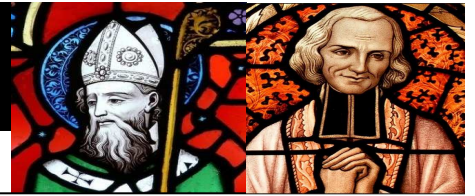


# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 17 October 2021

### Reflections for the XXIX Sunday Year B

**Life messages:** 1) We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. We have to look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society -- whether important or unimportant -- we can serve. We should learn to serve with a smile. This is possible whether we are in military service, social service, law, medical service, government or business. We get chances to serve others every day--nurses serve their patients, teachers their students, parents serve the needs of their children, and spouses serve each another. In our parishes, we are also called to serve not to be served.

2) We serve by suffering: In today's Gospel, Jesus connects service with suffering. Suffering and service go hand in hand. First, service always involves suffering because one can't help another without some personal sacrifice. Second, God always invites those who suffer to put their suffering at the service of others by uniting it with the salvific suffering of Jesus. Third, we must learn to be sensitive to the suffering of those around us. One way to cultivate this sensitivity is to focus on the needs of others rather than on our own needs. Another way is

through prayer, as explained in St. Francis of Assisi's famous Prayer for Peace.



3) We are invited to drink from the cup of Christ's suffering: People often tailor their religious beliefs to fit their own needs. In Christianity, this represents a false approach. The Church needs true disciples who are cross-bearers and servants. They seek and follow Christ wherever he leads. A happy family is the result of true sacrifice and humble service. The husband and wife sacrifice convenience, comfort, and time. There can be no success without sacrifice. We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble and sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did.

4) We are invited to servant leadership: We are a community of equals and we share in the responsibilities of being community. In order to be effective, we need leaders -- both ordained, as *ministerial priests*, and lay. These servants have been raised up from among us to call us to order, to be the ground on which the rest of us can move around,

refining our lives as followers of Jesus. We need leaders who will help us to form a relationship with God and with each other that will assist us to become what we must be in order to wash one another's feet. We require leaders to call us to the ways of social justice. We need leaders who tie us to other communities and groups who share similar values. Finally, we need leaders who can break open the word for us, who can lead us in our prayer, offering us on the altar, and who can draw us together as sacrament. No one of us possesses all that we as a community. In order to be effective, we need leaders -- both ordained, as *ministerial priests*, and lay. These servants have been raised up from among us to call us to order, to be the ground on which the rest of us can move around, refining our lives as followers of Jesus. We need leaders who will help us to form a relationship with God and with each other that will assist us to become what we must be in order to wash one another's feet. We require leaders to call us to the ways of social justice. We need leaders who tie us to other communities and groups who share similar values. Finally, we need leaders who can break open the word for us, who can lead us in our prayer, offering us on the altar, and who can draw us together as sacrament. No one of us possesses all that we as a community need. Our job as *servant leaders* is to evoke, to recognize, to nurture, to celebrate and to help unify the gifts of the Holy Spirit at work here in our community.  
(Fr. Anthony Kadavil).

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

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## Recently Deceased

Lois Tudor, Maureen Connolly

## Anniversaries

Tony Lucas, Jaime Jimenez

## 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

Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, 'let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You to do your will.'

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: \$1,656.89

Loose Money: \$XXX

## Other Events

### CatholicCare

New mental health service and free self-help guide!

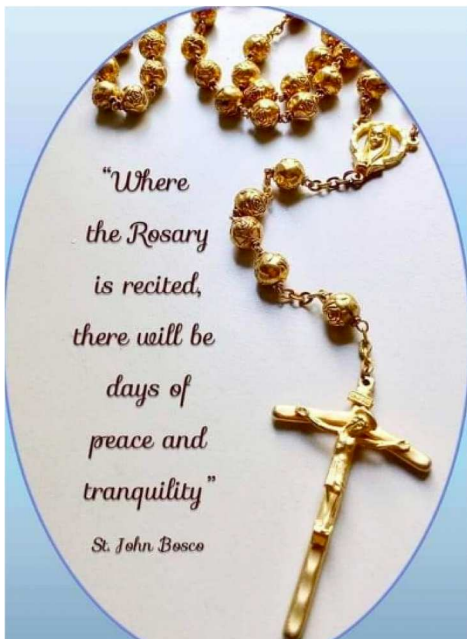
The demand for mental health services is becoming more and more prominent across the State, and for many regions, waiting lists to access services are becoming overwhelming long.

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?>

### October, Month of the Rosary...



23 / 24 October 2021

### Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - C Beck, P Edkins (SJV)

11:00 am - K Mooney (SP)

5:00 pm - N Hadzi (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 J Dillon (SP)

9:00 N Perazzo (SJV)

11:00 am - S Tobin (SP)

5:00 pm - C D'Souza (SP)

#### Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

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

N Perazzo

#### Flowers (SJV):

B McCann

#### Readings next week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Jeremiah: 31:7-9

Hebrews: 5:1-6

Mark: 10:46-52

#### 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

On hold during lockdown

## OTHER EVENTS

### ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18th



On **October 18**, Catholics and other Christians around the world will celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church.

St. Luke's Gospel is principally concerned with salvation and mercy; in it are preserved some of our Lord's most moving parables, like those of the lost sheep and the prodigal son. Dante calls St. Luke the "historian of the meekness of Christ." It is also St. Luke who tells us the greater part of what we know about our Lord's childhood.

#### **Prayer to St Luke:**

Almighty God, Who didst inspire Thy servant St. Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Thy Son: Graciously continue in Thy Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Thy Name; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*St. Luke, ora pro nobis!*

October 22nd

Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time;  
Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II

#### **Prayer to St. John Paul II**

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading her along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up to the heavens again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless each and every family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You opposed war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you beside Mary,  
send God's blessing down upon us all.

Amen.



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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 17 October 2021

### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First Reading Is 53:10-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.  
His soul's anguish over  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us

### Second Reading Heb 4:14-16 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 10:35-45 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.