

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 MOST HOLY TRINITY - 31st 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)

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*

OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

1. Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together. Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible...

Last Monday, 25th May, Pope Leo XIV promulgated the first Encyclical Letter of his pontificate, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 'Magnificent Humanity' - charting a path for preserving human dignity and values, as accelerating developments in artificial intelligence (AI) are beginning to bring revolutionary changes to society.

The Encyclical has been greeted, inside and outside the Church, with a broadly and strongly positive reception, including from secular media. Most people have not yet formed firm ideas regarding AI, and many who are surveying these developments with concern are looking for guidance. And realistically, there is no world figure so well-placed as the Pope to provide that, and to lay down deep and broad foundations for the conversations and actions that should take place. The Holy See has been engaging with developers of these technologies; a co-founder of the major AI firm Anthropic spoke alongside Pope Leo and others at the presentation of the Encyclical.

At the start of his pontificate, Leo XIV explained that he had chosen the name Leo XIV, 'mainly because Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891) addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour.' (*Address to the Cardinals*, 10 May 2025) Although only made public on 25th May, *Magnifica Humanitas* was officially signed on 15th May - the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*.

It is often useful to see who is quoted in an Encyclical. In *Magnifica Humanitas* we naturally find a concentration on recent popes, back to Leo XIII - especially Pope Francis, who had already engaged with the issue of AI, and St John Paul II; Vatican II; St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas; the United Nations Charter; and (from broader culture) Plato, Cardinal Bérulle, Viktor Frankl, Romano Guardini, Hannah Arendt, J.R.R. Tolkien and Giorgio La Pira.

On the uniqueness of the human spiritual soul - which systems based purely on matter, such as AI, can never replicate - *Magnifica Humanitas* mainly refers back to the 2025 document of the Holy See, *Antiqua et Nova*, 'Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence'. The Catholic philosophical and theological tradition - especially in St Thomas Aquinas, and reaching back also to the ancient Greek philosophers Plato and Aristotle - provides detailed logical proof of this teaching. AI can never be genuine intelligence, with self-awareness and free will: it always remains a simulation.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 1st June	St Justin 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 2nd June	Sts Marcellinus & Peter 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>) Funeral: Umberto Calleri 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Thu 4th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 5th June	St Boniface 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 6th 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*).

Deaths: Moira Marsh, Anton Nelson, Ian Paton,
Umberto Calleri, Neale Daniher, Flora Ballarin

Anniversaries: Geoff Rotherham, Caterina Carri,
Geoffrey Clifton, Christine Lindstrom, Jill Dix

We pray for those who are sick: Mavis De Silva,
Alfred Busuttil, 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

Morning Tea at Stella Maris next Sunday, 7th June,
in the Narthex following 10:30am Mass. All welcome!

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:

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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 6/7 JUNE 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	B Atherton
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	B McCann
	Pilgrim Statue	G Costanzo

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	G Blackman
	Extraordinary Minister	H Graham

Readings next week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A

Deuteronomy: 8: 2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians: 10: 16-17
John: 6: 51-58

PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Our Parish Young People's Choir
rehearses 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 Sunday 5:00 pm Mass.
Dates this term: May 31 and June 28.



New members from Year 3 & above are invited to join.

St Patrick's Choir is seeking more males to become singers in our group.

We need tenors and basses to join us, so if you are an
experienced singer or if you think you might like to
give choir singing a go, contact the music director for
more information: Alan.cook@cam.org.au

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GARDENS WORKING BEE

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.

Pope Leo is far from rejecting AI. He writes: ‘Technology should not be considered, in itself, as a force antagonistic to humanity. On the contrary, it has formed part of our history since the beginning as “a profoundly human reality, linked to the autonomy and freedom of man.” (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (2009) 69) Over the centuries, technological development has significantly

improved the living conditions of humanity. At the same time, each phase of progress has also revealed the ambiguity of tools that can cause harm when not oriented toward the good.’ (*Magnifica Humanitas* 4)

The Pope therefore urges humanity to collaboratively guide and regulate developments, not leaving all the power in the hands of a very few. The ‘Table of Contents’ below gives us an overview of the issues he raises.

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<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

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HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm

Mass Setting: *Mass of St Anne* - J. MacMillan
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Offertory: *Gott es Himmels und der Erden* - M. Reger
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Mass Setting: *Mass of St Anne* - J. MacMillan
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Entrance: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Offertory: O God of Light
Communion: This Day God Gives Me
Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever! *[repeated after each line of the Psalm]*
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Readings this week: **Holy Trinity Year A**

Exodus: 34: 4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians: 13: 11-13
John: 3: 16-18

First Holy Communion



Please pray for the children from our parish primary schools receiving First Holy Communion at this time - at St Patrick's this Tuesday 2 June and next Tuesday 9 June; at St John Vianney's at 9:00 am Mass on Sunday 14 June; and at Stella Maris on Thursday 18 June.

As always, a plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, for the First Communicants and for those devoutly taking part in the celebration.

Annual Corpus Christi Procession — next Sunday 7 June

Next Sunday 7th June, 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 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

Free Apologetics Books now available in porches at all churches

Considerable interest was shown in the homilies of Fr Ford and Fr Nguyen three weeks ago on Apologetics (the rational defence of our faith - very helpful for building up our own faith, and sharing faith with others).

Today we are able to provide free copies of two highly-commended apologetics books aimed at the general reader: *Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope and Love* by Trent Horn; and *100 Tough Questions for Catholics* by David Bonagura. (Only a small number of the latter are currently available; more are coming.) These have been provided for free by a generous donor. However, it is requested that you make a commensurate donation to the Church Account in the coming time, if you can afford it.

Catholics often lament the lack of faith commitment of loved ones. This is your chance to do something about it, with prayer, effort and a little bit of courage. Offer them a copy! Worst outcome: they say no; brief social discomfort. Best outcome: they are won over to the faith. Take some risks!

We asked AI: What is the best medium-length book of Catholic apologetics to give a general enquirer?

AI: For a general enquirer, the best medium-length book is *Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love* by Trent Horn. At around 250 pages, it is highly accessible, avoids overly academic jargon, and covers the core questions of God, Jesus, and the Church logically and winsomely.

UNDER THE MANTLE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Thursday 11 June 2026 St Patrick's Church Mentone

We invite you to pray for the unborn in the womb

4pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:15pm The Flame of Love Rosary

4:55pm Rosary of the 7 Sorrows of Our Lady

5:30pm The Scriptural Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

5:55pm The Angelus

