

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

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21st June 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 second reading from St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* takes us back to the disobedience of our first parents.

'Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.' (*Rom 5:12*)

Along with the account of the Fall of Adam and Eve in the *Book of Genesis* Ch. 3, the *Letter to the Romans* Ch. 5 is a principal source for the Church's teaching on *original sin*.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (from Pope John Paul II, 1992) gives us guidance for interpretation: 'The account of the fall in *Genesis* 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents.' (390)

Regarding the historical nature of *Genesis* 1-11 (covering everything before Abraham) Pope Pius XII had taught: 'Although properly speaking not conforming to the historical method used by the best Greek and Latin writers or by competent authors of our time, [these chapters] do nevertheless pertain to history in a true sense, which however must be further studied and determined by exegetes; the same chapters [use] simple and metaphorical language adapted to the mentality of a people but little cultured.' (*Humani Generis* (1950) 38)

Catholic faith is that Scripture is free from all error – when understood according to the human author's true intention. What the author intended to communicate in *Genesis* 1-11, Pius XII says, does 'pertain to history in a

true sense', even though the literary genre differs from modern historical works. The Church thus takes a middle path - between insisting on taking the author as asserting every detail as literal, and the other extreme, denying that the things told relate to genuine history at all.

Pius XII affirmed that evolution of the human *body* was not against faith; but that 'the Catholic faith obliges us to hold that *souls* are immediately created by God'. (*Humani Generis* 36) The first true human beings existed when God first infused into the body the immortal spiritual soul.

The 'Compendium of the Catechism' (from Pope Benedict XVI, 2005) summarises Catholic teaching on the Fall:

'What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God had given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.' (72)

'What was the first human sin?

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they wished to become "like God" but without God and not in accordance with God. Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice.' (75)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 22nd June	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 23rd June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 24th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 25th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 26th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 27th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & 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

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

Recently Deceased:

Suzanne Costelloe

Anniversaries:

Philip Diago Fernandes

We pray for those who are sick:

Alfred Busuttill, Ching Price, Nick Bond, Francis Archer,
Janis Williams, Jim Lacey, Alan Laver, Michael Papworth,
Kaye McCall, Mirella Townsend, Aliai Coyle-Madut,
Albert Ricardo, Barry Martin, Dean Bevis

Special Third Collection next weekend:
Peter's Pence—for the Holy Father

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
today Sunday, 21st June. All Welcome!

First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children from our primary schools
receiving First Communion at this time, especially Stella
Maris children who received last Thursday.

A First Communion will also take place at 11am Mass at St
Patrick's today; as always, a plenary indulgence is available
under the usual conditions, for the First Communicant and
for those devoutly taking part in the celebration.

*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 27/28 JUNE 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	L Freeman
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	K Lowe
	Commentator	G Shea
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	B McCann

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	M Chenhall
	Extraordinary Minister	M Hutson

Readings next week: 14th Sunday OT - Year A

2 Kings: 4: 8-11, 14-16

Romans: 6: 3-4, 8-11

Matthew: 10: 37-42

St Patrick & the Holy Angels 2026 Organ Series

Music Inspired by Gregorian Chant

3.30PM SUNDAYS

21ST JUNE:

REUBEN JOHNSON (NEWMAN COLLEGE)

19TH JULY:

RHYS ARVIDSON (ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL)

16TH AUGUST:

DION HENMAN (ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL)

20TH SEPTEMBER:

DR ALAN COOK (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ST PATRICK'S MENTONE)

FREE ENTRY

(DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED) - NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

The first of these four *FREE* concerts commences **today**
Sunday 21st June, at St Patrick's Mentone, by organist
REUBEN JOHNSON. 3.30pm, donations accepted on entry.

MASS AND FAREWELL

Members of the Ordinariate community of St Edmund Campion will gather for Mass and Morning Tea next Sunday, June 28th, at St Patrick's to farewell long-time supporters Laurel Smith, son Roger and daughter-in-law Lisa.

Mass according to the Ordinariate liturgy will be offered by Fr Ramsay Williams at 9.30am, followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.

KSCV MENTONE Sausage Sizzle

Date: Saturday 4th July **Time:** 8:30am until 4:00pm

Venue: Bunnings Mentone **Purpose:** Fundraising 2026/27



The Mentone Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross urge Parishioners to support this fundraising event by buying a sausage in bread and drink from our stall at Bunnings Mentone.

The KSCV Mentone branch is in need of funds and is running this Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in July as our major fundraising event for the year. Money raised will greatly assist the Branch to continue supporting the Parish and wider Catholic community in various ways.

19th-century English convert and Doctor of the Church, St John Henry Newman, recounting the development of his religious views, tells of how the evident reality of original sin in the world imposed itself upon his mind:

'Starting then with the being of a God (which, as I have said, is as certain to me as the certainty of my own existence, though when I try to put the grounds of that certainty into logical shape I find a difficulty in doing so in mood and figure to my satisfaction), I look out of myself into the world of men, and there I see a sight which fills me with unspeakable distress.'

'The world seems simply to give the lie to that great truth, of which my whole being is so full; and the effect upon me is, in consequence, as a matter of necessity, as confusing as if it denied that I am in existence myself.'

'If I looked into a mirror, and did not see my face, I should have the sort of feeling which actually comes upon me, when I look into this living busy world, and see no reflection of its Creator...'

'To consider the world in its length and breadth...the defeat of good, the success of evil, physical pain, mental anguish, the prevalence and intensity of sin, the pervading idolatries, the corruptions, the dreary hopeless irreligion, that condition of the whole race, so fearfully yet exactly described in the Apostle's words, "having no hope and without God in the world," [Eph 2:12] – all this is a vision to dizzy and appal; and inflicts upon the mind the sense of a profound mystery, which is absolutely beyond human solution.'

'What shall be said to this heart-piercing, reason-bewildering fact? I can only answer, that either there is no Creator, or this living society of men is in a true sense discarded from His presence...'

'And so I argue about the world; – if there be a God, since there is a God, the human race is implicated in some terrible original calamity. It is out of joint with the purposes of its Creator.'

'This is a fact, a fact as true as the fact of its existence; and thus the doctrine of what is theologically called original sin becomes to me almost as certain as that the world exists, and as the existence of God.'

Apologia Pro Vita Sua (1864)

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'What is original sin? Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin "contracted" by us not "committed"; it is a state of birth and not a personal act.' (*Compendium of the Catechism* 76)

The 'Catechism' explores the question:

'How did the sin of Adam become the sin of all his descendants? The whole human race is in Adam "as one body of one man". (St Thomas Aquinas, *De malo* 4, 1) By this "unity of the human race" all men are implicated in Adam's sin, as all are implicated in Christ's justice.'

'Still, the transmission of original sin is a mystery that we cannot fully understand. But we do know by Revelation that Adam had received original holiness and justice not for himself alone, but for all human nature.'

'By yielding to the tempter, Adam and Eve committed a personal sin, but this sin affected the human nature that they would then transmit in a fallen state. (Cf. Council of Trent: DS 1511-1512) It is a sin which will be transmitted by propagation to all mankind, that is, by the transmission of a human nature deprived of original holiness and justice.' (*Catechism* 404)

But St Paul in our reading today (*Rom* 5:15) places his account of this terrible wound to humanity in the context of its saving remedy:

'Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.'

HYMNS: **Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday**

Parkdale 9am Sunday

Mentone 5pm

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Entrance: 625 This Day God Gives Me

Offertory: *organ solo*

Communion: 450 Amazing Grace

Recessional: 585 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Entrance: 625 This Day God Gives Me

Offertory: Motet: *Perfice gressus meos*— Franz Xaver Witt

Communion: Motet: *Ego sum pastor bonus*— G B Matucci

450 Amazing Grace

Recessional: 585 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 792 Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Offertory: 593 Do Not Be Afraid

Communion: 811 Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: 705 Holy Father God of Might

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light

Offertory: Be Not Afraid

Communion: Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: Praise The Lord You Heavens Adore Him

Readings this week: 12th Sunday OT - Yr A

Jeremiah: 20: 10-13

Romans: 5: 12-15

Matthew: 10: 26-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!



ST PATRICK'S MENTONE

YOUTH GROUP

YEAR 7-12
4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY
6:00-7:30 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Food
- Formation
- Friendship
- Prayer

PARISH CENTRE - 10 ROGERS STREET, MENTONE

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Parents are required to pickup and drop off their child. A registration form is also required for each child, to ensure the safeguarding of our youth.

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NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 6:00-7:30 PM

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First Reconciliation

We pray for the children from our Parish Catechetics Class who are making their First Reconciliation at this time.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The 2026 St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
for our three Parish Conferences will be held
today, Sat 20th June and Sun 21st June.

This year, the spotlight is on “homelessness”. For an increasing number of Australians, homelessness is sadly just one sudden crisis away. With cost of living and high rental prices, more people than ever are facing poverty and homelessness in our community.

The Winter Appeal plays a vital role enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can keep serving those in need.

DONATION OPTIONS

- 1) Via the **THIRD COLLECTION** at Masses today. Envelopes will be available. You can write Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference on the envelope to direct your donation.
- 2) Online at donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal and selecting Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference.
- 3) By calling 13 18 12 and selecting the Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference.

Our three local Conferences thank each and every one of our wonderful parishioners for your ongoing support and prayers. Together we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE and help those in need in OUR COMMUNITY.