

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 8th September 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

I offer the reflection below by a believing mother about her joyful experience of priests' service throughout her life. It seems to me a fitting expression of our thanks to God for the Christian priesthood as we celebrate the ordination to the rank of presbyter in the Sacrament of Holy Orders of our parishioner, Michael Buck. The reflection expresses the powerful insight of St Pope John Paul II that "the ordained priesthood serves the priesthood of all the faithful."

The priests in my life

They will need balance and a 'sacredness' sprinkled with self-deprecating humor to deal with frequent insults in these difficult times.

Charlotte Grossetête
France
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Like many Catholics, I have learned of the clerical sex abuse scandals that have emerged in recent years with horror and disgust.

Like many Catholics, I have suffered at how slow the Church has been in facing up to the scandal.

As a mother, I can clearly imagine the suffering of the children and the parents who have experienced such despicable behavior destroying their lives.

Having written and said all this with a broken heart, I would like to summarize what I, a person who has never had to deal with such evil priests, have experienced.

I was 13 in 1990 when I joined in a series of summer camps that became highlights of my adolescence and which gave direction to my life's search for the beautiful and the good.

The priests whom I met there filled me with enthusiasm, energy and hope as well as humility at the level of constant progress needed, which would be difficult to achieve over the course of one's whole life.

That's what priests meant to me in my adolescent life.

I was 19 in 1996 when in a choked voice my philosophy professor read us the testament of

Father Christian de Chergé, which had been published the day before. (*Fr de Chergé, was one of seven monks abducted in 1996 from their monastery in Algeria. They were declared 'Blessed' on 9 December 2018.*)

In the space of two pages, Father de Chergé explained everything from the meaning of a life dedicated to God, to the peace that comes even at the most difficult moments, and respect for another religion, which, properly understood, should not lead to hate.

In my youthful life in search of testimonies, that's what priests meant to me.

I was 20 in 1997 when the Paris Metro took on an exceptional allure. We sang, we laughed and chatted in a whole host of languages at World Youth Day. Nor did the feeling remain ephemeral.

Afterwards, prayer, reflection and sharing groups formed.

I got to know tremendously knowledgeable priests, who "opened up my heart to understanding the Scriptures." They were profound, wise men of prayer, who transmitted to me the joy of combining my faith with reason. In my student life, that's what priests meant.

I was 24 in 2001 when the chaplain at the Institute of Political Science took our group to India to help build houses in a Dalit village.

There, I got to know Father Pierre Ceyrac, who, refused a well deserved retirement. He continued to endlessly spend himself in the battle against misery to which so many priests have given and still give their lives. That's what priests meant in my life as a young woman.

I was 32 in 2009 when our discrete, gentle and ever present priest accompanied us in the loss of a child.

He appreciated how to offer the balm of hope to a deep wound. Although hope cannot hide the bruises, it does help remind us that the doors to Eternal Life are still open.

In our society, which avoids the issue of death as much as possible, priests are among those who light a flame in the midst of shadows when we are confronted with death. In my life as a mourning mum, that's what priests meant to me.

I certainly do not idealize the person of the priest, even though I have been lucky enough to only meet good priests.

I have too many friends and cousins who have become priests over the years to believe that they are perfect. And they laugh if I allow them to be enveloped in any kind of aurora.

Clericalism exists here and there, but not around me.

The priests whom I know are gifted with beautiful balance and a "sacredness" sprinkled with self-deprecating humour.

They will need such humour and balance to deal with frequent insults in these difficult times. If it's not you, it's your brother, people will say.

However, I also believe that, as difficult as this is for priests who are irreproachable to the highest level possible, the current ordeal is necessary for the Church to advance, freed from an insidious gangrene.

Even when gangrene does not affect every limb of the body it can still cause death.

The crimes of some priests, the silence of others who sought to stop the infection by denying it – all this leads to death. The Church now has the opportunity to choose life.

I have confidence that the priests of today will take up the challenge by cherishing and honoring the call they received on the day of their ordination as deacons. This is a call to transparency and to personal coherence.

"Receive the Gospel of Christ that it is your mission to announce. Be careful to believe in the Word that you read, to teach what you believe and to live out what you teach," the text reads.

Thus, they will become servants of Jesus Christ, faithful to their vocation and to the world's expectations.

They will be committed to sharing the message they have received, from which I have also greatly benefited myself owing to the work of many good priests, namely the gift of a Christian faith which invites to build a better, more just and loving world.

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

Recently Deceased

Pauline Bourke, David Blair

Anniversaries

Dorothy Brooks

Prayer for the Sick



Nick Quill, Oisin Slevin (infant), Margaret Hopkins, Theresa Ahearn, Jenny Jessep, Kathleen Cerato, Bill Nixon, Ron Brown, Nancy Lopez, 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, Anthony Mannion, John Wong, Sharon Kirkwood, Peter Zickert, 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.

Reminder

Fr. Buck's First Mass of Thanksgiving

At 2pm this Sunday the 8th of September,
Followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.

Parish Events

Parish Seniors Group

The next luncheon for St Patrick's & St John Vianney's parishioners and friends is on **THURSDAY 19th September at Longbeach Hotel, 380 Nepean Highway, Chelsea.** Please RSVP to **David Carson 0419 001 968** no later than Tuesday 17/9, or add your name to the list on the noticeboard inside the front doors of St Patrick's Church. If 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.

*** Please pencil in **Thursday, 10th October**, for a luncheon during **Seniors Week** when travel using your MYKI card is **FREE!**

David Carson 0419 001 968

Alight Family Fiesta



**Saturday
21 September,
8.30am-4pm**

**St Bede's
College, 2
Mentone Parade,
Mentone**

At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone, especially parents-to-be, to feel renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family!

Details and registrations: look for the Alight flyers in your parish or visit www.cam.org.au/alight19

Can you help?

Parishioner in Cheltenham East would like a lift to Mass either 9:30am or 11:00 am Sundays. Please ring the office 9583 2103.

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Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - T Busuttill, G Shea (SJV)
11:00 am - My-Nga Ly (SP)
5:00 pm - J Hughes (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - H Foley, R Razga (SP)
9:00 am - N Perazzo (SJV)
11:00 am - T Mengle, C DSouza (SP)
5:00 pm - N Maratas (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - Family Mass (SP)
9:00 am - Shea Family (SJV)
11:00 am - D Zuccala, J Vernon (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

N Perazzo (SJV)

Counters: Team 2

J Russo, M Jensen
S Stewart, A Laver

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 6
H Foley, G Tregonning

St John Vianney's

A Burn

Flowers:

A Berghella (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Watkins Family, 4/23 Tarella Rd (SP)

Next Week:

Anthony Family, 2-8 Pietro Rd (SP)

This Week:

Shea Family, 52 Melrose St (SJV)

Next Week:

Tregonning Family, 117 Collins St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 4 - St John Vianney

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,236.95

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,569.50

Loose Money: \$536.30

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

Men's Retreat

Friday 13 to Sunday 15 September
Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove

Looking for a break from the busyness of life? Looking for some quiet time to ask the big questions? A retreat for men (18+) will be run by the Vocations Office at Pallotti College in Millgrove. The retreat will include times for silence, opportunities for Spiritual Direction, Reconciliation, Adoration, Mass and some talks on faith.

Enquiries and registrations:

Vocations Office on 9926 5733
or vocations@cam.org.au

Cost: \$85

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend

Saturday 14 to Sunday 15 September
Sisters' House, 6 Dunstan Street, North Balwyn

How can you discover what God is calling you to? What are you on fire for? What do Sisters really do anyway? These are big questions! The MGL Sisters invite young women to come to a consecrated life weekend to discern your vocation and explore these questions and more through inspiring talks, opportunities for prayer, testimonies, sisterhood time and more. The weekend commences with Mass at 9am on the Saturday at the Sisters' house in North Balwyn.

Enquiries: 0478 627 056 or
melanieedwards77@gmail.com

Great Date Night 2019

Friday 20 September, 7–9pm
Oaks on Market, 60 Market Street, Melbourne

Enjoy a night of fine food and fellowship at the Great Date Night, with international guest presenter Fr Leo Patalinghug. Drawing from his experience of working with couples for marriage preparation and his penchant for creating culinary masterpieces, Fr Leo will offer a fresh message to couples filled with inspiration, hope and God's love.

Cost: \$70 per person

Enquiries: the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

Registrations: by **Thursday 12 September**

www.trybooking.com/BDVVJ

Vocation View

You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship.

Pray for Vocations

Pope's Intentions: September 2019
Universal – Politicians, Scientists and Economists

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Capuchin Vocations Info Night

Friday 20th September 6:30pm
The Hermit's Retreat, St Anthony's, 180 Power Street, Hawthorn

The Capuchins invite young men (18-35yrs) for an information evening to find out more about the vocations to religious life and priesthood, to hear about the Capuchins, and to answer any questions.

Cost: Free. Dinner provided so please RSVP to Father Thomas:
vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052.

More info: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/melb-vocn-info-night/>

High Tea For Women



Sunday 22 September, 3–5pm
Park Hyatt, 1 Parliament Place, Melbourne

In a world where fads and fashions are constantly changing, is lasting beauty possible? Fr Leo Patalinghug (international best-selling author and professional chef), will share tips, not from a supermodel but a saintly model of eternal beauty.

Cost: \$50

Enquiries: the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or
lmf@cam.org.au

Registrations:
www.trybooking.com/BEOUJ

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An Evening with Camino Author and Legend, John Brierley

Tuesday 15 October, 7–10pm
Newman College Oratory, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Camino Community Melbourne is hosting an event for international Camino legend and author John Brierley.

John is the author of the most popular Camino guide book, *A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago*. John will be sharing his reflections on how the Camino can act as a potent force in the collective evolution for humanity.

Cost: \$10.00

Enquiries: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369
Bookings:

www.caminocommunityinmelbourne.com.au

Emergency Flood Relief

Br Michael Lynch, Director of **Salesian Missions**, has received requests for urgent assistance for emergency relief in **Cambodia, Myanmar and India**. Salesian communities are on the ground and working in the flood affected areas to provide the support and emergency relief for the locals. Your much needed help would be appreciated!

Donated funds will be transferred to the **Don Bosco Salesians** in these areas so that they can provide the urgently needed items to minimize the spread of disease and assist those who have been affected. Donations, which are tax deductible, may be sent to **Salesian Missions Australia**, P O Box 264 Ascot Vale Vic 3032. 03 9377 6014.

Or via the website

www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 8th September 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
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 in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 486
Offertory: CWBII 541
Communion: CWBII 553
Recessional: CWBII 410

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 625
Offertory: CWBII 541
Communion: CWBII 530
Recessional: CWBII 399

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 581
Offertory: CWBII 568
Communion: CWBII 533
Recessional: CWBII 399

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 486
Offertory: CWBII 541
Communion: CWBII 533
Recessional: CWBII 394

Readings Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary time: Year C

Exodus: 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy: 1:12-17
Luke: 15:1-32

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 9th September NO MASS

Tuesday, 10th September

9:15 am (SP) 23rd week in Ordinary Time
School Mass (SP)
12 noon (SJV) School Mass (SJV)

Wednesday, 11th September

9:15 am (SP) 23rd week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 12th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: The Most Holy Name of Mary
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 13th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St John Chrysostom, bishop,
doctor
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 14th September

9:15 am (SP) Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (SP) Family Mass (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)**