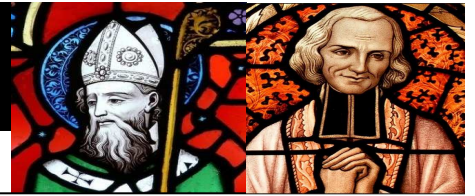


# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

## SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 26 September 2021

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.



Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Today many no longer think of the final judgment and many prefer to think that there is no hell. Yet the teachings of our Church and of Jesus Himself speak of judgment and of hell. They are not the focus of the teachings of Jesus. Rather they form a backdrop. Jesus really calls us to want all people to follow Him and for all people to seek good and to struggle against sin and evil. This struggle takes place, however, in our freedom. And in our freedom we can choose against God.

So this Sunday let us pray that all might be prophets, that all might struggle against sin and against harming anyone. Let us give thanks for all who do good and pray that we also may do good.

**"Towards an ever wider 'we'" is the theme of the 107<sup>th</sup> Migrant and Refugee Sunday, celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021.**

Pope Francis has released his [message for Migrant and Refugee Sunday](#) with an emphasis on creating a diverse and beautiful world which celebrates our differences while remaining as one.

"In our day, the Church is called to go out into the streets of every existential periphery in order to heal wounds and to seek out the straying, without prejudice or fear, without proselytising, but ready to widen her tent to embrace everyone. Among those dwelling in those existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached.

"The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new "frontier" for mission, a privileged opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message at home, and to bear concrete witness to the Christian faith in a spirit of charity and profound esteem for other religious communities. The encounter with migrants and refugees of other denominations and religions represents a fertile ground for the growth of open and enriching ecumenical and interreligious dialogue" ([Address to the National Directors of Pastoral Care for Migrants](#), 22 September 2017)."

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE 107<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY  
OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES  
2021**

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## Recently Deceased

John Nichol

## Anniversaries

Patrick McCarthy

## Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick.

Fr Alex Lim, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, 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 richly blessed.

## Vocation View

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

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:

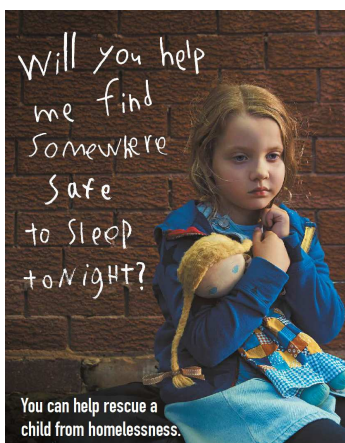
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### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,464.00

Loose Money: \$XXX

## Other Events



You can help rescue a child from homelessness.

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## St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

## 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> or calling 13 18 12. Please help us to help others.

Please nominate either the Mentone or Parkdale conference when making your donation. Donation of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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

## 2 / 3 October 2021

### Rosters

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - H Foley (SP)  
9:00 am - R Tregonning, A BurnJV  
11:00 am - L Freeman (SP)  
5:00 pm - F Archer (SP)

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 J Stoppa (SP)  
9:00 B Fitchet (SJV)  
11:00 am - C D'Souza (SP)  
5:00 pm - A Moore (SP)

#### Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

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

B Fitchet

#### Flowers (SJV):

G Constanzo

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

Genesis: 2:18-24

Hebrews: 2:9-11

Mark: 10:2-16

#### 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 Com-



On hold during lockdown

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

### **107<sup>th</sup> Migrant and Refugee Sunday, celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021.**

#### **Prayer**

Holy, beloved Father,  
your Son Jesus taught us  
that there is great rejoicing in heaven  
whenever someone lost is found,  
whenever someone excluded, rejected or dis-  
carded  
is gathered into our "we",  
which thus becomes ever wider.  
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,  
and all people of good will,  
the grace to do your will on earth.  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach  
that draws those in exile  
into the "we" of community and of the Church,  
so that our earth may truly become  
what you yourself created it to be:  
the common home of all our brothers and sis-  
ters. Amen.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021  
Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

#### **One difficult question**

*A smart student wanted to be admitted to the University. In the final interview he was asked if he wanted ten easy questions or one really difficult question. The boy thought for a while and said, "My choice is one really difficult question."*

*"Well, good luck! Here is the question. What comes first, Day or Night?"*

*The boy was jolted at first but he waited for a while and then said, "It's Day, sir."*

*Thinking to himself ("At last, I've got you!"), the interviewer smiled and said, "How?"*

*"Sorry sir, you promised me that you would ask me ONLY one difficult question!"*

*He gained admission.*

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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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 26 September 2021

### Entrance Antiphon [Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42](#)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading [Nm 11:25-29](#) A reading from the book of Numbers

**Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

### Second Reading [Jas 5:1-6](#) A reading from the letter of St James

**Your wealth is rotting.**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation [See Jn 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

### Gospel [Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

### Communion Antiphon [Cf. Ps 118:49-50](#)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.