



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

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

## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – 9th November 2025

*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*)

Today's celebration of the anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica may seem a surprising one. The Lateran Basilica (and not St Peter's Basilica, as might be supposed) is the Cathedral Church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. As such, it is the 'mother and head of all churches of the city and the world'.

More fully titled the Papal Archbasilica of St John Lateran, it is dedicated to 'the Most Holy Saviour, St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist'. It is the principal of the four 'major basilicas' – the highest ranking Catholic churches, all located in Rome: St John Lateran, St Peter's in the Vatican, St Mary Major and St Paul Outside the Walls. Originally the ancient Roman palace of the Laterani family, the site was given by Emperor Constantine the Great (the first Christian emperor) to Pope St Miltiades (311-14). The Basilica was dedicated as the Cathedral of Rome in 324 under Pope St Sylvester I, and it is this anniversary we celebrate today.

The Popes resided at the Lateran until 1309, when Pope Clement V, influenced by instability in Rome, moved to Avignon in southern France. In 1377 Pope Gregory XI, urged by St Catherine of Siena, brought this absentee period of the Avignon papacy to an end and returned to Rome. However, the Lateran had been twice damaged by fire in the meantime, and the Popes did not renew their residence there, eventually settling at the Vatican, where of course they remain today. Five Ecumenical Councils were held at the Lateran during the Middle Ages. The present Basilica incorporates several

reconstructions and restorations over the centuries, so in various ways it is quite altered from the original.

It might be asked, why does this particular feast replace the Sunday in Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar? After all, when a lower-ranking feast (such as a saint's day) happens to fall on a Sunday, it is simply not liturgically celebrated that year. The reason the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica outranks a Sunday in Ordinary Time is that it is considered a feast of Christ himself, like the Transfiguration or the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (which likewise replace the Sundays in Ordinary Time when their dates fall on a Sunday).

But why is this a feast of Christ? At one level, we are simply celebrating a church building – and certainly we give due respect to a physical church building, which is a sacred place, the 'House of God'. But above all, the church built of *physical* stones is symbolic of 'Church' in its primary meaning: the People of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church built of ourselves as *living* stones. (cf. *1 Pet* 2:5) As we hear in our Gospel, Christ's own body is the true Temple. (*Jn* 2:21) The Church is the *Mystical* Body of Christ, we are its parts: (cf. *1 Cor* 12:21) 'God's building', as our Second Reading says. (*1 Cor* 3:9)

On 27 October each year the Archdiocese of Melbourne celebrates the anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral. That is really a celebration of the local Church of Melbourne: the Body of Christ, the one holy catholic apostolic Church, *here in this place*. Each diocese has a similar celebration: the [continued p. 3]

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 10th Nov</b>	<b>Memorial: St Leo the Great</b> 11:00am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Tue 11th Nov</b>	<b>Memorial: St Martin of Tours</b> 9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 12th Nov</b>	<b>Memorial: St Josaphat</b> 9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Thu 13th Nov</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> ) <b>No Mass at Beaumaris today</b>
<b>Fri 14th Nov</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Sat 15th Nov</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 4:30pm **Benediction.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
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*).

### Baptisms:

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### Recently Deceased:

Joyce Woodward

### Anniversaries:

Michael Morton; Leo Bloink

### We pray for those who are sick:

Joan Pobjoy, Angela Iorianni, Max Byers, Jim Lacey,  
Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Ching Price, Delia Fisher,  
John Nicholson, Mirella Townsend, Michael Papworth,  
Margaret Rose Durston

**No 9:15am Mass at Beaumaris**  
**this Thursday 13th November**

## NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes are available in our churches for your  
deceased loved ones, and Masses can also be  
arranged through *Aid to the Church in Need*, which  
arranges over 2 million Masses each year, supporting  
one in eight priests worldwide.

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## ROSTERS 15/16 November 2025

### St Patrick's - Mentone

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	T Dillon
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	J Dillon
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	L Freeman
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	A Earle
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	N Sedich
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	A Moore

### St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

### St John Vianney's - Parkdale

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	B Fitchet
	<b>Commentator</b>	B Atherton
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Extraordinary Minister to the sick</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Flowers</b>	P Edkins
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	S Rodrigo

### Stella Maris - Beaumaris

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

### Readings next week: 33rd Sunday in OT Year C

Malachi:	3: 19-20
2 Thessalonians:	3: 7-12
Luke:	21: 5-19

## Oppose Euthanasia amendments today

This weekend is the last chance to email your five  
Legislative Council members, as our Bishops have  
pleaded, to oppose the amendments to the Voluntary  
Assisted Dying (VAD) Act 2017 (which have already  
unfortunately passed the Legislative Assembly). You can  
find your own members and their contact details on the  
website of the Victorian Parliament.

These amendments, by permitting medical  
practitioners to initiate conversations about VAD with  
patients, would place the vulnerable at increased risk,  
and would further weaken the protection of human  
life in this state. Also, by requiring medical  
practitioners to provide information about VAD, the  
amendments would violate the rights of conscience of  
medical practitioners opposed to these killings.

**Whether or not we succeed, today is your last chance  
to stand up and be counted against this evil.**

*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)*

[cont. from p. 1] community gathered under its Bishop, as Christ's visible presence in that place. But the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Pope's Cathedral, is a celebration we all have together of the Universal Church, *Christ's Body in its visible unity throughout the world*.

Unity belongs to the heart of salvation. We celebrate that Christ has 'restored peace through the cross', uniting Gentile and Jew 'in a single Body' (Eph 2:16) - establishing one and only Church, precisely in order to be the sign and instrument of the reunification of the human race with God and with one another, after the divisions of sin. We have been made 'one Body', with 'one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all'. (Eph 4:4-6)

And at the heart of Christian faith is *Incarnation*: God made *visible* in the flesh. (cf. Jn 1:14) So by God's plan and promise, this unity of his People as One Body is also something visible - as indeed is the very nature of a 'body'. Today's feast celebrates that Christ established St

Peter as the *visible centre* of unity, the 'Rock' on whom he built his Church (Mt 16:18) and through whose Successors as Bishops of Rome, the Popes, all can be fully united in the 'one faith' until the Lord returns in glory.

In himself Peter is a weak and sinful man, but Christ shares his own strength with Peter: he is the deeper Rock on whom Peter himself depends. (cf. 1 Cor 10:4) And before he ascends, Christ gives Peter the role of feeding and tending the flock, (Jn 21:15-19) the specific task of the shepherd: Peter will be the visible presence of Christ the Good Shepherd, gathering his one flock. (cf. Jn 10:16)

Christ's disciples therefore follow his will and plan by entering and remaining in this visible Catholic unity of faith, governance and communion with the Successor of Peter, Rock and Shepherd. So on this Feast, we pray that this unity, which 'subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose... will continue to increase until the end of time' (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis Redintegratio* 4) as humanity is increasingly gathered into her one fold.

## **SAINT OF THE WEEK 10 November: St Leo the Great**

**Pope St Leo I** (c. 400-461) is one of three popes traditionally known as 'the Great', along with St Gregory I (d. 604) and St Nicholas I (d. 867). According to the *Liber Pontificalis*, Leo was born in Tuscany. A deacon in Rome under Popes St Celestine I and St Sixtus III, he was sent on a diplomatic mission to Gaul by Emperor Valentinian III. Elected pope in 440, Leo fought for the unity of the Church, combating false Manichaean and Priscillianist teachings. Leo's many sermons and letters are also important especially for their championing of papal primacy.

His major doctrinal battle was against the Monophysite heresy. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ecumenical Council of Ephesus in 431 had affirmed against the Nestorian heresy that God the Son and Jesus are the *one same person* (not two distinct persons) – and affirming that Mary is therefore rightly called the Mother of God, not merely 'mother of Jesus'. But Monophysitism then went towards the other extreme, so emphasising Christ's unity as to say he had only one *nature*, and that 'the human nature had ceased to exist as such in Christ when the divine person of God's Son assumed it'. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 467) (This would mean that Christ does not truly share human nature with us.)

In 449, another council met at Ephesus, and actually made rulings in support of this heresy, acting with violence against opponents and refusing to read Pope Leo's letter.

But Leo denounced the council as a 'robber council', and a further Council was called in 451 at Chalcedon in Asia Minor, largest of the ancient Councils. When Pope Leo's letter explaining the true doctrine was read out, the Bishops exclaimed, 'Peter has spoken through Leo'. Chalcedon went on to proclaim the classic Christological dogma: 'One and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly man, composed of rational soul and body.' (*The Church in Egypt did not accept the Council, giving rise to the separated Oriental Orthodox Churches, though today these Churches – in Egypt (Coptic Orthodox), Ethiopia, Armenia, Syria and Eritrea – also reject Monophysitism.*)

Meanwhile, the Roman Empire was declining to its collapse in the west, which would culminate in the deposition of the last emperor in 476. In 452 Leo was sent on a mission by the Roman Emperor to persuade Attila the Hun not to attack Rome; and following his meeting with Pope Leo at Lake Garda in northern Italy, the pagan Attila and his forces withdrew. Then in 455 in the sack of Rome by the Vandals under King Genseric, Pope Leo obtained that they only plunder the city, avoiding slaughter and arson. (The sack of Rome by the Vandal people is the ultimate origin of the word 'vandalism'.)

St Leo died on 10 November 461. In 1754, Pope Benedict XIV named him a Doctor of the Church.



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## HYMNS: Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

### Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

### Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

**Mass Setting:** St Anne Mass

**Entrance:** 402 Jesus, our Lord, Sovereign Saviour of All Things

**Offertory:** *Coelestis urbs Jerusalem* - M. Dupre

**Communion:** 507 Humbly, We Adore Thee

**Recessional:** 465 Christ is Our Cornerstone

### Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

**Mass Setting:** St Anne Mass

**Entrance:** 402 Jesus, our Lord, Sovereign Saviour of All things

**Offertory:** Motet: *Domine Deus in simplicitate* - C. Franck

**Communion:** Motet: *Locus iste* - A. Bruckner  
507 Humbly, We Adore Thee

**Recessional:** 465 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

**Postlude:** *Toccata from Suite Gothique* - L. Boellmann

## Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

**Entrance:** 632 By Every Nation, Race and Tongue

**Offertory:** 643 Christ is the World's Light

**Communion:** 648 Christians, Let Us Love One Another

**Recessional:** 620 An Upper Room

## Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

**Entrance:** By Every Nation, Race and Tongue

**Offertory:** Christ is The World's Light

**Communion:** Christians, Let Us Love One Another

**Recessional:** An Upper Room



**Responsorial Psalm:** The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. 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 9th November*



Open to young adults 18 & over. Faith discussions, Rosary & Supper,  
**6:00-8:30pm**, following 5:00pm Mass at St Patrick's Mentone, in the **Parish Centre**,  
behind the church, entrance 3 Mitchell St Mentone. Enquiries: [stpatrickycg@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickycg@gmail.com)

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**&**

**MOTETS**

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Mentone

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This year is the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Palestrina, pre-eminent Catholic composer of sacred polyphonic music. **All are warmly invited to hear his Sacred Madrigals & Motets at St Patrick's Mentone, 3pm THIS SATURDAY 15th November.** These will be sung by visiting choir, Chorus Ecclesiae (who sang at Black Rock on Good Friday in 2024-25). Please scan the QR for *free* entry. Bookings essential. Although it is our policy to keep entry to our churches free, and Chorus Ecclesiae is not-for-profit, nonetheless, the singers are recompensed. So to make this possible, we rely on generous donations from those who are able, commensurate with what you might normally pay for such a concert.

## **2025 St Vincent De Paul Soup Van - Christmas Hampers - Nazareth: Special Collection today**

We are underway once again to prepare 400 Christmas Hampers for the St Vincent de Paul Soup Van and our local people in need. Hampers will be packed on Saturday 13 December in the Narthex at Stella Maris.

**Michele McNamara will speak at St Joseph's and Stella Maris today, and a special collection will be taken up.**

Donations can also be made directly to the Christmas Hampers account, **BSB: 083 347 Account number: 24967 2590.**

This is our 21st year preparing the hampers and we thank you for your support again this year.