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

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4th October 2026

St Patrick's, 10 Rogers St, Mentone
St John Vianney's, Cnr Warren Rd & Brisbane Tce, Parkdale
Stella Maria, 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)*

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI — YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS — 800 YEARS

The Year of Saint Francis, inaugurated by Pope Leo XIV in January to mark the eighth centenary of the Saint's death in 1226, reaches a culmination this weekend, with the actual anniversary falling on Saturday 3rd October; St Francis' annual feast day is today, 4th October.

St Francis, one of the most loved saints inside and outside the Church, was born in Assisi in central Italy about 1181. After a life of wealth and pleasure-seeking as a young soldier, a key moment in his conversion was his choice to embrace a leper, overcoming his aversion.

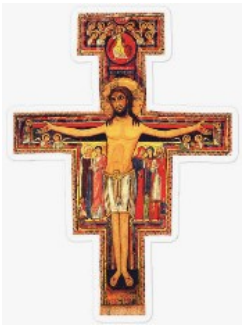
Praying before the crucifix in San Damiano Chapel, he heard the voice of Christ telling him, 'Francis, repair my Church which is falling into ruins.' He first took this to literally mean the physical chapel, which he worked to repair.

He entered a radical imitation of Christ, particularly in his commitment to total poverty, renouncing his inheritance. Like his contemporary St Dominic, he established an order of 'friars' *[= 'brothers']* who would live in the cities among the people, supporting themselves by begging – a controversial departure from the established way of the stable monasteries in the ancient tradition of St Benedict.

Pope Innocent III had a dream of Francis upholding the collapsing mother-church, St John Lateran, so when Francis came to Rome seeking approval of his Order, the Pope recognised him, and gave his endorsement. (1209)



Oldest known image, 1228



San Damiano Crucifix

The Order as established by St Francis is represented today by three independent branches: the Order of Friars Minor (OFM); the Capuchins (OFM Cap.); and the Conventual Franciscans (OFM Conv.) – presently with some 26,000 members in all, of whom about two-thirds are priests and one-third are brothers. (Francis himself was a deacon, never a priest.)

In 1212, he and St Clare (1194-1253) founded the contemplative female order (Second Order) that became known as the Poor Clares, which today has some 20,000 members. His establishment (1221) of a 'Third Order' (for laity and others wishing to live the Franciscan spirituality) was a pioneering moment in developing the very concept of 'third orders'.

Known for his affinity with animals, Francis is said to have preached to 'his sisters, the birds'; one story tells of his admonishing a ravenous wolf at Gubbio, which listened attentively and thereafter became peaceable. (St John Paul II named him Patron Saint of ecology; Pope Francis took his papal name from St Francis, and entitled his environmental encyclical *Laudato si'*, from the opening words of the Saint's *Canticle of the Creatures*.)

During the 5th Crusade, Francis travelled to Egypt in 1219 and crossed enemy lines to try to convert the Sultan, Al-Kamil, who received Francis graciously and talked with him over several days. According to St Bonaventure, by account of Francis' companion *[continued p. 3]*

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 5th Oct	**NO MONDAY MASSES UNTIL 12 OCTOBER**
Tue 6th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone)*
Wed 7th Oct	**Our Lady of The Rosary** 9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Thu 8th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone & Beaumaris)*
Fri 9th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Sat 10th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone/Beaumaris)*

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

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

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Di Pietrantonio

Anniversaries: Peg McNamara, Audrey Quinn, Lucia & Nunzio Provenzale, Bill Wilson

We pray for those who are sick: Michael Hannan Ching Price, Nick Bond, Francis Archer, Janis Williams, Barry Martin, Michael Papworth, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Kaye McCall, Mirella Townsend, Albert Ricardo, Jim Lacey, Alan Laver, Dean Bevis, Amelia Martin

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference invites you to join with them for **Morning Tea** at **St John Vianney's,** following 9:00am Mass *this* **Sunday, 4th October 2026.**



Morning Tea at **Stella Maris** following 10:30am Mass, *this* **Sunday 4th October.** All Welcome.

March for the Babies 2026

Come and show your support and march for the babies.
1.00pm **Saturday, 10th October.**
Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde, Melbourne.
www.marchforthebabies.com

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
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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***

ROSTERS 10/11 October 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	**Commentator/Reader**	M Ly
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	J Hughes

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	**Reader/ Commentator**	J Shannon
		L Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	**Reader**	C Beck
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	B McCann
	Pilgrim Statue	P Edkins

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	**Commentator/Reader**	L Beech
		M Droege
	Extraordinary Minister	H Graham

Readings *next* week: 28th Sunday OT - Year A

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

APPEAL FROM THE HOLY FATHER
THIS OCTOBER, PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

Last weekend Pope Leo XIV made a highly successful visit to France: Paris, Lourdes, and Metz. Highlights were the Paris Mass for 700,000; the Prayer Vigil with 80,000 young people; and Vespers at Notre Dame, now restored after the 2019 fire.

In Lourdes, he made the following appeal:
'I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, **today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the Holy Rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict.** Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation.'

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** on **Saturday 17 October, 9am – 2.30pm** at **154 Cotham Road, Kew.** Proceeds will go to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu, for water tanks. Enquiries—Phone: 9817 3715.

Canticle of the Creatures

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing.
To You, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day;
and You give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of You, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in the heavens You have made them
bright, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which You give Your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of You;
through those who endure sickness and trial.

Happy those who endure in peace,
for by You, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no living person can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Happy those she finds doing Your most holy will.
The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,
and serve Him with great humility.

This song, also known as 'Canticle of the Sun', was composed by St Francis about 1224. He asked for it to be sung as he was on his deathbed, at which time he added the final lines about 'Sister Death'. The lyrics of the hymn 'All Creatures of our God and King' are an English version of St Francis' Italian original.

PRAYER OF POPE LEO XIV FOR THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Saint Francis, our brother,
you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death
as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognised true peace
in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him
the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines
of war and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and
division, intercede for us so that
we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses
of the peace that comes from Christ.
Amen.

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Francis challenged the Sultan's religious advisors to an 'ordeal by fire' – he and they would walk into a fire, and whoever was unscathed had the true religion. When the Muslims did not accept the challenge, Francis offered to do it alone; but the Sultan would not permit this. After visiting the Holy Land, Francis returned to Italy.

At Christmas of 1223, St Francis set up the world's first 'nativity scene' at Greccio, using live people and animals; a priest celebrated Mass over the manger.

And on 17 September 1224 at La Verna, while seeing the vision of an angel, Francis received the stigmata – the first known occurrence of this miraculous marking with Christ's five wounds.

Francis died in Assisi on 3 October 1226. He was canonised as a Saint by Pope Gregory IX on 16 July 1228.

HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday **Mentone 5pm**

Mass Setting: *Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance: 446 All Creatures Of Our God And King (v. 1,4,5,7)
Offertory: *organ solo*
Communion: 626 This Is My Will, My One Command
Recessional: 629 Thus Says The Lord of Hosts

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance: 446 All Creatures Of Our God And King (v. 1,4,5,7)
Offertory: *organ solo*
Communion: 626 This Is My Will, My One Command
Recessional: 629 Thus Says The Lord of Hosts

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 618 All Creatures Of Our God (v. 1, 2, 7)
Offertory: 664 Create In Me
Communion: 811 Soul of My Saviour
Recessional: 705 Holy Father, God of Might

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: All Creatures Of Our God And King
Offertory: Create In Me
Communion: Soul of My Saviour
Recessional: Holy Father, God of Might

Readings *this* week: 27th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah: 5: 1-7
Philippians: 4: 6-9
Matthew: 21: 33-43

Responsorial Psalm: 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!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - The Bayside Atrium

Term 4 Commencing this **Saturday 10th October**.
Available for Children 3yrs – 9 yrs old.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (COGS) is an internationally acclaimed Montessori based children's program that is available to children aged 3 to 9 years.

The COGS program comprises 2 levels, 3-6yrs and 6-9 yrs, and provides a sacred space for your child to explore and discover God's love through the life of Jesus in scripture and in the liturgy. They learn many skills through carefully developed hands-on work. A perfect program to enhance their faith education.

The Bayside Atrium of the COGS is held at: **Stella Maris Church, 2 Charlotte Rd, Beaumaris, Atrium Room. Saturday Mornings: 9.30am - 11.30am**

If you would like a visit or for more information please feel free to contact us - *baysideatrium@gmail.com* or phone Lisa - 0402 480 224. Facebook or Instagram Bayside Atrium.
You can also visit the Australian website of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at https://cgsaust.org.au/
or the Parish website https://www.sspjv.org/

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

A Plenary Indulgence is available under the usual conditions (Communion, Confession, Prayers for the Pope's intentions) until the closing of the Year of St Francis (10 January 2027) by those who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of St Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship dedicated to St Francis *[such as St Francis' Church in the City]*, and there either devoutly follow the Jubilee rites, or spend a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God so that, following the example of St Francis, feelings of Christian charity towards their neighbours and authentic vows of harmony and peace among peoples may spring forth in their hearts, concluding with the Our Father, Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

The elderly, the sick and those who take care of them, and all those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons, may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence, provided they detach themselves from any sin and intend to fulfil the three usual conditions as soon as possible, if they unite themselves spiritually to the jubilee celebrations of the Year of St Francis, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains or sufferings of their lives.

OFFERTORY PROGRAM

STEWARDSHIP / THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

Over the coming four weeks, our Partnered Parishes will conduct an Offertory Program.

After some years, we urgently need to boost parish income to sustain our Parishes and our Mission.

You are invited to prayerfully consider what you may be able to contribute.