

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Year A - 8th October 2023

'Pray the Rosary every day...'
(*Our Lady to the children of Fatima*)

October is the 'Month of the Rosary', and this weekend we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – in particular with our parish Rosary Procession. It is a good time to recall the power, beauty and benefits of this prayer – and to start praying it regularly if we don't already, or if it has fallen by the wayside.

By tradition, the Rosary comes from St Dominic, who is said to have received it through a vision of Mary in the year 1214. True, we don't have contemporary documentation of this, and aspects of the devotion can be found before Dominic's time. While the *Our Father* obviously goes back to Jesus himself (Mt 6:9-13), and the words of the first part of the *Hail Mary* to the words of the Angel Gabriel and of Elizabeth to Mary (Lk 1:28; 1:42), other elements (such as using beads to count prayers) developed from the early Middle Ages. Possibly, led by Our Lady, St Dominic adapted and brought together various pre-existing elements, and used them successfully in his efforts against the Albigensian heresy. Certainly, his Dominican Order would become the great promoters of the Rosary.

The second half of the *Hail Mary*, from 'Holy Mary, Mother of God...', came in from about 1500, and in 1569 Pope St Pius V, a Dominican, gave the Church the current standard form of the Rosary, unchanged to the present day (with the exception of Pope St John Paul II adding the Luminous Mysteries to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries (2002)).

The standardisation by St Pius V was shortly before the time when, at his

exhortation, Catholics were praying the Rosary to plead for protection from the threat of the Ottoman Turks at the height of their power. This led to the great naval victory of the Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto off the coast of Greece on 7th October 1571. In thanksgiving, Pius V established the annual feast of Our Lady of Victory – changed by Gregory XIII in 1573 to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. This continues today in the 7th October memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The great proponent of devotion to Mary, St Louis-Marie de Montfort (1673-1716), popularised adding the *Glory be* at the end of each decade; and the prayer, 'O my Jesus' – the 'Fatima Prayer' – was given by Our Lady herself to the three child visionaries of Fatima on 13th July 1917, requesting it for after each decade. She told the children in every one of her six appearances, 'Pray the Rosary every day'.

Many popes over the centuries have commended the Rosary, but most especially Leo XIII (1878-1903), who can be called the 'Pope of the Rosary'. In the first of his eleven 'Rosary Encyclicals', Leo in 1883 established October as the 'month of the Rosary' – based on the feast of the Rosary falling in that month, which was itself based on the date of the Battle of Lepanto.

At Fatima in 1917, Our Lady's first appearance was on 13th May (the Marian month) but her final monthly appearance was on 13th October – affirming and harmonising with the Rosary month established by Leo XIII. It was on that day that she identified herself as 'the Lady of the Rosary' and the children's visions were verified by the indisputable 'Miracle of the Sun' – when at the predicted hour and before

some 70,000 witnesses, the sun appeared as if 'dancing' in the sky for several minutes before falling towards the earth. The messages of Fatima, with their encouragement of the daily Rosary as a central point, were thus attested to by God himself.

Pope St John XXIII said that 'the worst Rosary is the one that doesn't get said at all.' Certainly the ideal is at least a full daily Rosary. Still, there is a wise saying, 'The best is the enemy of the good': if we decide that only the best is good enough, but don't yet have the stamina to do 'the best', we can get discouraged and fail to do anything at all. So if you're not yet ready to set aside fifteen minutes each day for the full Rosary of fifty *Hail Marys*, start with just a decade of ten; and gradually build up.

Take advantage of times that might otherwise be given to aimless thoughts – when you're going for a walk, or travelling somewhere, or when you can't get to sleep. Time and activities that might otherwise have had little long-term benefit will thus be spent drawing down graces for yourself and for others, blessings on earth and for eternity. If you don't have beads with you, count on your fingers. A great thing is to pray as a family: prayer is more powerful when done together, and that way we also remind each other to do it.

But start today. You need these prayers, the Church needs your prayers, the world needs your prayers. Pray for peace in the world. Pray for the salvation of souls. Our time isn't really 'our own' – it is God's gift, and we have to use it as responsible stewards.

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

Recently Deceased

Keith Forbes, Nancy
Dougherty

Anniversaries

Tom Morton, Audrey Quinn,
Laurence Kelly

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



We pray for those who are sick.

Fr Brian Carey, John
O'Donoghue, Anita
Christiani, Alan Laver, Teresa
Wright, Vanessa, Mary Taylor,
Melissa Tonkin, Brad
Castricum, Vicki Rhodes, Jim
Lacey, Chris Taylor, Donald
McDonald, Lucy McDonald,
David McDonald, Nathalia,
Deirdre Tuttleby, Anthony
Connors, Ron Owens, Peter
Waltho, Christina Fox

VOCATION VIEW

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

Please pray for Vocations.

BAPTISMS

For all enquiries please ring the Parish office
9583 2103
or email



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1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1,207.55

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$2,095.50
Loose Money: \$268.35

REFERENDUM PRAYER

Thank you for this our country and all its people; thank you for the history which has made us who we are.

At this special time, instil in us your Spirit of wisdom and integrity, of true justice and compassion.

Help us to move forward in that Spirit as brothers and sisters of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

MEET AND GREET

your local St Vincent de Paul members

This **Sunday October 8th**, we cordially invite all parishioners to a *Meet and Greet Morning Tea* after the 9am Mass at **St John Vianney's** (Church Foyer Area) and 11am Mass at **St Patrick's** (Parish Centre) provided by the members of St Vincent de Paul. This is a great opportunity to meet local members, share stories, talk about the projects they are involved with, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you then. Many thanks for your ongoing support of St Vincent de Paul.

PARISH COUNCIL

After a break since the departure of Fr Cameron Forbes, our Parish Council came together again with Fr Justin in recent days. We look forward to continuing the Council's activity of service, contributing to the guidance of the parish and vision for its mission. So that you know who the Council members are, in the coming time their photographs and names will be posted in both church foyers. This will facilitate your communication with them, especially when there is any question or concern you would like to pass on to the Council.

DIRECT DEBIT FORMS

New Direct Debit authorisation forms have been posted to those affected by the change of provider of our Thanksgiving program.

Thank you to those who have already responded. If you have any questions please ring the Parish office 9583 2103.

14/15 OCTOBER 2023

ROSTERS

Readers:

6:00pm - J Dillon

9:00am - B Cooling, K Swadling

11:00am - S Mathias

5:00pm - J Renden

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00pm - J Mount(SP)

9:00am - R Tregonning (SJV)

11:00am - A Earle (SP)

5:00pm - C Giosis (SP)

Extraordinary Minister of the Sick (SJV):

B Fitchet

Flowers (SJV)

B McCann

Pilgrim Statue (SJV):

S Stewart

Readings next week:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah : 25: 6-10
Philippians: 4: 12-14, 19-20
Matthew: 22: 1-14

Prayer / Meditation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open from 8:30am to 6:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Friday for adoration following the 9:15am Mass until 4:30pm, when Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.

Divine Mercy Devotions:

Are held each Friday at 3:00pm.



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.

PARISH NEWS

The Popes on the Rosary

'The Immaculate Virgin...has a favour and power with her Son greater than any human or angelic creature has ever obtained, or ever can gain.' (Leo XIII)

'Every grace granted to man has three degrees in order; for by God it is communicated to Christ, from Christ it passes to the Virgin, and from the Virgin it descends to us...The power thus put into her hands is all but unlimited.' (Leo XIII, quoting St Bernardine)

'There are, of course, more ways than one to win her protection by prayer, but as for us, we think that the best and most effective way to her favour lies in the Rosary.' (Leo XIII)

'This form of prayer was most powerful and particularly efficacious for attaining eternal life.' (Leo XIII)

'We exhort them, citing our own example, not to let even one day pass without saying the Rosary, no matter how burdened they may be with many cares and labours.' (Pius XI)

'The recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord.' (St Paul VI)

'The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer...The Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ.' (St John Paul II)

'The centre of gravity in the Hail Mary, the hinge as it were which joins its two parts, is the name of Jesus. Sometimes, in hurried recitation, this centre of gravity can be overlooked...Yet it is precisely the emphasis given to the name of Jesus and to his mystery that is the sign of a meaningful and fruitful recitation of the Rosary.' (St John Paul II)



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Members of the assembly of the Synod of Bishops are not gathered in Rome to implement a 'plan of reformation' but to walk together as a Church that discerns God's will for the present moment, Pope Francis said at the assembly's opening Mass. With cardinals from across the world at his side, and 25,000 people in attendance, the pope said the primary task of the synod is to 'refocus our gaze on God, to be a Church that looks mercifully at humanity, a Church that is united and fraternal.'

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/synod-of-bishops-opens-with-mass-in-st-peters-square>



SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

MAGI PILGRIMAGE

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Richard Rosse. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,590 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Melbourne on 20th May, 2024. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561, 03 8839 6615

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MASS RESPONSES

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
I call you friends, says the Lord.
Because I have made known to you everything I have learnt
from my Father.
Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

HYMNS

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

Mass setting: St Anne Mass
Entrance: CWBII 465 Christ is our cornerstone
Offertory: CWBII 520 In faith and hope and love
Communion: CWBII 512 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Recession: CWBII 496 Go to the world!

11:00am (SP)

Mass setting: St Anne Mass
Entrance: CWBII 465 Christ is our cornerstone
Offertory: Motet: *O Lord, Thy word endureth* - C. Tye
Communion: Motet: *Laudate Nomen Domini* - C. Tye
CWBII 512 I heard the voice of Jesus say
Recession: CWBII 496 Go to the world!

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEK DAY MASSES

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

Monday 9th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday 10th October	9:15am (SP)	27th week in Ordinary Time School Mass
Wednesday 11th October	9:15am (SP) 10:30am (SJ)	St John Paul XXIII, pope
Thursday 12th October	9:15am (SP) 10:30am (SP)	27th week in Ordinary Time Ordinariate Mass
Friday 13th October	9:15am (SP) 5:15pm (SJ)	27th week in Ordinary Time
Saturday 14th October	9:15am (SP)	27th week in Ordinary Time

RECONCILIATION

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY, until Benediction 4:30pm (SP)