

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 22 August 2021



### QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— 22nd August

#### PRAYER

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. Thou knowest our misery and our weakness.

O Thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to thee the treasure of His Grace, and through Thee He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, thy children come to Thee as their hope. Amen

#### Reflections for the XXI Sunday

The main theme of today's readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. They remind us that the fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives. Joshua, in our first reading, and Paul, in the second reading, make similar challenges to the people to make their choice. Today we, too, are challenged to decide whom we will serve.

**Let us make our choice for Christ and live it:** We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread he gives and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. The Heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to accept the Church's teachings and to face ridicule, criticisms and even social isolation for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives. The very option or possibility of choosing for or against Jesus is repeated over and over again in the modern age. We should resolve to take a stand for Jesus and accept the consequences. We recognize, in our going to Communion, the accepting of that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. When the priest gives us Holy Communion saying, "*The Body of Christ*," we respond, "*Amen*." That "*Amen*," that "*Yes*," is not just an act of Faith in the Real Presence; it is a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus in the community of which we are members. We must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours, and must govern and shape our lives. Above all, we are to identify with him in the offering of his Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unutterable love for us. (Fr. Anthony Kadavil).

<https://www.vaticannews.va>

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## Recently Deceased

## Anniversaries

Marie Mills

## Prayer for the Sick

**We pray for those who are sick.** Sr Miriam da

Luz, SPC, Joy  
Websdale, Vicki  
Rhodes, Jim Lacey,  
Darren Lacey



We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them. May their works of service be richly blessed.

## Vocation View

Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life.

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



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### 1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$XXX

### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,230.00

Loose Money: \$XXX

## Parish Events

**CatholicCare's Annual Appeal will be held on return of our churches being opened.**

CatholicCare Victoria empowers communities, builds strength and resilience, and works to help everyone reach their full potential. Thank you in advance for helping the thousands of individuals and families we support each year.

**Please give generously to this appeal.**

## Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes are in the church foyer for you to collect

## Monthly E-newsletter

If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter please contact the Parish Office with your email address.

[mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au](mailto:mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au)



**ACN -**

## Haiti Emergency Aid

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

**Emergency Aid for Haiti.** *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN International)* has expressed its solidarity in prayer with Haiti and immediately approved an emergency aid package of half a million Euros (\$800,000 AUD) for the Haitian people. In response to this, ACN Australia has set up an emergency appeal to provide help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are going through a very hard time.

To donate visit

[www.aidtochurch.org/haiti](http://www.aidtochurch.org/haiti)

## Video

Aid to the Church in Need - Our Mission

<https://youtu.be/zx3HkxYcLtl>

## 28 / 29 Aug 2021

## Rosters

### Readers:

6:00 pm - H Foley (SP)  
9:00 am - C Beck P Edkins (SJV)  
11:00 am - S Moran (SP)  
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 B Foley (SP)  
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)  
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

### Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

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

N Perazzo

### Flowers (SJV):

A Berghella

### Readings next week:

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Deuteronomy: 4:1-2, 6-8

James: 1:17-18,21-22,27

Mark: 7:1-8 14-15 21-23

## 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 7pm at Bridie's (9585 1142)

## Cuppa & Chat

All are welcome

each Sunday

to join us in the Parish Community



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## OTHER EVENTS



### Stories from around the Archdiocese

#### St Mary of the Cross—Mordialloc

A newly commissioned artwork of Australia's first saint was recently unveiled and blessed at the Catholic Parish of St Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale.

With the help of the parish livestreaming team, parish priest Fr Andrew Jekot hosted the blessing online with the community unable to attend due to Melbourne's continued

lockdown restrictions.

'The plans were to have a blessing of the artwork after every Mass on the weekend of Mary's feast day,' said Fr Jekot. 'But COVID doesn't follow my rules! So, our next attempt was to bring the blessing to parishioners online so they could view this absolutely gorgeous image of St Mary of the Cross.'

The parish is home to two churches – St Brigid's and St Louis de Montfort – and the same artwork has been installed at each.

'For the last 18 months, a team of parishioners has been researching and discerning the best sort of image of our patron saint,' Fr Jekot explained. 'We wanted to have a common artwork at both churches, and to have Mary welcome us into our churches as people arrived.'

The depiction of Mary was important too, adds parishioner Berna Wake.

'We wanted to acknowledge Mary's pioneering work in education, so the choice of children depicted with Mary – the new Australian girl and the Indigenous boy – recognises Mary's passion to provide education for all.'

<https://youtu.be/ztsdRkec6XY>

### The Communion to the Housebound

The Communion to the housebound rosters were recently revised, to ensure that all those who wish to receive Holy Communion are able to do so. Please notify the Parish Office if you know of anyone who wishes to be visited on a regular basis.



In 2001, the Commonwealth and Victorian Government 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.

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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 Cf. Ps 85:1-3

**First Reading** [Jos 24:1-2. 15-18](#) A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Second Reading** [Eph 5:21-32](#) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation [See Jn 6:63. 68](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel [Jn 6:60-69](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.