

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26th July 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)



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*Please pray for the Candidates from
Stella Maris Primary School who will
be confirmed at Stella Maris this
Thursday 30th July.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

We pray for nine children from our Catechetics Program who will be baptised at ceremonies on Saturday 1st August and Saturday 8th August, along with four of their younger siblings. (Once children turn seven, they receive instruction prior to the Sacrament and make their own baptismal promises - as with these nine children.) Two children from our Catechetics class will be baptised along with older family members at later ceremonies.

WE ARE Called VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

9AM-1PM

**GREG CRAVEN CENTRE,
LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE**



*with Archbishop
Peter Comensoli*



Free event

Book via - trybooking.com/DNKHK

The Vocations Expo is open to all ages; however, attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event is free to attend, but registrations are required.

ST PATRICK'S MENTONE

YOUTH GROUP

YEAR 7-12
4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY
6:00-7:30 PM
PARISH CENTRE - 10 ROGERS STREET, MENTONE

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Food
- Formation
- Friendship
- Prayer

ENQUIRE:
STPATRICKYCG@GMAIL.COM

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.

MEETING TONIGHT, SUNDAY 26TH JULY 6:00-7:30 PM

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A registration form is also required for each child.

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

Presbytery: 10 Rogers St, Mentone 3194 **Office:** 3 Mitchell St, Mentone 3194 **Office hours:** 9am-5pm (Mon, Tues and Thurs)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 27th July	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 28th July	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 29th July	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 30th July	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 1st Aug	St Alphonsus Ligouri 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*).

Parish Baptism Program 2026

Please contact the Parish Office for information,
registration forms and bookings. 9583 2103.
mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au

Recently deceased: Nancy Roach, Martina Torpey,
Marjorie Browne

Anniversaries: Rozanna DeSilva, Agueda Rubia,
Henny De Jong, Marie Wilson, Frances Morgan,
Frank Reinehr, Tim Noonan

We pray for those who are sick:

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

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference invites
you to join them for **Morning Tea at St John Vianney's**
after 9 am Mass next Sunday, 2 August. All Welcome!

Morning Tea at Stella Maris next Sunday, 2nd August,
in the Narthex after 10:30am Mass. All welcome!

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
Mentone-Parkdale - Church:	083347 6815 62913
Nazareth Parish - Church:	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*

ROSTERS 1/2 AUGUST 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	P Mount
	Extraordinary Minister	J Mount
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader/ Commentator	J Shannon
		L Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	J Short

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	N Perazzo
	Commentator	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	P Edkins
	Pilgrim Statue	G & R Tregonning

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	M Shale
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 18th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah:	55: 1-3
Romans:	8: 35, 37-39
Matthew:	14: 13-21

Commitment Masses

Next weekend at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's and the
9am Mass at St John Vianney's, Confirmation candidates
from St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Primary Schools will
make a commitment to prepare for the Sacrament.

Archdiocesan Synod — Consultation Process

As outlined in last week's bulletin, in preparation for the
upcoming Archdiocesan Synod in December, everyone is
now invited to prayerfully contribute submissions on one
or more of the three Synod themes (Young Discipleship;
Missionary Leadership; Formation & Participation).

It is suggested that prior to your online submission, you
read the respective Theme Paper (available in the church
porches or on our website). **Submissions must be made
by 5:00 pm, Friday 21st August.** You are welcome to
make either personal or group submissions; you can form
your own group of two or more people. A suggested
group process is the 'Conversation in the Spirit', outlined
on the brochure provided with the theme papers.

**However, if you wish to take part in a parish-organised
'Conversation in the Spirit' in groups of 6 - 8, please
place your name and details on one of the forms in the
church porches, under your preferred meeting time.**

Portiuncula Indulgence next Sunday

On 2nd August every year, a plenary indulgence is available for visiting a parish church and devoutly reciting an Our Father and Creed. This is the Portiuncula Indulgence, originally granted by Pope Honorius III to St Francis of Assisi in 1216, to be gained by anyone visiting (on 2nd August) the little chapel (Portiuncula chapel) where St Francis received his vocation, lived and later died. It has since been extended to all parish churches — and so this particularly easy indulgence can be gained at any of our four churches.

A plenary indulgence remits, by authority of the Church, any remaining debt in purgatory for those past sins, the guilt of which has already been forgiven (typically in the Sacrament of Reconciliation). By default an indulgence is applied to ourselves, but we can choose to apply it instead as a prayer for the souls in purgatory.

The usual conditions apply if the full indulgence is to be obtained: Communion, prayers for the Pope's intentions (e.g. 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary), and Confession within 20 days either side, as well as freedom from all attachment to sin. (If all the conditions are not fulfilled, a partial indulgence can still be obtained.)

This year, with 2nd August falling on a Sunday, there is the opportunity for everyone at Masses next weekend to easily receive the gift of this indulgence. Indulgences for church visits on a particular day are obtainable from 12:00 noon the day before; so those at our Vigil Mass on 1st August can also receive it. (See *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, [4th ed. 1999, Vatican City])

We will recite the prayers at the end of Masses next week. (Actions that we are already obliged to do anyway do not gain indulgences, and this would seem to apply to our recital of the Our Father and Creed *during* our Sunday Mass of obligation.) Advance notice is being given to help you make plans to fulfil the final condition of going to Reconciliation within 20 days before or after.

Pope Francis visited Assisi for the 800th anniversary of the Portiuncula Indulgence in 2016, and said this: 'Today I would like...to recall the words that, according to an ancient tradition, Saint Francis spoke in this very place, in the presence of all the townsfolk and bishops: "I want to send you all to heaven!" What finer thing could the Poor Man of Assisi ask for, if not the gift of salvation, eternal life and unending joy, that Jesus won for us by his death and resurrection? ...

'When Saint Francis asked Pope Honorius III to grant an indulgence to all who visited the Portiuncula, he was perhaps thinking of Jesus' words to the disciples: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also". Forgiveness – pardon – is surely our direct route to that place in heaven. Here at the Portiuncula everything speaks to us of pardon! What a great gift the Lord has given us in teaching us to forgive and in this way to touch the Father's mercy! ... The pardon of which Saint Francis made himself a "channel" here at the Portiuncula continues to "bring forth heaven" even after eight centuries.' (Pope Francis, 4/8/2016)

Indulgences and freedom from attachment to sin

Bishop Nykiel, Regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary (the department at the Holy See that deals with grants of indulgences), spoke earlier this year about the 'freedom from attachment to sin' that is a condition for gaining a plenary indulgence - explaining that it is not something virtually impossible, as we might fear:

'The requirement of "detachment from all sin" ...may seem one of the most difficult elements of the theology of indulgences... It is worth considering it not as an ideal available only to a few, but as an attitude of the heart to which every Christian is truly called. From a theological point of view, it is not only about committing a sin, but about the interior acceptance of sin, the pleasure it brings, or the willingness to commit it again.

'A person may confess and at the same time keep in their heart the thought: "I know it is wrong, that it is not

good, but I do not want to stop doing it." Such an attitude is an attachment to sin that neutralises grace. By contrast, the detachment from sin that is required is not an emotional sense of purity, but an act of the will that says: "Lord, I want no sin at all, not even the smallest."

'First of all, it is not a state of sinlessness. A person may have weaknesses, recurring venial sins, and may even experience painful falls. What matters is the intention and the orientation of the heart: the sincere decision to break with sin here and now. If someone says to God: "I do not want sin, I hate it, even though I know I am weak," then there is no attachment to sin in that person.' (Vatican News, 16/01/2026)

So we should not despair of fulfilling this condition. Prior to an indulgenced act we can ask God's grace, and then make a sincere Act of Contrition, rejecting all sin as best we can - then leave the rest to God.

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*
Entrance: 616 The Kingdom of God
Offertory: *organ solo*
Communion: 469 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Recessional: 455 Be Thou My Vision

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*
Introit: Antiphon: *Deus in loco sancto suo* - chant
Entrance: 616 The Kingdom of God
Offertory: Motet: *Exaltabo te* - G. Croce
Communion: Antiphon: *Simile est regnum caelorum* - chant
Motet: *O salutaris hostia* - D. Lorenzo Perosi
469 Christians, Let Us Love One Another
Recessional: 455 Be Thou My Vision

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 790 Praise The Lord You Heavens
Offertory: 733 Lord Be My Vision
Communion: 740 Love Divine
Recessional: 755 Now Thank We All Our God

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Praise The Lord You Heavens
Offertory: O God, You Search Me
Communion: Love Divine
Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God

Readings this week: 17th Sunday OT - Yr A

1 Kings:	3: 5, 7-12
Romans:	8: 28-30
Matthew:	13: 44-52

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

In the consultation of the faithful in preparation for the Synod, as outlined in last week's parish bulletin, four regional meetings with the Archbishop will be held. Each canonical parish is invited to send two representatives to its regional meeting.

The meeting for our Southern Region will be on **Saturday 8th August, at the Dandenong Club, 1579 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong. (9.00am, Registration & Morning Tea; 9.30am, Session commences.)** We will send two representatives from Ricketts Point Parish and two from Mentone-Parkdale Parish.

Each representative will nominate (in advance) one of the three reflection themes (*Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, Formation & Participation*), and at the meeting they will take part in a small-group 'Conversation in the Spirit' on that theme.

If you wish to be considered for selection in this role please email: mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au by next Sunday, 2nd August, stating also your chosen theme. If selected, you will need to read that theme paper in advance of the meeting.

"Heresy is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same; apostasy is the total repudiation of the Christian faith; schism is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him."

**Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 2089, quoting
Code of Canon Law, Canon 751**

On 1st July we saw the sad event of the illicit consecration of four bishops by the Priestly Society of St Pius X (SSPX) at Écône in Switzerland, in direct defiance of Pope Leo XIV, who had publicly warned and pleaded with them not to proceed.

Since the 1970s the SSPX has opposed certain elements of the Second Vatican Council, and in 1988 their founder, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, performed a similar illicit consecration of four bishops, incurring excommunication. The Holy See has striven for decades to remedy the situation of the Society, not without progress; but this new consecration unfortunately reconfirms its distancing from full communion with the Catholic Church.

As the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith subsequently declared (2 July), the consecration on 1 July, a schismatic act, incurred automatic excommunication for the bishop who performed it and for the four clerics who received it.

It added: 'Clerics and lay faithful are warned not to adhere to the schism of the Society of Saint Pius X, as they would thereby incur *ipso facto* the penalty of *latae sententiae* [automatic] excommunication.' (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, Canon 1364, which sets forth the automatic excommunication incurred by deliberate apostasy, heresy or schism.)

Procedures were set forth for those sincerely wishing to be reconciled with the Church. Excommunication is 'medicinal', never 'final', and the Church always offers the way of mercy.

Archbishop Comensoli has written a Pastoral Letter about this event and its consequences, reaching out to those who have had involvement with the Society, for example at its church in Hampton. It is available in the church porches.