rite "frees them from the effects of sin and the influence of the devil." (RS)

As these members of our parish express their faith in Christ by their taking part in these rites, they are embraced by the Lord who comes to encounter them as he did the woman. the blind man and Lazarus.

In the interval between the Sundays, they will receive a scroll of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. "The Church lovingly entrusts to them these ancient texts ... expressing the Church's faith and prayer." (RS)

Please accompany them with your prayer and welcome.

COVID - 19

Thank you for your cooperation with the current recommendations of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference regarding the reverent reception of Holy Communion and the exchange of the Sign of Peace.

A useful check point about receiving Holy Communion is that the hygiene of the action is assured if the one who receives the Sacrament holds their hand as flat as possible.

Other 'infectious points' could be the door handles and other surfaces. As it is impractical to supply enough wipes and to apply them repeatedly, it would be an option for an individual who is concerned for their health to employ their own wipes as they see

Our Archbishop spoke with 120 priests at our Lenten retreat on Wednesday last. He sought our feedback about the current situation and was pleased at the good spirit in our parishes. He advised that there is a strong likelihood that the government will place restrictions on the activities of parishes in order to deal best with the peak of the viral

BAYSIDE PARISHES

The participants who took part in discussions over the past ten days saw the need for some reconfiguration of parish life in our area. Useful suggestions were proposed, such as ensuring that smaller communities are heard, promoting the formation of parishioners to exercise more roles in parish life, keeping in mind the sick and elderly in our parishes when Mass times are set.

I would suggest that we could begin to reflect how our parishes could come out of this transition time with even better prospects than now. I would suggest too that this is a time to think about how do I contribute to my parish, rather than focussing on 'helping Father'. The latter will be happen anyway if we are committed to our parish.



Stations of the **Cross**

During Lent: Stations of the Cross will be at

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

Recently Deceased

Archbishop John Bathersby, Phillip Hickey, Marie Corr, Dixie Bloink

Anniversaries

William Godrey

Prayer for the Sick



Deacon Dr Joe Leach, Noelle Tierney, Frank Ferraro, Milagros Poori, Joy Websdale, Frank Sampieri, Clodagh Dowley, Maroa Shelton, Paul Geri, Lisa Ambrosi, Nick Quill,

Theresa Ahearn, Kathleen Cerato, Ron Brown, Nancy Lopez, Yvonne Provis, Lindsay Brown, Jayden Beyrooti, Darren Lacey, Ann Curtain, Greg McLeod, Maureen Oswald, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner, Carmen Lotzniker, Hector Burra, Patricia Power, Nanette Woodbridge, Sebastian Wolfenden, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Anthony Mannion, Peter Zickert.

(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:

I. 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.

Ist Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,254.25

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,451.34 Loose Money: \$380.95

Vocation View

Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism. *Pray for Vocations*

Pope's Intentions: March 2020

Prayer intention for evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel

Parish Events

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020.



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

St Patrick's Choir Concert Sunday March the 22nd, 3pm St Patrick's Church, Mentone

The St Patrick's Choir will sing music for the season of Lent including Allegri's 'Miserere mei, Deus'.

The St Patrick's Choir has been invited to give a concert at St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart in December this year. In order to defray some of the expenses for the trip, tickets will be priced at \$10 (\$5 concession). Any donation towards the trip expenses of the choir members would be much appreciated.

Myfanwy McIndoe, Director of Music

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL

Thankyou to all who contributed to the CatholicCare Bushfire Recovery Appeal. We raised \$2,359.95 providing hope and healing for Gippsland families.

Parish Gardening - Working Bee

The next gardening / working bee around the Presbytery and the Parish Community Centre will be Saturday 21st March, between 10AM and 12noon. Future working bees will then be held every 4 weeks. These future dates are on display at the back of St Patrick's Church and in the Parish Community Centre. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate. If these advertised dates and times are not suitable for you, you can attend and perform any required gardening chores and weeding on other Saturdays or weekdays between 10AM and 5PM

21/22 MARCH 2020

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP) 9:00 am - A Burn, N Perazzo (SJV) I I:00 am - L Freeman (SP) 5:00 pm - N Hadzi (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, R Razga (SP) 9:00 am - B John (SJV) 11:00 am - T Mengle, C D'Souza (SP) 5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Marshall Family (SP) 9:00 am - Fitchet Family (SJV) I I:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

D Kidner (SJV)

Counters: Team 6

G Giulieri, R Mulavin, R Fairhall, C Bergin, T Brown

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3 M Zickett, K Lyons St John Vianney's | Dunstan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Heath Family, 6/19 Brindisi St (SP)

Next Week:

Michael Family, TBA(SP)

This Week:

O'Donoghue Family (SJV)

Next Week:

Williams Family (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 2 - Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

PARISH SENIORS GROUP

Luncheon

St Patrick's and St John Vianney's parishioners and friends are invited to lunch at Mordy HQ (Mordialloc Sporting Club) 528 Main Street on THURSDAY 26 MARCH from 12 noon.

RSVP by EITHER -

leaving a message with **David**Carson on 0419 001 968 no later than

1.00pm on the Tuesday prior to lunch; OR

adding your name to **the list** on the **noticeboard** inside the front doors of St Patrick's church.

<u>Please note</u>: Until the new Mentone station opens, the **903 BUS** is the more direct way to Mordialloc where it terminates closer than the train station to **MordyHQ**. Ample parking is also available.

PLAYGROUP 2020

Our two playgroup gatherings are on hold because of health concerns over the coronavirus outbreak. Co-ordinator Jacinta Jones 0400 200 984.



HELP WANTED!

Twice annually St Augustine's Op Shop in Mentone distributes donations to churches and non-profit organisations in the local and wider metropolitan area, including our parishes. Their success is based on faithful volunteers who work in the shop to serve customers, sort and price goods and stock shelves. At this time there are vacancies in weekly, monthly and occasional shifts. Looking for volunteers to welcome customers, work at the register with a colleague and a willingness to work through our child safety requirements, which include completing a Police Check and a Working With Children Check (at NO cost to you and they can help get them done). Please contact Tracey Barlow, St Augustine's Op Shop Manager, 51 Florence St Mentone 9583 7178.

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.

THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

An opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Hear **Dr Eamonn Mathieson** tell his story, hosted by **Archbishop Peter Comensoli**, at the **Athenaeum Club**(NOT the Athenaeum Theatre) **7-9am on Thursday 19th March.**

Bookings trybooking.com/599525. Enquiries menALIVE Melbourne, Michael Bohan 0439 172 465,

michael. bohan@menalive.org. au

RSVP by Monday 16th March, **Cost:** \$50 per person.

Dress Code: Jacket and tie, no denim

GENERATION X RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION

Christina Westmore-Peyton is a Doctoral student at the University of Divinity who is doing a research project investigating Generation X and their relationship to the Catholic Church. Generation Xers were born between 1965 and 1980, now aged 39 to 54 years of age. Those Christina would like to interview grew up in a family where both parents were active and participating Catholics, and regularly took their children to Mass. They would have been to Catholic schools for most of their schooling. They may or may not be Church attenders now or may have become completely disaffiliated from the Church. She wants to find out about their spiritual and religious journey.

She is hoping to interview about 20 - 25 Gen Xers. Are you in this age-group and interested in participation? The parents of Gen Xers are welcome to pass on this information to their adult children or other people in this age group whom they think may be interested in this valuable research.

Christina believes this project is important because it may help explain why the majority of Gen Xers no longer practise their faith in the way that their parents did.

All possible steps will be taken to ensure strict confidentiality, and interviews will take place in a safe environment chosen by the interviewee and take between I-I.5 hours.

Further information from Christina: 0407 689022 or christinawestmore@bigpond.com

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Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family.

Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW, remembers his early years as a time of enormous hardship. He didn't have a stable home or support network and was mostly brought up by his grandparents.

He became a father in his late teens and was suddenly faced with responsibilities for which he wasn't ready. He started drinking heavily, behaviour that he'd witnessed previously.

Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in Red Dust Healing – a cultural healing program, which encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within. The program addresses family and personal relationships, and what may have been lifelong patterns of violence, abuse and neglect.

Red Dust Healing Founder, Tom Powell, is humbled that the program has won numerous awards and helped over 16,000 people like Barry across Australia.

Today, thanks to the Red Dust Healing program, Barry is an inspirational father to his four girls and a respected leader in his community. He now facilitates Red Dust Healing workshops and helps others through their healing process. A brighter future for men, women and their families can start today.

Let's Go Further, Together.

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Mass Response

Psalm Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 295

Offertory: CWBII 624

Communion: CWBII 555

Recessional: CWBII 301

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 595
Offertory: CWBII 295
Communion: CWBII 620
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 295

Offertory: A Litany - William Walton

Communion: Qui biberit acquam

Communion Hymn: CWBII 624

Recessional: CWBII 296

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 595
Offertory: CWBII 295
Communion: CWBII 620
Recessional: CWBII 290

Readings Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent: Year A

I Samuel: 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians: 5:8-14 John: 9:1-41

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 16th March

NO MASS

Tuesday, 17th March Solemnity of ST PATRICK

9:15am (SP) School Mass (SP) 12 noon (SJV) School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 18th March

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent

10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 19th March

9:15 am (SP) Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse

of Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 am (SP) Ordinariate Mass

Friday, 20th March

9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 3rd week of Lent

5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 21st March

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP) Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)

Sunday: 9:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate 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 (SP)