# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE





First Sunday in Lent, Year C: 6th March 2022

This Sunday as we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recalls the Ash Wednesday challenge to "Repent and be faithful to the gospel." Lent is a time for us to do our "Spiritual Spring cleaning." It is a time to be renewed and strengthened through faith. We are called to invite Jesus into the deserts of our lives. We call out to God for refreshment and newness of life in his presence.

During these forty days, we make an intentional journey deep within ourselves. We ask for guidance as we search for our most authentic selves. God knows us and loves us even in our struggles. He knows our problems, our fears, and our dreams. Now is the time, to turn back to God with all our hearts as a changed person who is open to the life to which God calls us. It is in the deserts of our lives where we are tempted and struggle the most. St. Mark's gospel tells us that lesus is led into the desert to be tempted by Satan. The Spirit of God was present as reinforcement so that he could resist the temptations in his life.

Unless we are led into the desert of our lives, we may never confront or become aware of the temptations in our lives. In this Lenten season, which is the acceptable time, we are called to repentance and a change of heart as we become aware of our struggles. What tests or temptations do you think are the easiest to be aware of in your life? What is the hardest to be aware of?

"Jesus remained in the desert 40 days and 40 nights, tempted by Satan." Lent is traditionally a time of fast, penance, almsgiving. The idea most of us were given about Lent is that it is a time to "give up" something. On the contrary, Lent is a time of "DOING" something to change our lives and the world around us. Our FAST is not just fasting from food but fasting from jealousy, anger, hatred, and all the other attitudes in our lives that keep us from truly loving God and our neighbours. It is probably easier to fast from food when we have an abundance of food. Yet it is harder to change our attitudes

about people around us.

PENANCE is our willingness to change and be changed by God's spirit alive in us. Penance is not just saying prayers but living a life prayer in all that we do. ALMSGIVING is our awareness of the needs of others who search for life, love, and help in their times of need.

During the Mass, Lent is called "this joyful season". In the past, we often thought of Lent as a sad or sorrowful, or gloomy time of the year. When we are able to rediscover ourselves and turn back to God, this is a joyful time. There is enough sadness and gloom in our world. What God does for us is a time of joy! We must ask ourselves, what are some of the joyful aspects of Lent? Have you come to see Lent as a time of joy rather than a sombre time? Every time we consider what the Lord and done for us and how he has brought us through so many things, we must praise his holy name.

https://spiritans.org/news/reflection-for-the-lst-sunday-of-lent-march-6-2022

#### **LENTEN PREPARATION PROGRAM**

The tradition of Lent "a time for focusing on the heart, a time for asking questions about our spiritual health"

-Craig Higgins "On Keeping a Holy Lent"

Mass at 7:00 am on Wednesdays during Lent (St Patrick's)

**Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm on Fridays (St Patrick's)

**Lenten Study /Discussion Group** with Fr Cameron from 7:30 - 8:30pm on Wednesdays (Parish Centre) **Lenten Study /Discussion Group** with Fr Ramsay from 11:30 - 12:30 on Thursdays (Parish Centre)

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

## **Recently Deceased**

Maria Benvenuto

## **Anniversaries**

Fr Martin Leach, Jim Williams, Noel Mathers, Marta Egyed

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## We pray for those who are sick.

Teresa Wright, Fr Alex Lim, Vanessa, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, Melissa Tonkin, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey, Chris Taylor, Grace Costanzo.

#### **VOCATION VIEW**

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken.

Follow Jesus: be a giver.

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 for adoration following the 9:15am Mass until 4:30pm, when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.

#### **Ist Collection:**

Presbytery: \$1,134.30

#### 2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,552.10 Loose Money: \$367.25

### **Parish Events**

#### READERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS!

Please keep Thursday 24th March, 7pm, free for a combined gathering/meeting in St Patrick's Church. RSVP by 17/3/22 for catering as refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards. If anyone has not received an email invitation or you would like to become involved, please contact the Parish office 95832103.

#### **CUPPA & CHAT**

All are welcome each
Sunday to join us in the
Parish Community
Centre for a Cuppa and Chat
following the 9:30am and I I:00am
Mass. Please be aware, QR check in

#### **PIETY STALL**

Those wishing to make a purchase from our Piety Stall are welcome to contact Lorraine Vincent on her mobile to arrange a time to meet. Please only ring Lorraine on weekdays. 0408 396 686.

is still required in our Parish Centre.

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION**



Please take home a
Project Compassion
box and a set of
donation envelopes to
support Caritas
Australia this Lenten
season and help
support vulnerable
people around the
world,now and For All Fut

world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

#### 12/13 March 2022

#### **ROSTERS**

#### Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP)

9:00 am - D Clifton, K Swadling(S|V)

11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (SP)

5:00 pm - F DeSumma (SP)

#### **Extraordinary Ministers:**

6:00 pm - J Mount (SP)

9:00 am - G Sullivan (SJV)

II:00 am - A Earle (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

#### **Extraordinary Minister**

of the Sick (SJV):

**B** Fitchet

#### Pilgrim Statue (SJV):

P Edkins

#### Readings next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

Genesis: 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians: 3:17-4:1 Luke: 9:28-36

#### Rosary:

- 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 Thursdays after the 10:30am OLSC Mass and on Wednesday afternoons 3:00pm at Bridie's (9585 5142).

#### **Divine Mercy Devotions:**

Are held in St Patrick's Church each Friday at 3:00pm.

## **Hymns**

# Entrance Hymn May this Lenten discipline

May this Lenten discipline, Which we undertake with love, Turn our minds to things above.

Sin has sundered us from God,
Selfish we have grown and cold,
Foolish were the ways we trod,
Evil habits keep their hold. *Antiphon* 

Now we fast that we may feast Where the Lord of life presides; May our hunger be increased For the bread which he provides. Antiphon

As we keep this Lent with prayer
And from pleasures are withdrawn,
Minds and bodies we prepare
For the joy of Easter dawn.
Antiphon

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## Offertory Hymn Seek, O seek the Lord

Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near; trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.

God, be with us in our lives, direct us in our calling: break the snares the world contrives, keep us from falling. Antiphon

God, increase in us the life that Christ by dying gave us: though we faint with mortal strife his blood will save us. *Antiphon* 

Strengthen in our hearts the love we owe to one another; how can we love God above and not our brother? *Antiphon* 

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## **Communion Hymn**

#### God of mercy and compassion

God of mercy and compassion, Show your tenderness anew; Father, let me call you Father, 'tis your child returns to you.

Jesus, Lord, we ask for mercy; Let us not implore in vain; All our sins we now detest them, May we never sin again.

By my sins I have offended God almighty in heav'n above, Where the saints rejoice forever In the Father's boundless love. Refrain

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying, On the cross of Calvary; through his wounds we can find healing, through his love we can be free. Refrain

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## **Recessional Hymn**

### The glory of these forty days

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things
were made,

Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered from the lion's might; And John, the Saviour's friend, became

The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be

By prayer and fast from sin set free:

Our spirits strengthen with your grace,

And give us joy to see your face.

We praise the Father and the Son,
The Spirit with them, ever One,
Our God in threefold name adored
From age to age, the only Lord.

Clarum decus jujunii, 6<sup>th</sup>cent. Possibly Gregory the Great, trans. Maurice F. Bell, alt. Public Domain

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Mass Response

Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

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

Entrance: CWBII 295 May this Lenten discipline

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Offertory: CWBII 595 Seek, O seek the Lord

Communion: CWBII 290 God of mercy and compassion

Recessional: CWBII 301 The glory of the forty days

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

Entrance: CWBII 295 May this Lenten discipline

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Offertory: Lead Me Lord - Wesley (Choir)

Communion: CWBII 290 God of mercy and compassion Recessional: CWBII 301 The glory of the forty days

6:00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) St Patrick's and 5:00pm (Sunday) St Patrick's

Entrance: CWBII 295 May this Lenten discipline

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski

Offertory: CWBII 595 Seek, O seek the Lord

Communion: CWBII 290 God of mercy and compassion Recessional: CWBII 301 The glory of the forty days

**WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES** 

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

Monday 7th March NO MASS

Tuesday 8th March 9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent

Wednesday 9th March 7:00 am (SP) Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent

9:15 am (SP)

10:30 am (SJV)

Thursday 10th March 9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 1st week of Lent

10:30 am (SP) Ordinariate Mass

Friday 11th March 9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 1st week of Lent

5:15 pm (SJV)

7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th March 9:15 am (SP) Saturday of the 1st week of Lent

**WEEKEND MASSES** 

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00pm (SP)

Sunday: 9:00am (SJV)

Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinariate Mass) (SP)

Sunday: II:00am (Choral Mass) (SP)

Sunday: 5:00pm (SP)

**RECONCILIATION** 

After the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday & Saturday mornings (SP)

and 5:15 pm Saturday (SP)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY: BENEDICTION 4:30PM (SP)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 PM each FRIDAY in LENT (SP)