

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) : 8th March 2020

“SYMBOL OF CHRIST, THE TRUE
CORNER STONE OF THE CHURCH”

Dear Friends

Friday 13th March was the sixtieth anniversary of the blessing and opening of St Patrick and the Holy Angels church. The quotation above is the words on the foundation stone located on Rogers Street side of the building. While laying and blessing the stone two and a half years earlier, Archbishop Simonds remarked that Fr O’Hanlon’s choice of words was a clear statement of St Paul’s understanding of the Church.

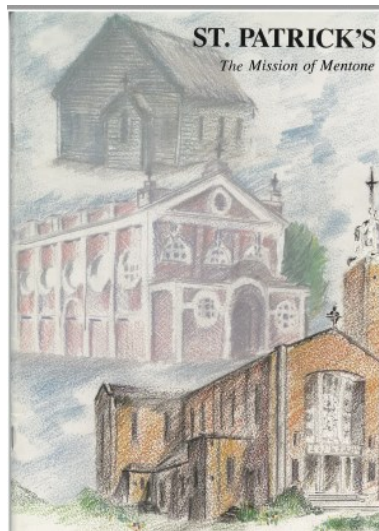
Christians are exposed to the same faults and sins that bedevil human community; they should first turn their gaze to Christ, the true foundation stone, rather than to themselves and their own efforts as they seek to develop the body of Christ in the world. (Paul’s Letter Corinth)

Returning in March 1960, Archbishop Simonds “congratulated the parish priest on the erection of a church, grand in its dimensions and beautiful in its construction. ... (It) may well be the last really large church to be built for some time in the archdiocese.” He paid tribute to the sacrifices made by the parishioners in order to realize the dream of raising up “this great jewel in the service of God.”

In May 1965, the church was consecrated, completing the work of the founding priest and parishioners begun 80 years previously. The relics of St Heliodoros and of St Blandina were sealed in the altar stone. Heliodoros is attested only by his name; Blandina was a young girl, likely a slave, martyred in Lyons in 177 AD.

Upon retiring in 1973, Fr O’Hanlon repeated in the parish magazine (“THE ANGELUS”) his words upon arriving in the parish: “Our first duty is prayer for help and guidance. ... Of course, God will expect us to co-operate. We need many and willing workers, generous hearts, the spirit of sacrifice, and above all, charity among all.”

Times, morals and expressions of faith have changed in the intervening sixty years. In whatever circumstances, Christ remains the true foundation stone of the life of his Church.



Our prayer for vocations remains important, yet I sometimes wonder whether the small number of priestly vocations today is God’s way of inviting us to prize the Christian vocation of each baptized person. Prayer for vocations would intercede for a personal attachment to Christ who called us with love at our baptism. Equally, our prayer opens our heart to daily dedication to being his faithful witnesses.

The discussions just commenced about the future configuration of our Catholic communities in the Bayside area would be most effective if these intentions for the personal commitment of each of us were at the forefront of our meetings.

Built on the true foundation of Christ, our first priority is to grow in charity and the wisdom born of faith and hope in God alone. External manifestations and achievements come and go and should not be clung to by us, for we are a pilgrim people on a journey that is not close to finishing.

*This based on
St Patrick’s
The Mission of Mentone
Pat Lane
Sheila Johnston*



Stations of the Cross

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

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

Kerry Weber

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

Recently Deceased

Margaret Williamson, Gerald Kenny, Nicola Milat

Anniversaries

Fr Martin Leach, William Harris, Marta Eged, Noel Mathers, Denis Hayes, Annie Sullivan

Prayer for the Sick



Deacon Dr Joe Leach, Noelle Tierney, Milagros Poori, Joy Websdale, Frank Sampieri, 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: \$1,405.25

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,920.00
Loose Money: \$662.95

Vocation View

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

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

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany (story page three) continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. **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

Parish discussions

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:

Saturday 7th March after evening Mass

Sunday 8th March in the presbytery after 11 am Mass

Wednesday 11th March 7 pm.

14/15 MARCH 2020

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - T Howe (SP)
9:00 am - D Clifton, K Swadling (SJV)
11:00 am - V Mathers (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - H Foley, A Ady (SP)
9:00 am - R Tregonning (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Brennan Family (SP)
9:00 am - Sells Family (SJV)
11:00 am - G & J Kelly (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

B Fitchet (SJV)

Counters: Team 5

B Foley, J Lynch
A & C Smit

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 2
N Goodwin, J Dillon
St John Vianney's
A Burn

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Wiggin Family, 35 Holding St (SP)

Next Week:

Heath Family, 6/19 Brindisi St (SP)

This Week:

Dunstan Family (SJV)

Next Week:

O'Donoghue 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

Each week, two Play Groups are held in the parish.

Named in honour of our patron saint, the Clovers Play Groups meet on **Monday's** 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**.



DO YOU KNIT?

A parishioner has a quantity of wool she is wishing to donate to anyone who can put to good use. Please phone the parish office for details. 9583 2103.

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HELP WANTED!

Twice annually **St Augustine's Op Shop** in Mentone distributes donations to churches and non-profit organisations in the local and wider metropolitan area, including our parishes. Their success is based on faithful volunteers who work in the shop to serve customers, sort and price goods and stock shelves. At this time there are vacancies in weekly, monthly and occasional shifts. Looking for volunteers to welcome customers, work at the register with a colleague and a willingness to work through our child safety requirements, which include completing a Police Check and a Working With Children Check (at NO cost to you and they can help get them done). Please contact **Tracey Barlow**, St Augustine's Op Shop Manager, 51 Florence St Mentone **9583 7178**.

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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WEEK 2: CAMBODIA

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city.

Then in 2016, Phany joined a Caritas supported program, learning more productive farming and irrigation techniques. Her community learned to work together for better water management, to combat drought.

Over 70 percent of Cambodia's population live in rural communities – and farming family's living in poverty are the most food insecure. Thirteen percent of Cambodians live below the poverty line, while 35 out of every 1000 babies die due to malnutrition.

In 2016, Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water for drier periods. She also learnt how to grow vegetables and raise chickens and ducks. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

With your help, mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. A brighter future women, men and their families can start today. Let's Go Further, Together

Your support is life saving for people experiencing poverty and oppression. Let's Go Further, Together.

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A: 8th March 2020

Mass Response

Psalm Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 467
Offertory: CWBII 540
Communion: CWBII 514
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin—Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 301
Offertory: CWBII 467
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin—Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 467
Offertory: *The Crown of Roses* - Tchaikovsky
Communion: *Tell no one of the vision you have seen*
Communion Hymn: CWBII 292—choir to sing verses
Recessional: CWBII 621

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 467
Offertory: CWBII 540
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 621

Readings Next Week: Third Sunday of Lent: Year A

Exodus: 17:3-7
Romans: 5:1-2, 5-8
John: 4: 5-42

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 9th March

NO MASS (Public Holiday)

Tuesday, 10th March

9:15 am (SP) Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent

Wednesday, 11th March

9:15 am (SP) Wednesday of the 2nd week of Lent
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 12th March

9:15 am (SP) Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie Mass**

Friday, 13th March

9:15 am (SP) Friday of the 2nd week of Lent
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 14th March

9:15 am (SP) Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP)
Sunday: 9:00 am (SJV)
Sunday: 9:30 am (SP) **Ordinarie 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)**