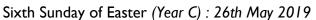
THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY





Dear Friends, this week's guest columnist is Pope Francis. The short address below is about the Gospel passage that we heard last Sunday: Jesus' new commandment "Love one another as I have loved you." Francis was speaking to the crowds in St Peter's Square at midday before reciting *Regina caeli* with them.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel takes us to the Cenacle, to make us listen to some of the words that Jesus addresses to His disciples in His "farewell address" before his Passion. After having washed the feet of the Twelve, He says to them: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "

In what sense does Jesus call this a "new" commandment? Because we know that already in the Old Testament God had commanded the members of His people to love their neighbour as themselves (Cf. Leviticus 19:18). Jesus Himself answered anyone who asked Him what was the greatest commandment of the Law, saying that the first is to love God with all one's heart and the second to love one's neighbour as oneself (Cf. Matthew 22:38-39).

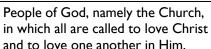
So, what is the novelty of this commandment that Jesus entrusts to His disciples? Why does He call it a "new commandment"? The old commandment of love became new because it was complete with this addition: "as I have loved you," "love one another as I have loved you." The novelty is all in Jesus Christ's love, that



with which He gave his life for us. It's about God's love, <which is> universal, unconditional and limitless, which finds its summit on the cross. In that moment of extreme abasement, in that moment of abandonment to the Father, the Son of God showed and gave the world the fullness of love. Rethinking the Passion and agony of Christ, the disciples understood the meaning of those words of His: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Jesus first loved us; He loved us despite our fragility, our limitations, and our human weaknesses. It was He who enabled us to become worthy of His love, which knows no limits and never ends. By giving us the new commandment, He asks us to love each other not only and not so much with our love but with His, which the Holy Spirit infuses in our hearts if we invoke Him with faith.

In this way — and only thus — we can love one another not only as we love ourselves, but as He has loved us, namely, immensely more. In fact, God loves us much more than we love ourselves. And so we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relations between persons and opens horizons of hope. Jesus always opens horizons of hope; His love opens horizons of hope. This love makes us become new men, brothers, and sisters in the Lord, and it makes us the new



The love that was manifested on the Cross and that He calls us to live is the only force that transforms our heart of stone into a heart of flesh; the only force capable of transforming our heart is the love of Jesus if we also love with this love. And this love makes us capable of loving enemies and of forgiving those that have offended us.

I'll ask you a question, each one answer in his heart. Am I able to love my enemies? We all have people — I don't know if they are enemies, but who don't agree with us, who are "on the other side," or some have people who have hurt them . . . Am I able to love those people, that man or that woman who has hurt me, who has offended me? Am I able to forgive him/her? Each one answer in his heart.

The love of Jesus makes us see the other as a present or future member of the community of Jesus' friends; it stimulates us to dialogue and helps us to listen to one another and know one another mutually. Love opens us to the other, becoming the basis of human relations. It makes us capable of overcoming the barriers of our own weakness and our prejudices. The love of Jesus in us creates bridges, teaches new ways; triggers the dynamism of fraternity.

May the Virgin Mary help us, with Her maternal intercession, to receive from Her Son Jesus the gift of His commandment, and from the Holy Spirit the strength to practice it in everyday life."

[Original text: Italian] [[ZENIT's translation by Virginia M. Forrester]

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

Recently Deceased

Fr Raymond Deal

Anniversaries

Francis John O'Connor, Margaret Sullivan, Jill Dix, Anne Morton, Mary Kelly, Winifred Phipps

Prayer for the Sick



Bill Nixon, Yvonne Provis, Lindsay Brown, Jayden Beyrooti, Darren Lacey, Ann Curtain, Greg McLeod, John Hannan, Maureen Oswald, Jim Lacey, Patricia Walker, Rita Buckner,

Carmen Lotzniker, Hector Burra, Patricia M, Patricia Power, Nanette Woodbridge, Sebastian Wolfenden, Ellen Farrugia-Merlo, Monica Alderton, Anthony Mannion, Paul Smiles, John Wong and those on our continuing prayer list.

(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.



Ist Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,413.55

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,953.65 Loose Money: \$413.35

Pope's Intentions: May 2019 The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Vocation View

Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

Caritas; Project Compassion

Caritas has asked all parishes to return donations by 31st May 2019. This is so that all donations are accounted for and processed by 30th June as required by ATO. We request that you return you

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request that you return your donations to the parish by this weekend 25/26 May to assist parish office staff to comply with the above.

Adult Classes in the Catholic Faith

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) Is a process for preparing and welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. Please contact Fr Michael if you are interested, 9583 2103.

Parish Rosters

New rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers at St Patrick's for the next six months will be prepared at the start of June; would all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers now please advise their roster requirements and availability by the end of May. Information about becoming a Reader, Extraordinary Minister or just becoming more involved in the Parish can be obtained during office hours, by visiting the Parish Office in Mitchell Street, or simply by phoning the Parish office on 9583 2103

St Patrick's Playgroup

The St Patrick's Playgroup caters for parents and carers of young children in the St Patrick's community. Whether you have a new-born, toddler or pre-schooler or would simply like to have a coffee and meet others from St Patrick's, we look forward to seeing you. Each Mondays 9:30–11:00am during school term, in the O'Hanlon Centre, Mitchell St. Bring: \$2 and a snack and drink for your child (no nuts please) Enquiries: Jacinta Jones 0400 200 984

1/2 JUNE 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP) 9:00 am - School (SJV) 11:00 am - Family Mass (SP) 5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - R Razga, T Maloney (SP) 9:00 am - B John (SJV) 11:00 am - S Tobin, V Mathers (SP) 5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

Procession of Gifts

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP) 9:00 am - School (SJV) I I:00 am - Family Mass (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick

A Berghella (SJV)

Counters: Team II
H Commins, A Rasiah
B John, A & C Smit

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 3 M Zickett, K Lyons G & K Sullivan (SJV)

Flowers:

A Berghella (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Dillon Family, I Lachlan St (SP)

Next Week:

Vincent Family, 30 Murray St (SP)

This Week:

Pereira Family, 45 Warren Rd (SJV)

Next Week:

Byrne Family, 32 Balmoral Dr (SJV)

Adoration Roster:
Week I - Christ, The Priest

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 the Chelsea RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea (venue shown as Longbeach RSL on the map posted in both churches), on Thursday, 20 June from 12:00 noon.

RSVP by either -

- leaving a message with David Carson on 0419 001 968 no later than the Tuesday prior to lunch; OR
- adding your name to the list on the noticeboard inside the front doors of St Patrick's Church.

Travelling by train? Meet on Platform 2 at Mentone Station to catch the 11:30am train to Chelsea where the station exit is towards the rear of the train.

St Patrick's Church Choir

CD's and DVD's from the Easter Triduum will be available soon. Please leave your details at the Parish Office if interested in purchasing а сору.



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Kilbreda College 2019 Past Pupils of Distinction Awards.

If you know an outstanding past pupil from Kilbreda College, we encourage you to nominate them as a Past Pupil of Distinction. The criteria to be addressed

when nominating a person are:

- Outstanding success in their life and
- Made a positive difference in the lives of others,
- Embodies Kilbreda College's motto of Strength and Kindliness.

Nominations close 14 June

You can submit your nominations at www.kilbreda.edu.au For all enquiries, please contact Denise Leonard at denise I 27@optusnet.com.au

Cuppa & Chat - Mentone

All parishioners are invited for a cup of tea or coffee following the 9:30am OLSC and 11:00am Masses each Sunday.



Sacramental **Preparation**



Sacramental Preparation Class

Sacramental Preparation Class for catholic students in non-catholic schools will begin on Ist Sept., 2019 (Sunday) I 0am in the

Prep Block of St. Patrick Primary School, Mentone.

Please contact Sr Damian Lai: email: srdamianspc@gmail.com



St Bede's College 50 Plus years

Friday 21st June, 11:30am in the Function Room at St Bede's College (best entry via Gate 7 Palermo Street). Meet

at St Bede's College for a tour before heading to The Mentone RSL over the road for lunch. Cost \$50. Contact: Jo Hynes 9582

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/bayzz



Kilbreda 50th **Anniversary** Reunion Class of 1964 to 1969

Saturday August 31st at the College, 2.30

to 5.30, followed by dinner (optional)

RSVP August 1st to Patricia Stabb

(nee Pat Chapman) stabbpm@optusnet.com.au or Denise Leonard, Chair Past Pupils denise I 27@optusnet.com.au

Reflection on "Christus Vivit" - Christ Lives

Pope Francis wants us to be alive no matter what age your are - Anyone interested in joining a prayer group each Thursday with reflections on "Christus Vivit" after 9:15am Mass. Please contact Sr Damian.

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.

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Other Events

In Conversation with the Trinity of Love: A weekend Retreat with Elizabeth Delbridge

Friday 31 May, 7pm, to Sunday 2 June, 3pm, Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road,

Ignatius had a vision of the Trinity as 'like three keys on a keyboard'. We will use reflective collage as a devotional practice, as a way to respond to God. No experience is necessary as we are led step by step from contemplation in prayer to an active response expressed on the page. Treat it like an experiment — trust the process and let it unfold. How might we engage in prayerful conversation with the Holy Three using images that emerge from and enhance our prayers?

Cost: \$290 live-in, \$190 live-out **Bookings:** secretary@campion.asn.au or 9854 8110

Mass for Expectant Mothers Sunday 2 June, I I am St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

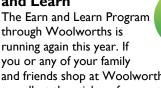
The Life, Marriage and Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Registrations: 9287 5587

or www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or Imf@cam.org.au.

Please note that registration closes on Friday 24 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

Woolworths Earn and Learn



and friends shop at Woolworths ask them to collect the stickers for our two schools. St John Vianney school share their points with their sister school in Indonesia. The St John Vianney box is outside Woolies

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at Thrift Park.

The Liturgy for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C: 26th May 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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

Gloria - Ostrowski

Entrance: CWBII 626
Offertory: CWBII 638
Communion: CWBII 469
Recessional: CWBII 405

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

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

Gloria - Ostrowski

Entrance: CWBII 347
Offertory: CWBII 553
Communion: CWBII 555
Recessional: CWBII 408

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 626

Offertory: Cry out to God with a joyful voice, alleluia

Communion: CWBII 469

Recessional: CWBII 405

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

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

Entrance: CWBII 520

Offertory: CWBII 553

Communion: CWBII 555

Recessional: CWBII 408

Readings Next Week:

The Ascension of the Lord: Year C

Acts: 1:1-11 Ephesians: 1:17-23 Luke: 24:46-53

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 27th May NO MASS

Tuesday, 28th May

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter

School Mass

12 Noon (SJV) School Mass

Wednesday, 29th May

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter

10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 30th May

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 6th week of Easter

10:30am (SP) Ordinariate Mass

Friday, 31st May

9:15 am (SP) Feast: The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 1st June

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Justin, Martyr

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)