

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 15th September 2019

FATHER MICHAEL'S MESSAGE

The word of God assigned for this Sunday insists that mercy and forgiveness is God's enduring attribute. The chosen people are spared thanks to Moses' bold speech to God; Paul gives thanks that he has been forgiven; Jesus employs three vivid parables to teach that the heavenly Father mercifully seeks out a sinner.

Pope Francis does not hesitate to put before us the gift of divine mercy and humans' corresponding responsibility to exercise mercy.

St John Paul II's output on mercy was immense. "Rich in Mercy" (1980), "Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today" (1984), and "The Coming of the Third Millennium" (1994) for the year of Jubilee (2000). The world of the Bible celebrates a year of jubilee as a period for the remission of debts and bondage.

Proclaiming the jubilee, St John Paul II recalled the significance of the Incarnation of the word of God. "In Jesus Christ, God not only speaks to us but also seeks us out." Because we have been lost, "the meaning of the Redemption is this: overcoming evil."¹ This is by God's loving gift: Jesus has reconciled us to the Father by his death on the cross. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tm 1:15)

The fact that Jesus accepted baptism from John the Baptist meant that he "shared John's vision (that) people must go through a radical conversion in order to receive God's forgiveness."² However, Jesus changed his approach. In his filial relationship with God, "Jesus was beginning to see it all in the context of God's mercy. What was beginning now for this people, who had not been able to complete their conversion, was not God's judgment but the great gift of salvation. ... People would see the incredible compassion of God, not his devastating wrath."

Jesus began using a new language about conversion: the reign of God was coming. Entering the reign of God was not forced on anyone. Each was invited, free to accept or reject. The selection of gospel readings for

Sundays at present shows the tragic refusal of some in Israel, principally described as the religious leaders, to accept the gift of mercy, while the tax collectors and other sinners reached out to embrace God's offer of mercy and of new life in God's kingdom.³ Pope John Paul II recommended sincere dialogue with everyone as the first step towards reconciliation. "Authentic dialogue is aimed ... at the rebirth of individuals, through interior conversion and repentance, but always with profound respect for consciences and with patience and at the step-by-step pace indispensable for modern conditions."⁴ Last division thrives in the Church, the Pope recommended listening, respect, refraining from hasty judgment, patience, refraining from subordinating faith to ideological choices. "Actively seeking her own internal communion, the Catholic Church can address an appeal for reconciliation to the other Churches." (ibid.)

The Pope next wrote about the need for Catholics to be agents of reconciliation as the basis for a renewal of society and for peace between nations. "The Church is aware of the extreme seriousness of the situation created by the forces of division and war." (ibid.) Some of this responsibility falls on the Vatican 'foreign service' as officials present the Church's teachings in international forums. However, each one of us, in fulfilling our obligations as citizens can exercise some influence as we engage in conversation with an eye to what is needed for reconciliation where division has arisen.

Jesus' own words can guide our conversation: forgiveness is received in the measure that I forgive; forgiveness is to be offered even to enemies; forgiveness is to be granted seventy times seven, that is, without limit. (Cf Lk 6: 35-38)⁵

The parable of the son who was lost and found was quoted by St John Paul to explain the meaning of conversion. The son who left home overturned his priorities in life and did an about turn in order to return to his father. Conversion has the meaning in the greek language that one "allows the spirit to be overturned in order to make it turn towards God." (ibid.)

As for *repentance*, this is not something superficial but a real overturning of the soul. "If your brother or sister turns to you seven times and says, 'I repent', you must forgive them" (Lk 17:3) (ibid)

Doing penance extends the meaning of a change in direction to include some sacrifice. We witness endless scripted avowals of repentance and the will to do penance handed by their agents to public figures who have fallen from grace. Instead, a follower of Christ has for a model the One who "chose the path of poverty, patience, austerity and, one can say, the penitential life." (ibid)

To close the Year of Mercy (2016), Pope Francis wrote a short letter, *Misera et misericordia*. The springboard of the letter is the encounter of Jesus with a sinful woman (Jn 8) who was threatened by self-righteous persons with death by stoning. St Augustine sums up the scene: *Misery* (latin *misera*) meets *mercy* (latin *misericordia*). "Jesus looked that woman in the eye and read in her heart a desire to be understood, forgiven and set free. The misery of sin was clothed with the mercy of love."⁶

In 2017, I wrote three times in the newsletter about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so I will not repeat that. To close, let us return to the preaching of the merciful approach of God that Jesus initiated in the villages of Galilee and Judea as he explained to the people the kingdom of God. Pope Francis links our meditation upon Jesus' preaching with the present time in the Church: "Mercy in the life of the Church .. constitutes her very existence, through (mercy) the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible." (ibid.) Our vocation is to make real the mercy of God in the parables of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son.

1. John Paul II *The Coming of the Third Millennium* #7

2. Jose A Pagola *Jesus: An Historical Approximation* p. 87-88

3. Pagola p 91

4. John Paul II *Reconciliation and Penance in the mission of the Church today* #25

5. John Paul II *Reconciliation and Penance* #26

6. Pope Francis *Misericordia et misera* #1

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

Recently Deceased

Fr Burns Huggan PE, Fr Jim Feenan

Anniversaries

Antoinette Freris, John Howe, Darrin Gray,
Sylvia Edwards, Cesar Diaz Cortez

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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,049.35

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$5,495.31
Loose Money: \$246.35

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**. 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

Thank you to everyone who supported and prayed for Fr Michael Buck, attended his First Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and contributed to celebrations on Sunday 8th September. The reception in the hall afterwards was well attended. Thank you to all who helped at this. For those who missed out, prayer cards are available from the parish office.

Holy Father Appeal 2019

Thank you for your contributions of \$2,098.15 to the annual appeal known as Peter's Pence.

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 - T Howe (SP)
9:00 am - D Clifton, B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - K Ady (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Stoppa, D McDonald (SP)
9:00 am - D Kidner (SJV)
11:00 am - S Henning, J Grealish (SP)
5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

6:00 pm - B Hickey, E Hoare (SP)
9:00 am - Lowe Family (SJV)
11:00 am - N Chung (SP)

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

D Kidner (SJV)

Counters: Team 3

A Berghella, B Andrews
B McCann

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 1

L Smith, L Terblanche

St John Vianney's

A Berghella

Flowers:

B Noonan (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Anthony Family, 2-8 Pietro Rd (SP)

Next Week:

Glennon Family, 8 Ganton Place (SP)

This Week:

Tregonning Family, 117 Collins St (SJV)

Next Week:

Cracknell Family, 32 Ellen St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 1 - Christ, The Priest

Parish and Diocesan News

Parish Events

THANKS

Many are aware that Sister Damian SPC has been transferred to Sydney. Sister requested strict confidence about this before I went on holiday. Her departure leaves me sad for the loss of her spiritual, zealous and unassuming presence. She gave generously in preparing the children for their part in the liturgy. With Jenny Bloink and Francis Scalzo, she has provided catechesis for children who don't attend parish schools. She inspired countless women in the Mother's Group and in short retreats with the Legion of Mary and others. There, her love of Scripture and modern spirituality was shared with whomever listened. For the sick and housebound, both at home and in aged care, she was ever understanding and generous with weekly visits, assisted by Florence De Silva. Personally, Sister Damian took note of when I needed a special soup or meal ready when I have been sick. Others have offered, but Sister was there first! Perhaps I have made her seem irreplaceable, but don't forget her in our prayers as she adjusts to living in an unfamiliar situation.

Even more of us have become aware that Mary Potter is no longer able to direct the Piety Stall on behalf of our conference of St Vincent de Paul. Mary would not agree to disclose how many decades she has spent in this service of all of us who need the occasional inspiration for ourselves or a gift when a loved one is ready for Baptism, Reconciliation, first Holy Communion or Confirmation. Mary was very active as a Vincentian. Among other services she ensured that the stock of dry foods was properly cared for. Please remember Mary in your prayers.

"(Christian service) is service given by someone who considers it a duty and a privilege to give her time and talent to another. It is service born of love and prayer: the kind of service Jesus gave."

Michael Fallon MSC *The Four Gospels: an Introductory Commentary*, p. 293

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.

Other Events

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

Social Services Sunday

As a lead in to Social Justice Sunday on **September 29th 2019** in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, you are advised that **Sunday 15th September 2019 is acknowledged as Social Services Sunday** within the archdiocese. On this day we are invited to acknowledge and pray for all the Catholic social services agencies across the archdiocese that offer professional and volunteer services and support to those most needy and marginalized in our society. More information and support possibilities can be found at www.css.org.au

The Knights of the Southern Cross an information morning for parishioners

Monday September 30th 11 am to 12 noon. Exodus Hall Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Center Dandenong Road Cheltenham.

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring an information morning relating by Advanced Care Planning Australia (ACPA). Presented by (ACPA) it is national program funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, enabling Australians to make the best choices for their life and health care that encourages people to reflect on their current and future health goals, values and beliefs.

The presentation is free.

RSVP essential

Please phone Terry on or email

peter04@optusnet.com.au.

Vocation View

We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you!

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.

Project Compassion 2019 Weekend

The Catholic community of Melbourne has again shown it takes very seriously our vocation to do the work of Jesus the Christ in the world today. As Our Lord came to bring good news to the poor, so does our church today bring good news to the poorest of the poor. Through parishes, schools and individual contributions you all donated \$1,528,032 to the appeal - a major contribution to supporting people in need in the many places where Caritas Australia supports programs that give people hope, hope that by their own hard work they can escape grinding poverty, and build a better life for their families and communities. Thank you for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the gospel in action. The parish of Mentone/Parkdale contributed \$8,713.30.

Annual Mission Fair

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on **Saturday 12th October, 9am-3pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.**

This year the proceeds will be forwarded to Sr Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, working at the IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE in Tanzania. Enquiries **9817 3715.**

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Mass Response

Psalm Response: I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
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 510
Offertory: CWBII 290
Communion: CWBII 651
Recessional: CWBII 580

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Gloria—Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 587
Offertory: CWBII 595
Communion: CWBII 620
Recessional: CWBII 290

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Descant—Myfanwy McIndoe
Entrance: CWBII 297
Offertory: *Call to remembrance* — Farrant
Communion: CWBII 290
Recessional: CWBII 120

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 587
Offertory: CWBII 290
Communion: CWBII 620
Recessional: CWBII 580

Readings Next Week:

25th Sunday in Ordinary time: Year C

Amos: 8:4-7
I Timothy: 2:1-8
Luke: 16:1-13

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 16th September NO MASS

Tuesday, 17th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

Wednesday, 18th September

9:15 am (SP) 24th week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 19th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: St Januarius, bishop, martyr
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 20th September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, martyrs
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 21st September

9:15 am (SP) Feast: St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

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)**