

# ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

# STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 12th April 2026

*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:** 10:30am (Beaumaris)  
**Sunday:** 11:00am (Mentone)  
**Sunday:** 5:00pm (Mentone)

Our Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter tells of the Risen Jesus appearing for the first time to his gathered Apostles on the evening of the first Easter Sunday; the absence of Thomas on that occasion, and Christ's second appearance a week later, when Thomas is present.

The Gospel account is rich in themes central to our faith. We hear of Christ's institution of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, when he confers on the Apostles the authority to remit sins: 'For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' (Jn 20:23)

The transition of Thomas from doubt to faith teaches us the blessedness of believing even without having seen directly for ourselves: 'Doubt no longer but believe...You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (Jn 20: 27, 29) It belongs to the essence of faith to trust the word of another for what we cannot see ourselves.

Even Thomas sees one thing - the Risen Lord - but believes another: Christ's full divinity. His confession of this divinity - 'My Lord and my God!' - can be seen as the culmination of John's Gospel, which opened with the declaration, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' (Jn 1:1, 14) St Thomas is brought to his own personal realisation of this foundational truth, and the Gospel invites each one of us to the same transforming faith.



Pope St John Paul II, canonising St Faustina Kowalska in the year 2000, declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would from then on also be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, in accordance with the revelations of Our Lord to St Faustina in the 1930s.

Other features of this devotion are the Chaplet of Mercy, prayed on Rosary beads; the Divine Mercy Novena on the nine days leading up to today's Feast; prayers at the Hour of Mercy (3:00 pm, Our Lord's death); and the Divine Mercy image, painted according to Our Lord's instructions, with its words of faith and consolation:

**'JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.'**

### Our parish Divine Mercy celebrations:

#### **Stella Maris Beaumaris**

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Confessions available.  
2:50pm Benediction  
Chaplet of Mercy  
3:00pm Mass

#### **St Patrick's Mentone**

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Confessions available.  
3:00pm Chaplet of Mercy &  
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image  
4:30pm Benediction  
5:00pm Regular Parish Mass

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Justin Ford **Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Joseph Nguyen

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 13th April</b>	<b>St Martin I, Pope</b> 11:00am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Tue 14th April</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 15th April</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Thu 16th April</b>	<b>St Bernadette Soubirous</b> 9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Beaumaris</i> )
<b>Fri 17th April</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Sat 18th April</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Beaumaris</i> )

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
at **St Patrick's Mentone** every Friday  
following 9:15am Mass until 4:30 Benediction.

**Exposition at Stella Maris Beaumaris**  
every Saturday 9:45-10:15am.

## RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION / PENANCE

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

**Recently Deceased:** Joachim Exell

**Anniversaries:** Ron Smith, Anne Brennan, May Harb,  
Sarina & Vincent Fazio, Anne Hall, Margaret Rose Stoppa,  
Marion Leone, Cecil Tregonning

**We pray for those who are sick:** Fr James Grant,  
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams,  
Francis Archer, Nick Bond, Ching Price, Alan Laver,  
Michael Papworth, Mirella Townsend,  
Peter & Kaye McCall, Albert Ricardo

## MORNING TEAS TODAY

**The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference**  
invites you to join with them for Morning Tea  
at **St John Vianney's Parkdale,**  
following 9:00am Mass today, **Sunday 12th April.**

**Morning Tea in the Narthex at Stella Maris Beaumaris,**  
following 10:30am Mass today, **Sunday 12th April.**

**Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone,**  
**today, Sunday 12th April in the Parish Centre**  
following 11am Mass. Please come along,  
and make yourself known to fellow Parishioners!

**All Welcome.**

**BANKING DETAILS** For direct credit to Parish accounts:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	083347 6808 76937
<b>Mentone-Parkdale - Church:</b>	083347 6815 62913
<b>Nazareth Parish - Church:</b>	083347 6864 78067

*Our Parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all persons. A copy of our Child Safety policy is on the noticeboard in our churches and on our website [www.sspjv.org](http://www.sspjv.org)*

## ROSTERS 18/19 April

### St Patrick's - Mentone

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Ady
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	A Moore
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Phillips
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	A Earle
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	J Hughes
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	C Giosis

### St Joseph's - Black Rock

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	T Warnock
	<b>Commentator</b>	J Short
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	M Lindstrom

### St John Vianney's - Parkdale

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	K Lowe
	<b>Commentator</b>	M Webster
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Extraordinary Minister to the Sick</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Flowers</b>	K Lowe
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	D & B Atherton

### Stella Maris - Beaumaris

<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	E Moews
	<b>Commentator</b>	C Sherman
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Sr Patricia

### Readings next week: **3rd Sunday of Easter Yr A**

Acts: 2: 14, 22-33

Peter: 1: 17-21

Luke: 24: 13-35

## ST PATRICK'S MENTONE - MONTHLY PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE

**Thank you to all who attended  
our Working Bee yesterday!**

Volunteers are invited to join a team of other parishioners gardening at **St Patrick's Church, Presbytery & Parish Centre** on a regular monthly basis.

Day:- **2nd Saturday of each month.**

Time:- **10:00am to 12:00 noon.**

All volunteers are warmly invited to lend a hand and share the fellowship. Although the primary focus will be weeding and mowing, other jobs will include hedges, gutters and other maintenance work as needed.

Just turn up at the Parish Centre with your hat and gardening gloves. Even an hour would be great. We will be happy to see you. Any queries, please contact Jeremy or Richard via the Parish Office, 9583 2103.



*A reminder to please return **PROJECT COMPASSION** boxes. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Apostles' Creed - for the Easter Season

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Commencing today, we will again use the liturgical option of reciting the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed for the Sundays of the Easter Season. This is especially suitable because of the origin of the Apostles' Creed in the ancient baptismal liturgy of the Church of Rome, and the close link between Baptism and Easter. It also helps ensure that we all maintain our familiarity with both Creeds.

The Nicene Creed gives a more developed exposition of doctrine, but the Apostles' Creed is more ancient, going back in its essentials to the 2nd century; it is 'rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 194). The Nicene Creed (also called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed) comes to us from the first and second Ecumenical Councils (Nicaea I (AD 325) and Constantinople I (AD 381)).

*The text of both Creeds is also printed on the Mass cards available in the churches.*

## St Joseph's & Stella Maris

### Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher training session today, 11:45 at Stella Maris

All St Joseph's / Stella Maris Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, old or new, are asked to attend a 'Refresher' training session at Stella Maris today, Sunday 12th April, at 11:45am, following 10:30am Mass and morning tea.

New volunteers are also welcome on the day — personal individual training will be provided at a later point for those who have not yet received it.

## APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE LEO XIV

We pray for the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he begins tomorrow his first Apostolic Journey to Africa (13-23 April), visiting Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea.

This will be the first-ever papal visit to Algeria (13-15 April), the land of the great Church Father and Doctor of the Church, St Augustine. Pope Leo is a member of the Augustinian Order, and often refers to the famous saint.

Augustine was born in 354 at Thagaste (modern-day Souk Ahras, eastern Algeria - in Augustine's time, part of the Roman Empire in its later days). Brought up as a Catholic by his mother, St Monica, he went astray in faith and morals as a teenager and young man, but never stopped searching for truth. After his conversion, and his Baptism in Milan by St Ambrose at the Easter Vigil of 387, he became bishop of Hippo Regius (modern-day Annaba, eastern Algerian coast). He died in Hippo in 430 as the Vandals besieged the city, with the Empire moving towards its fall.

In Algeria, Pope Leo will visit Algiers, the capital, and Annaba, where he will celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Saint Augustine.

### *Prayer for the Synod* *Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



### Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria

Mentone April monthly meeting :

**Date:-** This Monday 13th April  
**Venue:-** St Patrick's Parish Centre  
**Time:-** 7:00pm

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## HYMNS:

### Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

### Parkdale 9am Sunday    Mentone 5pm Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Mass of St Anne  
**Entrance:** 366 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright  
**Offertory:** *Offertoire sur "O filii"* - A. Guilmant  
**Communion:** 162 Godhead Here In Hiding (vv. 1,2,4)  
**Recessional:** 353 Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing

### Mentone 11am Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Mass of St Anne  
**Introit:** Antiphon: *Quasimodo geniti infantes*  
**Offertory:** Antiphon: *Angelus Domini descendit*  
Organ solo: *Offertoire Op.56 No 18 - C. Tournemire*  
**Communion:** Antiphon: *Mitte manum tuam*  
162 Godhead Here in Hiding (vv. 1,2,4)  
**Recessional:** 353 Christ Is Alive, With Joy We Sing  
**Postlude:** *Offertoire sur "O filii"* - A. Guilmant

### Black Rock 8am Sunday

*No hymns this week.*

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

**Entrance:** Sing A New Song  
**Offertory:** In Christ Alone  
**Communion:** Christ the Lord is Risen Again  
**Recessional:** Christ The Lord is Risen Today

### **Readings this week: Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts: 2: 42-47

Peter: 1: 3-9

John: 20: 10-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Memorial Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



## St Patrick's Young Adults Gathering - Tonight, Sunday 12th April

Meeting after the 5pm Mass (6:00-8:30pm)

in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell St, Mentone. Enter via the gate next to church.

Open to young adults 18 & over. Rosary, faith discussions and supper. [stpatrickycg@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickycg@gmail.com)



### MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

***The Archbishop has written to priests regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, which we celebrate today:***

*'I ask that you encourage your parishioners to make good use of this grace-filled time.'*

*'Please invite them, through your parish bulletin or other appropriate media, to go to Confession within two weeks of Divine Mercy Sunday and to receive Holy Communion on the day itself. This offers a fitting opportunity to fulfil the Easter duty and to receive the plenary indulgence granted by the Church on that day, under the usual conditions.' [The 'Easter duty' means our obligation to receive Holy Communion at least annually, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.]*

*'Divine Mercy Sunday continues to be a powerful moment of renewal for many of our people. A clear and confident invitation from you can open the door for those who may have been away from the Sacrament of Penance for some time, and can deepen the devotion of those who are already faithful.'*

### Indulgences for Divine Mercy Sunday

A plenary indulgence is granted today, under the usual conditions, to those who:

- take part in prayers held in honour of Divine Mercy in a church or chapel; or,
- in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite an Our Father & Creed and add a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!').  
*(The Our Father & Creed are additional to those recited during Mass, since indulgences are not normally granted for actions that we are obliged to perform anyway, such as saying the prayers during a Mass of obligation.)*

Additional to the indulgenced action itself, the 'usual conditions' for a plenary indulgence are (within 20 days either side) to go to Confession (Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation), to receive Holy Communion, and to pray for the Pope's intentions (e.g. 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary). Receiving Holy Communion and praying for the Pope's intentions are fittingly done on the day itself. Also, for the full indulgence, all willed attachment to sin must be absent. However, even if all the conditions are not fulfilled, a partial indulgence can still be obtained.