

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

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 17th May 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*)

**'All authority in heaven and
on earth has been given to me.**

**Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to observe all the commands
I gave you. And know that I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time.'** (*Mt 28:18-20*)

These are the final words of the whole *Gospel according to St Matthew*. Proclaimed in today's Mass of the Ascension, they are the most famous expression of what is called 'The Great Commission'. Before he ascends to the Father, Jesus gives his Apostles their mission, which is really the mission of the whole Church – and in which we each share, according to our particular calling. The word 'mission' comes from the Latin *missio* – 'sending': the Church is sent to all nations to proclaim the Gospel.

The word 'all' appears four times in Jesus' words: 'all authority... all the nations... all the commands... I am with you always'. This expresses a completeness, a fullness, a totality, in what he imparts to them, and in the mission he enjoins on them. They are to teach his complete message to all peoples and in all times.

This 'completeness' or 'fullness' is essentially what we mean by the word 'catholic' – a word that we naturally use often, yet maybe just as a 'label' of the Church, without appreciating its full meaning.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church
explains the meaning of the word 'catholic' itself:**

⁸³⁰ The word 'catholic' means 'universal,' in the sense of 'according to the totality' or 'in keeping with the whole.' The Church is catholic in a double sense:

First, the Church is catholic because Christ is present in her. 'Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church.' (St Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Smyrnaeans* 8, 2) In her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with its head; this implies that she receives from him 'the fullness of the means of salvation' (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis Redintegratio* 3; Decree on the Church's Mission Activity *Ad Gentes* 6; cf. *Eph* 1:22-23) which he has willed: correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession. The Church was, in this fundamental sense, catholic on the day of Pentecost and will always be so until the day of the Parousia [*Second Coming of Christ*].

⁸³¹ Secondly, the Church is catholic because she has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race: (cf. *Mt* 28:19)

All men are called to belong to the new People of God. This People, therefore, while remaining one and only one, is to be spread throughout the whole world and to all ages in order that the design of God's will may be fulfilled: he made human nature one in the beginning and has decreed that all his children who were scattered should be finally gathered together as one... (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* 13; cf. *Jn* 11:52)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 18th May	St John I, pope, martyr 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 19th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 20th May	St Bernadine of Siena 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 21st May	St Christopher Magallanes & companions 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 22nd May	St Rita of Cascia 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 23rd May	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*).



Baptism Program 2026

Please contact the parish office for
information, registration forms and
bookings. 9583 2103.

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Recently Deceased:

Alfio Provenza, Genevieve Jones, Kathleen Flanagan;
Brian Stynes

Anniversaries:

Eileen Nicholas, Teresa Beck, Bernie Mills, Nance Hayes

We pray for those who are sick:

Ian Paton, Mavis De Silva, Alfred Busuttill, Ching Price,
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Nick Bond,
Francis Archer, Alan Laver, Michael Papworth,
Ching Price, Kaye McCall, Mirella Townsend,
Albert Ricardo

Mass Count

As always in May, for four weekends of the month,
the diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be
carried out at each weekend Mass.

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 23/24 May 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	J Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Mooney
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	A Trajer
	Commentator	W Maher
	Extraordinary Minister	M Shannon

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	G Shea
	Commentator	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	J Brantner
	Pilgrim Statue	M Jensen

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	E Wolfenden
	Commentator	L Beech
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: Pentecost Sunday Year A

Acts: 2: 1-11
1 Corinthians: 12: 3-7, 12-13
John: 20: 19-23

PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Our Parish Young People's Choir rehearses after school
in the Parish Choir Room at St Patrick's every
Wednesday after school until 4.30pm.
It is free of charge and we sing once a month at the
Sunday 5.00pm Mass.
The dates this term are May 31 and June 28.
New members from Year 3 & above are invited to join.

Commitment Masses

Next weekend at the 6:00 pm
Vigil Mass at St Patrick's and at the 9:00 am Mass at St
John Vianney's, First Communion candidates from St
Patrick's and St John Vianney's Primary Schools will make
a commitment to prepare for the Sacrament.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GARDENS WORKING BEE

Thank you to all who assisted last Saturday,
tidying up the church grounds.

The next working bee is on **Saturday 13th June**.

Meet at the Parish Centre **10am - 12 noon**.

BYO hat, gardening gloves and water bottle.

All welcome, no experience necessary.

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834 Particular [i.e. local] Churches

[i.e. dioceses and eparchies] are fully catholic through their communion with one of them, the Church of Rome 'which presides in charity.' (St Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Romans*) 'For with this church, by reason of its pre-eminence, the whole Church, that is the faithful everywhere, must necessarily be in accord.' (St Irenaeus, *Against heresies*; cf. Vatican I, DS 3057) Indeed, 'from the incarnate Word's descent to us, all Christian churches everywhere have held and hold the great Church that is here [at Rome] to be their only basis and foundation since, according to the Saviour's promise, the gates of hell have never prevailed against her.' (St Maximus the Confessor)

Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

836 'All men are called to this catholic unity of the People of God...And to it, in different ways, belong or are ordered: the Catholic faithful, others who believe in Christ, and finally all mankind, called by God's grace to salvation.'

837 'Fully incorporated into the society of the Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, accept all the means of salvation given to the Church together with her entire organisation, and who – by the bonds constituted by the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government, and communion – are joined in the visible structure of the Church of Christ, who rules her through the Supreme Pontiff and the bishops. Even though incorporated into the Church, one who does not however persevere in charity is not saved. He remains indeed in the bosom of the Church, but "in body" not "in heart."' (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 14)

Mission: a requirement of the Church's catholicity

849 *The missionary mandate.* 'Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be "the universal sacrament of salvation," the Church, in obedience to the command of her founder and because it is demanded by her own essential universality, strives to preach the Gospel to all men' (Vatican II, *Ad gentes* 1; cf. *Mk* 16:15) ...

SAINT OF THE WEEK 18 May: St John I, Pope

A native of Siena in Tuscany, Italy, St John I was elected pope in 523. In this time after the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476, Italy was ruled by the Ostrogoths, who adhered to the Arian heresy, which denied Christ's full divinity.

In 519, the continuing Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire had returned to religious union with Rome after a 35-year schism, with the accession of the strongly Catholic emperor Justin I bringing renewed recognition of papal authority by the Byzantine emperors and bishops. Justin also took measures

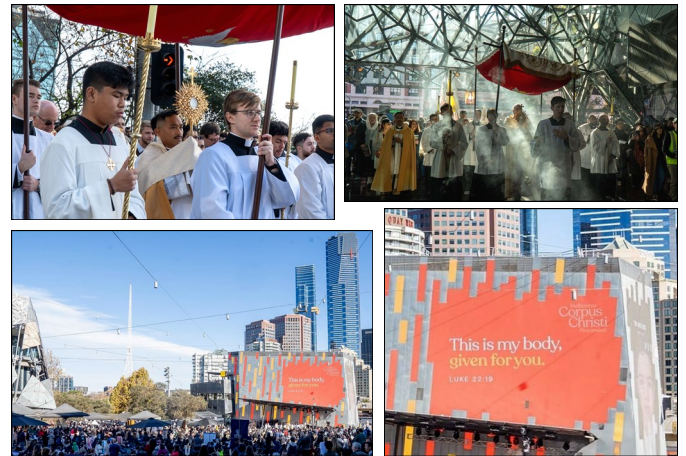
Annual Corpus Christi Procession — Sunday 7 June

On Sunday 7 June 2026, the feast of Corpus Christi, parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Comensoli in sharing the light of Christ at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession.

The Eucharistic Procession begins at 2:00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, moves through the streets of the Melbourne CBD, and concludes with Benediction at Federation Square.

Find out more: melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi
Communities are invited to bring their banners.

In 2025, four thousand people took part, in a wonderful display of Eucharistic faith through the streets of the City - above all, a wonderful public honouring of Christ our Lord in his Eucharistic presence. Do not miss this event!



Images from the 2025 Procession

Apologetics Resources With Fr Ford and Fr Nguyen both happening to preach last Sunday on the topic of Apologetics - the rational defence of faith (1 Pet 3:15) - considerable interest was shown. It was asked, in particular, what books and resources would be useful. As promised, in the coming weeks, more information will be provided, including copies of useful introductory texts - to help us each fulfil our missionary calling.

against the Arians in Byzantine lands; so Theodoric, King of the Ostrogoths, forced Pope John to travel to Constantinople [now Istanbul], the imperial capital, to gain leniency for the Arians.

John was welcomed in Constantinople by throngs of the faithful; Emperor Justin prostrated himself and had himself re-crowned by the Pope. Although John's embassy was relatively successful, upon his return to Italy Theodoric imprisoned him on suspicion of conspiring with Justin. He died of ill-treatment at the prison in Ravenna, NE Italy, on 18th May 526 — exactly 1500 years ago on tomorrow's feast day.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm

Mass Setting: Mass of St Anne
Entrance: 372 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
Offertory: *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn* BWV 630 - J. S. Bach
Communion: 466 Christ is The Heavenly Food
Recessional: 377 Rejoice! The Lord is King

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass of St Anne
Introit: *Viri Galilaei* - Chant
Entrance: 372 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
Offertory: Motet: *Ascendit Deus* - G. P. da Palestrina
Communion: Antiphon: *Ecce ego vobiscum* - Chant
Motet: *Thou Prince of Life* - J. S. Bach
Recessional: 377 Rejoice! The Lord is King

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 686 Glory Be To God In Heaven
Offertory: 619 Alleluia, Sing To Jesus
Communion: 620 An Upper Room
Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

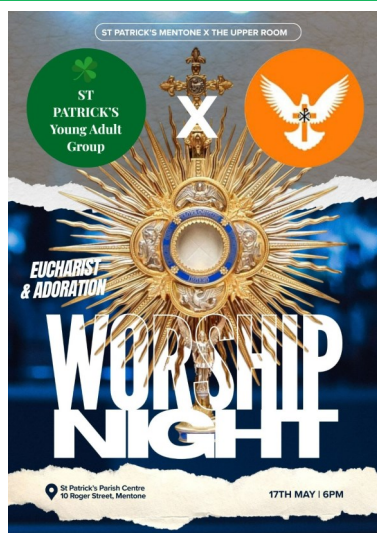
Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Glory Be To God In Heaven
Offertory: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus
Communion: An Upper Room
Recessional: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Readings *this week*: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts: 1: 11-11
Ephesians: 1: 17-23
Matthew: 28: 16-20

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering

Tonight, Sunday 17th May

This Young Adults night is a special night!
We're diving deep into why we can trust that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. We're also teaming up with The Upper Room Young Adults from St Justin's, Wheelers Hill.

Join us tonight, Sunday 17th May at 6:00 pm (right after the 5 pm Mass), St Patrick's Parish Centre, Mentone (behind St Patrick's Church).

Dinner will be provided, and you're very welcome to bring a dish to share with everyone. Open to young adults 18 & over.

Apostles' Creed for the Easter Season

For the Easter Season we are praying the Apostles' Creed from our Mass cards in place of the Nicene Creed.

NEW YOUTH GROUP @ST PATS!



6:00-7:30PM
SUNDAY 24TH MAY

* •FOOD
•FORMATION
•FRIENDSHIP
•PRAYER

* FOR TEENS (YR 7- YR 12)
ST PATRICK'S
MENTONE PARISH
CENTRE

Many thanks to all who took part in our annual May Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima last Saturday 9th May, which included our inaugural crowning of Our Lady's statue.

