

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) : 1st March 2020

Dear Friends

Before Christmas, I spoke about a meeting called by the Vicar General of the Archdiocese to begin a discussion of the future of the parishes in the Bayside area. In the arc that sweeps south from Gardenvale to Mentone on the west side of Nepean Highway, all the parish priests will be retired by the start of 2021, with the exception of Brighton East and Hampton East.

Three initial facts shape any decision about the future presence of priests in the entire area.

First, there is great variety in the size of the parish communities across the entire metropolitan area. Four communities in this Bayside area have a population of less than 3,000 Catholics, while Cragieburn is home to 24,000 Catholics, with Laverton a close second with 21,000 Catholics.

Second, the number of Masses in a parish does not reflect the population. In Bayside's eight parishes, there are 27 weekend Masses attended by a total of 2,500 worshippers. In Cragieburn 1400 worshippers have five Masses with two priests, in Laverton 2,700 worshippers have five Masses with two priests.

Third, there is a chronic lack of experienced priests to staff parishes, currently there are at least six parishes without a permanent priest.

Discussion up to this point is converging on the realisation that the six priests who will retire this year cannot all be replaced.

To discover the best way forward, these three considerations can be a guide.

First, the life of the local Catholic community is the source of the energy for evangelization, both of its own members, and of newcomers whom the community may attract.

Second, provision of Sunday Mass should be adequate without extending any priest beyond three Masses for the weekend, and without relying upon a 'supply priest' each weekend. The available supply priests are ageing, an ever- diminishing cohort.

Third, wise use of parish plant is important for parish life and for 'the bottom line'. With current technology, an office would not be needed in each community, just as we operate in Mentone/Parkdale East, provided the life and activity of each community is supported.

It has been stated in the meetings that churches will not be closed.

'**The Joy of the Gospel**' was the first apostolic exhortation issued by Pope Francis back in 2013. He **describes parish life** in paragraph 24:

The positive view that the Pope provides can help us see this time of change as an opportunity rather than a crisis.

- A community of missionary disciple
- The Lord takes the first step, therefore we can move forward, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast

- Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy
- Gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives
- Bridges distances
- Bears fruit of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear
- Evangelisation with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness.
- The evangelising power of popular piety (paragraphs 122-126): it manifests a thirst for God; it makes people capable of generosity and sacrifice; a way of feeling part of the Church and a manner of being missionaries.

COMMUNAL AND SOCIETAL REPERCUSSIONS (chapter four): Commitment to society; church teaching on social questions; social dialogue: ecumenism with other Christians, Judaism, other religions

These pointers may help all the parishes take up a new opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our region.

I invite everyone interested to share their thoughts at one of the following occasions in the parish community centre:

Thursday 5th March 3.30 pm

Friday 6th March after Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th March after evening Mass

Sunday 8th March in the presbytery after 11 am Mass

Wednesday 11th March 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

During Lent: Stations of the Cross will be at **7pm each Friday**



Presbytery & Office: 10 Rogers Street, Mentone 3194. Ph: 9583 2103

• **Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Michael McEntee Ph: 0417 673 857 • **Hon Associate Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ramsay Williams OLSC

• **Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Mary Joseph SPC

• **Director of Music:** Myfanwy McIndoe Ph: 0484 079 880

• **St Patrick's School:** Ph: 9583 5033 • **St John Vianney's School:** Ph: 9580 5812

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

Recently Deceased

John Hannan, Theresa Fitzgerald, Keith Morton, Gilbert Augustine, Elaine Young

Anniversaries

Gladys Canning, Upali De Silva, Maria Catina Velastro

Prayer for the Sick



Deacon Dr Joe Leach, Milagros Poori, Joy Websdale, Frank Sampieri, Gerald Kenny, 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:

1. 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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,307.05

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$4,358.20
Loose Money: \$420.35

Vocation View

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

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 and grow in unity.

Parish Events

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. 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

KSC Mentone meeting

Monday 2nd March

7:00 to 8:30pm Parish Community Centre

Mentone MenAlive meeting

Wednesday 4th March

6:30 to 7:30pm Parish Community Centre

7/8 MARCH 2020

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall (SP)
9:00 am - T Busuttill, P Edkins (SJV)
11:00 am - R Smith (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Dillon, T Dillon (SP)
9:00 am - K Lowe (SJV)
11:00 am - A Earle, V Mathers (SP)
5:00 pm - A Moore (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Lavery Family (SP)
9:00 am - Torpey Family (SJV)
11:00 am - N Chung (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

A Berghella (SJV)

Counters: Team 4

J & P Brennan, G Flood,
J Collins, M Webster

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 1

L Smith, L Terblanche
St John Vianney's
G & K Sullivan

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Hannan Family, 2/219 Como Pde East (SP)

Next Week:

Wiggin Family, 35 Holding St (SP)

This Week:

Costanzo Family (SJV)

Next Week:

Dunstan Family (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group Luncheon

The date for the next luncheon is to be advised in the next issue of the Parish Bulletin.

The venue will continue to be **Mordy HQ** (Mordialloc Sporting Club) until all level crossing removal works at Mentone and elsewhere on the Frankston line are completed and the train service returns to normal running on a permanent basis.

During this time of disruption, consider taking the **903 Mordialloc bus** rather than either the train or train replacement bus.

The walk from the bus terminus to **MordyHQ** is far more direct and about half that from the Mordialloc train station. Parkdale will be for some time the nearest station with disabled parking and access to the train.

Ample parking is available at Mordy HQ. Email carson3195@outlook.com if you wish to receive notices relating to the Seniors Luncheon at the same time as they are sent for publication in the Parish Bulletin.

David Carson 0419 001 968

The Bible Study and Sharing Group

The Bible Study and Sharing Group has resumed. Meet each **Thursday at 2pm** in the Parish Centre. New Members are also welcome.

Sr Mary Joseph Sze spc

Playgroup 2020

This week, two Play Groups will be held in the parish.

Named in honour of our patron saint, the Clovers Play Groups will meet on **Monday** in the O'Hanlon Centre, from 9:30am to 11:00 am, and on **Thursday** in the Parish Community Centre, from 10:00am to 12 noon.

Cost \$3- per family for cuppa.

BYO child's snack/drink.

NO NUT PRODUCTS.

Parents/Carers to supervise children **at all times.** Co-ordinator **Jacinta Jones 0400 200 984.**



Other Events

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer 2020 host country is Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk".

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Friday 6th March 2020 at 10:30am at Parkdale Church of Christ, 176 Como Parade West.

Our new representative for our Parish is Majella Webster.

Enquiries: Coralie Scott WDP Convenor 9580 6224 at Parkdale Church of Christ or the Parish Office 9583 2103.

THE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is 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

REACH BEYOND: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. **Palms Australia** will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422 472 567, or email palms@palms.org.au



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Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province of the Philippines. She is a mother of four and the sole breadwinner of the family, as her husband is sick. But Shirley was struggling to support the whole family and keep her children in school.

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting their access to education, employment and healthcare. But thanks to Caritas Australia's Supporters, Shirley's life has transformed. She is now leading her community to take a stand against discrimination, improve health and education, and pave the way for a better future.

Unequal access to health services means that many indigenous children and families cannot access basic medical care. Preventable diseases, such as tuberculosis, dengue fever and measles are common among their community, and there is a high maternal and newborn mortality rate.

With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker and a leader in her community. She has learnt to supplement her income so she is able to feed her family. The program has also helped Shirley's children with school fees, uniforms and supplies.

Shirley says there's still a long way to go to fight for better employment opportunities for the Manide tribe and to reduce discrimination, but together they'll get there.

Your support is life saving for people experiencing poverty and oppression. Please help more people like Shirley gain confidence and respect within their community and help improve the conditions of indigenous people's around the world. Let's Go Further, Together.

1st Sunday of Lent Year A: 1st March 2020

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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 295
Offertory: CWBII 291
Communion: CWBII 595
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 295
Offertory: CWBII 595
Communion: CWBII 470
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong
Entrance: CWBII 295
Offertory: *Call to remembrance* - Farrant
Communion: *Lead me, Lord* - Samuel Wesley
Communion Hymn CWBII 290
Recessional: CWBII 301

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 295
Offertory: CWBII 595
Communion: CWBII 397
Recessional: CWBII 394

Readings Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent: Year A

Genesis : 12:1-4
2 Timothy: 1:8-10
Matthew: 17:1-9

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 2nd March

NO MASS

Tuesday, 3rd March

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

Wednesday, 4th March

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 5th March

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 1st week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 6th March

9:15 am (SP) Autumn Ember Day
World Day of Prayer
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 7th March

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of the 1st 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)**