

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) : 1st September 2019

CARRYING YOUR CROSS

“Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me”. These are powerful words of Jesus which Christians find difficult to put into practice.

This hard teaching is from St. Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus, having chosen his closest colleagues, warns them of the sacrifice involved in following him, and of the priorities they must have as his representatives and ambassadors in the world.

Jesus tells them that they must be ready, if need be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life, even, in extreme circumstances choosing him over members of their own families.

Does Jesus really mean that we, too, are to prefer him over everything and everybody else? I think what he is telling us is this: true Christianity comes at a great cost. To be an authentic Christian leaves no room for self-centredness. Real Christianity costs.

We’ve all heard the phrase, “you get what you pay for”. Beware of cheap religion; beware of any religion that comes across as soft and easy— a religion which says “Do your own thing as long as you are true to yourself”; beware of a Christianity where the cost of following Christ is never mentioned and where the conscience is never challenged or disturbed.

Cheap religion will seduce us with stories of God’s love but will never tell us that that same fire of love must burn all self-centredness out of us. It’s easy to pay attention to only one side of the story — God’s love — and to ignore the other side — our responsibility to follow him in the way that he wants us to.

There is a true story told of two African-American brothers who lived in the southern United States during the 1950s and 60s. One brother became a noted lawyer and politician. The other younger brother got involved in the bitter inter-racial controversies of the time when tension between blacks and whites was at boiling point. People were staging sit-ins and marching in city streets. Police used dogs and fire hoses to disperse protesters.



Eventually the younger brother’s involvement got him into trouble and he turned to his brother for legal help.

He refused to help him. What shocked the younger brother most of all was that both of them in their younger days had consciously committed their lives to Christ together.

The older brother defended himself saying, “I do follow Jesus, but only up to a point. I’m not getting myself crucified”. His younger brother looked at him and said: “You’re not a **follower** of Jesus. You’re only an **admirer** of his”.

All of us, at one time or another or in one way or another must bear our crosses. The cross we carry may not be visible to others. It may not be an outward thing but an inward thing like grief or depression. The most painful cross of all can be the one in which we have no choice. For example: the cross of living with the circumstances of our life, with disability, or illness, or with a difficult family member or in a relationship over which we seem to have no control.

Then, over and above these crosses which come to everyone, are the crosses which come to us because we are Christians. The most common reasons for people giving up on the practice of their faith are not intellectual, but moral, not difficulty with doctrine, but with behaviour.

People are challenged by the knowledge that to follow Christ sincerely and authentically means to give up things which are mercenary or self-indulgent or immoral. In other words, they must say ‘no’ to themselves, and that can be the hardest thing in life for some.

Following Jesus involves a dying to self, a process which begins at baptism. St. Paul says we must be “dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.”

Some Christians, as they deal with their crosses, emerge from the experience more miserable than ever. Some become more Christ-like. The way we deal with our crosses really has to do, I think, with our perception of Jesus. Is he a distant hero, or is he truly God-made-flesh. Do we just admire him, or are we committed followers?

If we are simply admirers, we can become resentful and bitter when we think God has let us down or left us alone.

The alternative is that if we seek truly to be followers of Jesus, we will realise that all our trials and tribulations, no matter how awful they may be, can and will bring us closer to God.

If we give him first priority, if we accept that, as one door closes, another one will open, we’ll be able to have a deeper appreciation of our real needs and wants. We will be able to let go of those things that are passing and transitory, and ultimately of little importance.

As a result, we will draw other people to God. People learn to know what God is like from Christians who do their best to follow Jesus wholeheartedly in their daily lives.

Others will come to know what God is like because they know that we are followers of Jesus — not admirers, that we bear the crosses which are part of our human condition with dignity, and in the sure and certain hope that the grace of God and our faith in his risen Son will enable us to take them up and carry them.

The way of the cross leads to the fullness of life for ever.

Fr Ramsay Williams OLSC, Associate Priest

WELCOME

*The Ordinariate community of St Edmund
Campion welcomes Monsignor Keith
Newton, Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our
Lady of Walsingham, United Kingdom.
Monsignor Newton will preside and preach at
the 9.30am Ordinariate Mass at St Patrick’s.*

*The Australian Ordinariate, established by
Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, observes its
patronal festival, the Solemnity of Our Lady of
the Southern Cross, on September 1st.*

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

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Antonia and John Razga, George Clifton, James Brennan, Nancy Hall

Prayer for the Sick



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:

- In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8:45am. All welcome.
- 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: \$1,472.50

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,637.70
Loose Money: \$460.50

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.

Vocation View

Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service.

Please pray for Vocations

Parish Events

For those who have not returned their Time and Talent & Pledge forms PLEASE place them into the second collection at mass *no later than this weekend, September 1*. Thankyou.



Priest's Retirement Foundation

This weekend we will have our annual appeal for retired Priests. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

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!**

Michael Buck's Ordination 7th Sept

Please note

There will be **no** mass or morning confession on September 7th due attendance by clergy at Michael's Ordination.



BENEDICTION

Exposition will take place on Fridays following the 9.15 am Mass for adoration until after the Divine Mercy devotions at 3 pm.

There is no Benediction until 6/9/2019

7/8 SEPTEMBER 2019

Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon (SP)
9:00 am - J Alford, B Fitchet (SJV)
11:00 am - R Smith (SP)
5:00 pm - F De Summa (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - J Mount, P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - B John (SJV)
11:00 am - V Mathers, A Earle (SP)
5:00 pm - H Collins (SP)

Procession of Gifts:

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

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick:

J O'Donoghue (SJV)

Counters: Team 1

R & F Morrell, R Brady
M Haycroft

Sacristans:

St Patrick's - Group 5

L Marshall, A Ioviero

A Berghella

(SJV)

Flowers:

G Costanzo (SJV)

Pilgrim Statues:

This Week:

Cornelius Family, 21 Neville St (SP)

Next Week:

Watkins Family, 4/23 Tarella Rd (SP)

This Week:

Rodrigo Family, 1/39 Brownfield St (SJV)

Next Week:

Shea Family, 52 Melrose St (SJV)

Adoration Roster:

Week 3 - Pope Pius X

Parish Events



Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21 September, 8.30am–4pm St Bede's College, Mentone

The Alight Family Fiesta is on Saturday 21st September. We are all part of a family so everyone is welcome. If the faith of your family could benefit from some encouragement right now, come and join us! **Registrations close on Wednesday 11th September.** Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music - don't miss out! Look for the Alight flyers in your parish. Register today at www.cam.org.au/alight19. If the cost is a problem, we can help. See the "subsidy" tab on the Alight website.

Healing Mass

Let Jesus Heal you

Monday **September 2nd** at **St Joseph's Church**, cnr St James Ave and Buckingham Avenue **Springvale**. Celebrant is Fr Michael Adichilamackal. Prayer and Praise at 7:00pm for a 7:30 start. Anointing by the Priest. Come and receive the Healing Love of Jesus. Enquiries Jenny 9793 4203 or Joseph 0452 001 714.

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

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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

Can you help?

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

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.

Ordination to the Priesthood Rev. Michael Kevin Buck

The parish is looking forward to the ordination of parishioner Michael Buck next week. An old boy of St Bede's Mentone, Michael commenced studies at Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne and later sent to Rome to complete his formation. He was ordained to the Diaconate last year in St Peter's Basilica.

Michael is the first priestly ordination from our parish in decades. A gift will be presented to him from the parish, and offerings for this can be left in the Mass collections in a marked envelope or left at the parish office by Friday 6th September. A card for parishioners to sign will be at the reception following his first Mass.

We hope you can attend this joyous occasion. Those attending the reception are asked to bring a plate (no hot food). We hope you can attend Michael's first Inquiries to Liz Freeman 9585 0146.

Ordination

You are invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Michael Buck by the Most Rev. Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, at 10am Saturday 7th September, 2019. At St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.



First Mass

You are also invited to Fr. Buck's First Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 pm on Sunday 8th September 2019, at St Patrick and the Holy Angels Church, Mentone. Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. RSVP online : at <https://22575.floktu.com> or email : frbuckfirstmass@outlook.com or Phone: 0400 532 909 (Deacon Michael).

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 1st September 2019

Mass Response

Psalm Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
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 588
Offertory: CWBII 458
Communion: CWBII 570
Recessional: CWBII 551

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - Ostrowski
Entrance: CWBII 588
Offertory: CWBII 181
Communion: CWBII 570
Recessional: CWBII 494

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

Mass Setting: Plainsong
Entrance: CWBII 505
Offertory: *Laudate Dominum* - W. Mozart
Communion: *Sicut cervus* - Palestrina
Recessional: CWBII 551

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

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians - Connolly
Entrance: CWBII 588
Offertory: CWBII 196
Communion: CWBII 570
Recessional: CWBII 494

Readings Next Week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time: Year C

Wisdom: 9:13-18
Philemon: 9-10,12-17
Luke: 14:25-33

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

Monday, 2nd September NO MASS

Tuesday, 3rd September

9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Gregory, pope, doctor

Wednesday, 4th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV) Mass

Thursday, 5th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**

Friday, 6th September

9:15 am (SP) 22nd week in Ordinary Time
SPRING EMBER DAY, prayer and penance
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass

Saturday, 7th September

9:15 am (SP) Optional: Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

WEEKEND MASSES

(Vigil) Saturday: 6:00 pm (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)

NO BENEDICTION until Sept 6th 2019.