

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 19 September 2021

Reflections for the XXV Sunday

Introduction: Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives to Him by serving others.

Gospel exegesis: The context: Jesus was returning to Capernaum after journeying incognito through the Northern Province of Galilee, avoiding crowds and teaching the apostles. Mark presents Jesus as giving three predictions about his suffering and death in chapters, 8, 9 and 10. The response by Jesus' disciples is disappointing because they were dreaming of a political messiah who would usher in an earthly kingdom. In chapter 8, Peter rebukes Jesus for his words. In chapter 9, (the first part of today's text), an argument arises among the disciples as to who among them is the greatest. In the third passage (chapter 10), James and John foolishly ask Jesus to give them seats on his right and left, when he comes to power. "The grumbling of the other ten disciples at the request of James and John surely implies that they have shared the same hopes of authority and privilege as have the sons of Zebedee." The second part of today's Gospel describes what happens when Jesus returns to Peter's house in Capernaum and explains to his apostles what true greatness is.

Life messages: # 1: We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, wealth or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. During the holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service, for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) puts it like this: "*Be the living expression of God's kindness through humble service; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile and kindness in your warm greeting.*" Here is the motto of the Missionaries of Charity, the order of nuns founded by Mother Teresa:
The fruit of Silence is Prayer.
The fruit of Prayer is Faith.
The fruit of Faith is Love.
The fruit of Love is Service.
And the fruit of Service is Peace.

2) We need to practice humility in thoughts, words and actions. "*Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.*" "What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?" St. Augustine asks, and then responds, "I shall reply: first humility, second humility and third humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the service we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith resulting from true humility is essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life," (St. Basil) CCC # 336. (Prepared by Fr. Anthony Kadavil)

<https://www.vaticannews.va>

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Recently Deceased

Arcangel 'Lito' Almayda, Mary Everett, Antoinette Frebis, Enid Jennings

Anniversaries

-Florence Kelly, George Kelly

Prayer for the Sick



We pray for those who are sick.

Fr Alex Lim, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, 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

Vocation View

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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: \$1,575.34

Loose Money: \$XXX

Other Events

Giving thanks for Catholic Social Services in 2021

On Sunday 19 September the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne marks Social Services Sunday. On this day the Catholic community of Melbourne are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities.

Continue reading:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/giving-thanks-for-catholic-social-services-in-2021>

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>

A big thank you from the Mentone and Parkdale Vinnies conferences.

10 fun facts

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No. 3.
6. When you did No. 3 you realised it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You smiled right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No. 5.
9. You checked to see if there is a No. 5.
10. It's impossible to hum while holding your nose (just try it!).

Enjoy the day!

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Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - T Busuttill, C Beck SJV
11:00 am - S Dassanayake (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 S Henning (SP)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

D Kidner

Flowers (SJV):

A Burn

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

Numbers: 11:25-29

James: 5:1-6

Mark: 9:38-43,45,47-48

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

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



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.

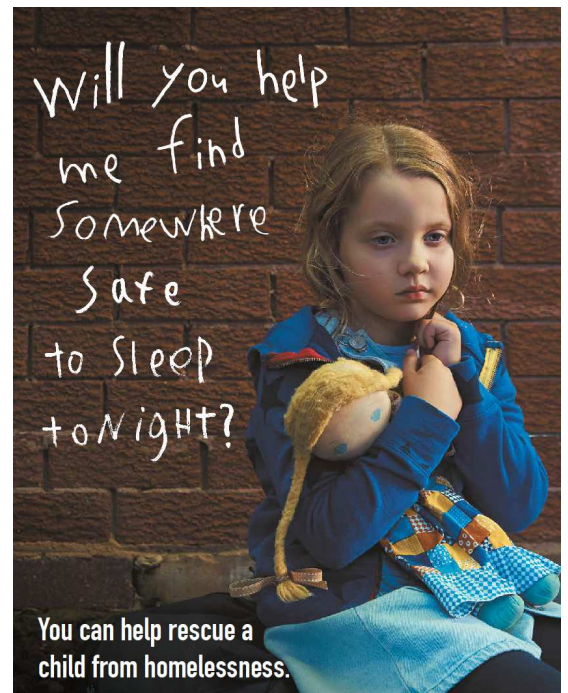
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Please nominate either the Mentone or Parkdale conference when making your donation.

Donation of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY. DONATE TODAY.

Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visiting vinnies.org.au

 St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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The archdiocese is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults; a copy of our Child Safety Policy is on the noticeboard in the church foyer.

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Entrance Antiphon I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20 A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3 A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.