

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 5th February 2023

Following on from the beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, Jesus speaks of his followers as salt and light. Is that us, we might wonder? While we may no longer preserve food with salt, though millions in the world still do, we all know something of the lift it can give to food. We don't want to overdo it, but no salt and our food might lack for something.

So, salt comes into its own when added to something else. That's our task, to add something to people's lives, to give what life we're able to those who share our lives.

But Jesus then reminds us that salt can lose its distinctive character and be of no use except for salting the path. So too can we, when the world is too much with us.

If we adopt unwittingly the ways of the world and the call of Jesus fades into the background of our lives, we too will lose our character.

To be in the world, to love it, but not be of it, is what's required of us if we are to be 'salt of the earth'. That is what we are to be in our street, in our neighbourhood, in our town and even beyond.

Jesus goes on to say that 'you are the light of the world'. Rather like salt, light doesn't illumine itself, so we're to share the light of Christ, who is the light of the world.

That's what we are called to be: a light which will help illumine the lives of those with whom we share our lives.

And as we begin to open our lives to others, we begin to recognise we belong to one another, and that this includes people in need, the hungry, the homeless, those left with nothing (as Isaiah says in the first reading). Then our light will shine 'like the dawn.'

When we do this we'll begin to live the beatitudes and be counted blessed. We'll learn to reveal the power of the Spirit and of God, as Paul says

in the second reading. It begins with doing simple things. This light can also illumine the unease and, at moments, even the despair of our lives; and then we might find we're able to sit with people who feel weighed down by their lives. As we begin to do this, let us give thanks to God for enabling it, because we're living as God wants us to live.

So, don't hide our lights away, for what use is that, but put them on a stand, in order that they might shed some light in a darkening world. Let our good works be that light.

In this way Jesus encourages us to be salt and light for the world. When we do this, we're able to make a difference, and to witness to this way of living.

Damian Coleridge.

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Notices for Parish Bulletin to the Parish Office by 10am Thursday

Recently Deceased

Margaret Newman, Peter Johnstone

Anniversaries

Manuel Yutuc, Jim Grealish, Carmela Costanzo, Dr Fred Vivnuska

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



We pray for those who are sick.

Alan Laver, Christine Razga, Ruza Rukavin, John O'Donoghue, Rohan John, Teresa Wright, Vanessa, Mary Taylor, Melissa Tonkin, Brad Castricum, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey, Chris Taylor, Donald McDonald, Lucy McDonald, Nathalia, Deirdre Tuttleby, Mary-Anne Daemen.

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.

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,350.85

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,282.00

Loose Money: \$504.30

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

Please pray for Vocations.

Parish Events

Please Note: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Exposition and Benediction have recommenced.

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2022 Christmas Appeal - Thank you

The St Vincent de Paul Society Parkdale and Mentone conferences sincerely thank parishioners for their generous support of the 2022 Christmas Appeal.

A total of \$6167 was raised which will go a long way to helping those less fortunate in our local community.

Knights of the Southern Cross



The next monthly meeting of the Mentone KSC is Monday 6th February, 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Fr Robert McCulloch is the guest speaker. Inquiries to Eddie Woods 0419 872 932.

11/12 February 2023

ROSTERS

Readers:

6:00 pm - J Marshall

9:00 am - K Swadling, M Webster (SJV)

11:00 am - A Earle(SP)

5:00 pm - N Hadzi (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 pm - B Razga (SP)

9:00 am - B Fitchet (SJV)

11:00 am - tbd (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Extraordinary Minister of the Sick (SJV):

D Kidner

Pilgrim Statue (SJV):

G Costanzo

Flowers (SJV)

A Berghella

Readings next week:

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time:
Year A

Sirach : 15: 15-20

I Corinthians: 2: 6-10

Matthew: 5: 17-37

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PREPARATION PROGRAM

The tradition of Lent “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” - Pope Francis

* **Project Compassion** boxes will be available in our churches from the weekend of 18/19th February.

* **Ash Wednesday** is Wednesday 22nd February.

Masses: 9:15am (SP), 10:30am (SJV), 12 Noon (SJV) and 7:00pm (SP)

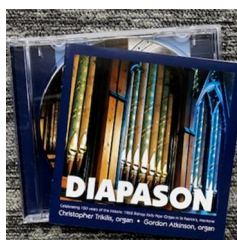
* **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday** during **Lent** commencing Friday 24th February, 7:00pm (SP)

Lenten Study Groups - Commencing **Wednesday** March 1st in the Parish Centre, 7:30-8:30pm with Fr Denis Stanley and on **Thursday** 2nd March in the Parish Centre 11:30am-12:30pm with Fr Ramsay Williams.

PARISH MORNING TEA THANK YOU AND WELCOME



Parishioners are invited to a special **Morning Tea** in the **Parish Centre** on Sunday **12th February** following the 11:00am Mass. We wish to thank **Fr Ramsay Williams** for his service and dedication and welcome **Fr Denis Stanley**.



DIAPASON CD

Bring the magic of our wonderful historical organ into your own home. Celebrating 150 years of our 1862 Nicholson Pipe Organ, this year marks the tenth anniversary of the production of works brought to life by organists Christopher Trikilis and Gordon Atkinson. A limited number of CDs are now available from the Parish Office for \$10. 9583 2103.



Catholic Precinct Walking Tour

Mary Glowrey House Museum have created a walking tour app.

The free app is available for iPhone and Android devices.

You may like to join the Catholic Women's League Victoria, Wagga Wagga on **Monday 20th February**. They are meeting at the steps of St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne, at 9.30am

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MASS RESPONSES

- Psalm Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
- Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!
- Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

WEEKEND MASSES

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday) St Patrick's Mentone**
9:00am Sunday St John Vianney's Parkdale
10:30am St Patrick's Mentone (Ordinariate Mass)
11:00am (Choral Mass) St Patrick's Mentone
5:00pm St Patrick's Mentone

HYMNS

6:00pm (SP) Saturday, 9:00am (SJV) Sunday, 5:00pm (SP)

- Entrance:** CWBII 394 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Offertory: CWBII 514 I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light
Communion: CWBII 467 Christ Is The World's Light
Recessional: CWBII 377 Rejoice The Lord Is King

11:00am (SP)

- Entrance:** CWBII 394 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Offertory: Motet: *O Nata Lux* - T. Tallis
Communion: Motet: *Panis Angelicus* - C. Casciolini
CWBII 467 Christ Is The World's Light
Recessional: CWBII 377 Rejoice The Lord Is King

WEEK DAY MORNING MASSES

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

- Monday 6th February** **NO MASS**
- Tuesday 7th February** 9:15 am (SP) 5th week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday 8th February** 9:15 am (SP) 5th week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SJV)
11:30am (SP) Funeral: Peter Johnstone
- Thursday 9th February** 9:15 am (SP) 5th week in Ordinary Time
10:30 am (SP) **Ordinariate Mass**
- Friday 10th February** 9:15 am (SP) Memorial: St Scholastica, virgin
5:15 pm (SJV) Mass
- Saturday 11th February** 9:15 am (SP) 5th week in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

After the 9:15am Mass on Wednesday & Saturday mornings (SP) and 5:15pm Saturday (SP)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, until Benediction 4:30pm (SP)