



ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S, STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

Partnered Parishes of Mentone-Parkdale and Ricketts Point (Beaumaris & Black Rock)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24h August 2025

St Patrick's, 10 Rogers St, Mentone

St John Vianney's, Cnr Warren Rd & Brisbane Tce, Parkdale

Stella Maris, 2 Charlotte Rd, Beaumaris

St Joseph's, 542 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm (Mentone)

Sunday: 8:00am (Black Rock)

Sunday: 9:00am (Parkdale)

Sunday: 9:30am (Ordinariate Mass) (Mentone)

Sunday: 10:30am (Beaumaris)

Sunday: 11:00am (Mentone)

Sunday: 5:00pm (Mentone)

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked, 'Will there be only a few saved?' He replies with a warning: 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.' (Lk 13:23-24)

That echoes his words in Matthew's Gospel: 'Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.' (Mt 7:13-14)

And, he cautions, hearing his words does us no good in the end, unless we believe and obey them: 'You will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"' (Lk 13:26-27) Again, we hear an echo in Matthew's Gospel: 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.' (Mt 7:21)

On this theme of the path of salvation: in these weeks we have been marking the 25th anniversary of the Holy See's Declaration *Dominus Iesus*, and today [p. 3] we are concluding by looking at teachings from its final chapter, *The Church and the other religions in relation to salvation*.

The Declaration reaffirms the teaching of the ages that all salvation flows from Christ, through his Body the Church. Vatican II taught that 'they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it'. (*Lumen Gentium* 14) Being Catholic

obviously does not guarantee heaven. *Dominus Iesus* quotes Vatican II's warning that for Catholics who fail to live up to this grace God gives them, 'not only shall they not be saved, but they shall be more severely judged'. (*ibid.*)

And *Dominus Iesus* also reaffirms Vatican II's teaching that God offers to every human being at least the possibility of salvation. (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* 22) Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and his Church, can still in a hidden way receive the grace of salvation flowing from them, if they 'seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience.' (*Lumen Gentium* 16)

Thus it will be that, as Jesus says in today's gospel, 'men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.' (Lk 13:29) These will be those, Catholic or not, who have taken the 'narrow door' and the 'hard way' of following God's will as best as they understand it, in faith, hope and love.

'It is through Christ's Catholic Church alone...that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained.' (Vatican II, *Decree on Ecumenism* 3) For ourselves, Christ has gifted us with that fullness by no merits of our own, making our path safer and more joyful. Yet greater knowledge gives us greater responsibility. We stay on the narrow path that leads to life, by drawing fully on all those means of salvation - believing all the Church's saving teachings; and then faithfully following them, by living from the plentiful grace of Christ offered through her Mass and Sacraments.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 25th August 11:00am (*Mentone*)

Tue 26th August 9:15am (*Mentone*)
11:00am (*Parkdale*)
Funeral: John O'Donoghue

Wed 27th August **Memorial: St Monica**
9:15am (*Mentone & Black Rock*)

Thu 28th August **Memorial: St Augustine**
9:15am (*Mentone*)
NO 9:15 MASS AT BEAUMARIS TODAY
11:00am (*Beaumaris*)
Funeral: Ligia Roskam

Fri 29th August **Memorial: The Passion of St John the Baptist**
9:15am (*Mentone & Black Rock*)

Sat 30th August 9:15am (*Mentone & Beaumaris*)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Patrick's Mentone
every Friday following 9:15am Mass until 4:30pm **Benediction.**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Stella Maris Beaumaris
every Saturday 9:45-10:15am.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Wednesdays following 9:15am Mass (*Mentone*),
Saturdays following 9:15am Mass (*Mentone & Beaumaris*) and at 5:15pm (*Mentone*).

Recently Deceased:

Kathleen Fleming, Daniel Paul Rodis

Anniversaries:

Joe Menezes, Marie Mills, William Murray, Mary Hilbert

We pray for those who are sick:

Mary Taylor, Patricia Hood, Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Ching Price, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, John Nicholson, Delia Fisher, Mirella Townsend, Margaret Rose Durston, Michael Papworth, Joyce Woodward

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION TO OUR PARTNERED PARISHES

Friday 12th September—Sunday 14th September

More information to follow. (It is not expected that Archbishop Comensoli will be able to celebrate Mass at all four churches. We hope to welcome him in great numbers, tentatively at least at the 6pm Saturday Vigil at St Patrick's, and the 10:30am at Stella Maris. Please strongly consider, and plan now, to attend a different Mass and church to your normal one if necessary, so as to be at one of his Masses.)

ROSTERS 30/31 August 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	M Ly
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	J Brick
	Commentator	R Papworth
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	R Tregonning
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	B John
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	P Edkins
	Pilgrim Statue	M Webster

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	M Droege
	Commentator	M Link
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Sirach:	3: 17-20, 28-29
Hebrews:	12: 18-19, 22-24
Luke:	14: 1, 7-14



Please pray for the Candidates from Stella Maris, St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Primary Schools, and from our Parish Catechetics Class, who will be Confirmed at St Patrick's Cathedral this Thursday 28th August, 6:00pm.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Studies *this Friday 29th August*, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the **Parish Centre**, 3 Mitchell St, **Mentone**, fortnightly sessions until 10th October. BYO snacks (optional). Contact Casey or Emily stpatrickbsg@gmail.com - **0424 397 022**.

BANKING DETAILS

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Mentone-Parkdale - Church account:	083347 6815 62913
Nazareth Parish - Church account:	083347 6864 78067

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We conclude our survey of the Holy See's Declaration 'Dominus Iesus' [DI] ('On the Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church') issued under St John Paul II 25 years ago this month - a resounding proclamation for the Year of Great Jubilee that Christ is the universal Saviour.

Previously we looked at its reaffirmation that Jesus Christ, and he alone, is the Incarnate Word, God's definitive Revelation; and that he founded one and only Church, which exists in its fullness only in the Catholic Church. Today we quote from the Declaration's last chapter, 'The Church and the other religions in relation to salvation'.

'Above all else, it must be firmly believed that "the Church, a pilgrim now on earth, is necessary for salvation: the one Christ is the mediator and the way of salvation; he is present to us in his body which is the Church. He himself explicitly asserted the necessity of faith and baptism (cf. Mk 16:16; Jn 3:5), and thereby affirmed at the same time the necessity of the Church which men enter through baptism as through a door". (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 14)' [DI 20]

[Some further texts of Vatican II not included in 'Dominus Iesus' are also worth noting in this context for fuller understanding:

'Hence they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it. They are fully incorporated in the society of the Church who, possessing the Spirit of Christ accept her entire system and all the means of salvation given to her, and are united with her as part of her visible bodily structure and through her with Christ, who rules her through the Supreme Pontiff and the bishops. The bonds which bind men to the Church in a visible way are profession of faith, the sacraments, and ecclesiastical government and communion.' [*Lumen gentium* 14] (Cf. Pope Francis: 'To remain in the Church not only "with the body" but also "with the heart" is a condition for salvation.'

[Letter to the Bishops of the Whole World (2021)]

'Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation... But more often men, deceived by the Evil One, have become vain in their reasonings and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie... [*So to procure the salvation of all these, the Church fosters the missions.*]' [*Lumen gentium* 16]]

'The Church is the "universal sacrament of salvation", (*Lumen gentium* 48) since, united always in a mysterious way to the Saviour Jesus Christ, her Head, and subordinated to him, she has, in God's plan, an indispensable relationship with the salvation of every human being. For those who are not formally and visibly members of the Church,

salvation in Christ is accessible by virtue of a grace which, while having a mysterious relationship to the Church, does not make them formally part of the Church, but enlightens them in a way which is accommodated to their spiritual and material situation.'

[Dominus Iesus 20]

'It would be contrary to the faith to consider the Church as one way of salvation alongside those constituted by the other religions... Certainly, the various religious traditions contain and offer religious elements which come from God, and which are part of what the Spirit brings about in human hearts and in the history of peoples, in cultures, and religions... It cannot be overlooked that other rituals, insofar as they depend on superstitions or other errors (cf. 1 Cor 10:20-21), constitute an obstacle to salvation.'

[DI 21]

'With the coming of the Saviour Jesus Christ, God has willed that the Church founded by him be the instrument for the salvation of all humanity. This truth of faith does not lessen the sincere respect which the Church has for the religions of the world, but at the same time, it rules out, in a radical way, that mentality of indifferentism characterised by a religious relativism which leads to the belief that "one religion is as good as another".

'If it is true that the followers of other religions can receive divine grace, it is also certain that objectively speaking they are in a gravely deficient situation in comparison with those who, in the Church, have the fullness of the means of salvation. However, "all the children of the Church should nevertheless remember that their exalted condition results, not from their own merits, but from the grace of Christ. If they fail to respond in thought, word, and deed to that grace, not only shall they not be saved, but they shall be more severely judged". (*Lumen gentium* 14)'

[DI 22]

'Equality, which is a presupposition of inter-religious dialogue, refers to the equal personal dignity of the parties in dialogue, not to doctrinal content, nor even less to the position of Jesus Christ – who is God himself made man – in relation to the founders of the other religions.

'Indeed, the Church, guided by charity and respect for freedom, must be primarily committed to proclaiming to all people the truth definitively revealed by the Lord, and to announcing the necessity of conversion to Jesus Christ and of adherence to the Church through Baptism and the other sacraments, in order to participate fully in communion with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'

[DI 22]

'The Sovereign Pontiff John Paul II, with sure knowledge and by his apostolic authority, ratified and confirmed this Declaration and ordered its publication.'

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HYMNS: Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday **Mentone 5:00pm Sunday**

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Entrance: 586 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: *Christ lag in todesbanden BWV* - J. S. Bach

Communion: 451 As We Gather at Your Table

Recessional: 503 Holy Father, God of Might

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Entrance: 586 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: Motet: *O Bone Jesu* - Palestrina

Communion: Motet: *O salutaris hostia* - D. Lorenzo Perosi
451 As We Gather at Your Table

Recessional: 503 Holy Father, God of Might

Postlude: *Christ lag in todesbanden BWV* - J. S. Bach
(*Christ lay in the bonds of death*)

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 802 Seek, O Seek the Lord

Offertory: 793 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Communion: 685 Gift of Finest Wheat

Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light

Offertory: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Communion: You Are The Way

Recessional: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth



Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News .

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

We pray for Oliver, who will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at 9:00 Mass at St John Vianney's today. In the same Mass, he will receive First Holy Communion. (As always, a plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions on the occasion of First Communion, both for the First Communicant and for all those present who devoutly take part in the celebration.)

SAINTS

Feast of Saint Monica

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

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