

# ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

# STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

**1st SUNDAY of LENT - 22nd February 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*)

As we begin the journey of Lent, our First Reading takes us back to the original disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in whom God had for the first time infused the spiritual soul, which makes us truly human.

The author of *Genesis* did not intend to give a fully literal account with precise historical detail – the writing is in a different genre. But the Church affirms that the account describes, albeit in a figurative way, a real event of rebellion against God at the very start of the human race.

The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2005) gives a concise overview of Catholic teaching concerning the mysterious realities of the fall of our first parents and of the 'original sin' transmitted as a result to the whole human race. We look at some of its teachings:

### **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 (*Gen 3:5*).

Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice. (75)

### **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. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam 'not by imitation, but by propagation'. This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand. (76)

### **What other consequences derive from original sin?**

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called concupiscence. (77)

### **After the first sin, what did God do?**

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the 'Proto-evangelium' [*Greek for 'First Gospel' – the first announcement of the Good News*] (*Gen 3:15*) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a 'happy fault' because it 'gained for us so great a Redeemer' (*Liturgy of the Easter Vigil*). (78)

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 23 Feb</b>	11:00am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Tue 24 Feb</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 25 Feb</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Thu 26 Feb</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> ) 9:15am ( <i>Beaumaris</i> ) ( <i>Class Mass</i> ) <b>11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)</b> <b>Funeral Mass - Rex Godfrey</b>
<b>Fri 27 Feb</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Sat 28 Feb</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 4:30 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:

Rex Godfrey, Margaret Tighe, Gabriel Solopitias

## Anniversaries:

David Beck, Estelle Short, David Ford

## We pray for those who are sick:

Fr James Grant, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Max Byers,  
Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Mirella Townsend, Nick Bond,  
Michael Papworth, Ching Price, Alan Laver,  
Florence Dunn, Peter & Kaye McCall



**Children's Choir rehearsals**  
**continue every Wednesday**  
**after school 3:30pm, in the**  
**Parish Music Room, 3 Mitchell St.**

**The choir will sing at 5pm Mass,**  
**today, Sunday 22nd February.**

## BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	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](http://www.sspjv.org)*

## ROSTERS 28 Feb/1 March

### St Patrick's - Mentone

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	J Dillon
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	T Dillon
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Phillips
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	S Tobin
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	J Renden
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	C Giosis

### St Joseph's - Black Rock

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	W Maher
	<b>Commentator</b>	A Traeger
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	M Shannon

### St John Vianney's - Parkdale

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	R Tregonning
	<b>Commentator</b>	B Atherton
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Extraordinary Minister to the Sick</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	B McCann

### Stella Maris - Beaumaris

<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	E Wolfenden
	<b>Commentator</b>	L Beech
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	F Winkelmann

## Readings next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

Genesis:	12: 1-4
2 Timothy:	1: 8-10
Matthew:	17: 1-9



## **First Sunday of Lent** 21-22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 will share four stories from around the world in these coming weeks. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE**   
**AGAINST**  
**POVERTY**  
this Lent

### **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

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Thank you for standing with us,  
as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**From Church teaching – The account of the creation and fall of humanity: between literalism and myth**

‘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)

***Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992)**

‘Since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of salvation...

‘To search out the intention of the sacred writers, attention should be given, among other things, to “literary forms”. For truth is set forth and expressed differently in texts which are variously historical, prophetic, poetic, or of other forms of discourse.’ (11-12)

**Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation  
*Dei Verbum* (1965)**

‘The first eleven chapters of *Genesis* [these cover everything before Abraham – i.e. Adam and Eve; Cain and Abel; the ancient patriarchs; Noah and the flood; the Tower of Babel], although properly speaking not conforming to the historical method used by the best Greek and Latin writers or by competent authors of our time, do nevertheless pertain to history in a true sense, which however must be further

studied and determined by exegetes [*biblical scholars*]; the same chapters...in simple and metaphorical language adapted to the mentality of a people but little cultured, both state the principal truths which are fundamental for our salvation, and also give a popular description of the origin of the human race and the chosen people.’ (38)

**Pope Pius XII, Encyclical Letter *Humani Generis* (1950)**

‘The Teaching Authority of the Church does not forbid that...research and discussions...take place with regard to the doctrine of evolution, in as far as it inquires into the origin of the human *body* as coming from pre-existent and living matter – for the Catholic faith obliges us to hold that *souls* are immediately created by God.’ (36)

‘The documents of the Teaching Authority of the Church propose with regard to original sin, [that it] proceeds from a sin actually committed by an individual Adam and which, through generation, is passed on to all and is in everyone as his own.’ (37)

**Pope Pius XII, Encyclical Letter *Humani Generis* (1950)**

‘Pius XII has already affirmed that there is no conflict between evolution and the doctrine of the faith regarding man and his vocation, provided that we do not lose sight of certain fixed points...It is by virtue of his eternal soul that the whole person, including his body, possesses such great dignity. Pius XII underlined the essential point: if the origin of the human body comes through living matter which existed previously, the spiritual soul is created directly by God.’

**Pope St John Paul II (1996)**

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2028 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS CLOSE THIS AUGUST



**World Day of Prayer 2026**

will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, commencing 10:30 am.

This year we are hosted by St David's Parkdale Uniting Church, 128 Parkers Rd, Parkdale. Prayer will be followed by morning tea.

The chosen theme is “I will give you rest; come”; and the focus for 2026 is Nigeria, the service having been prepared by women of Nigeria.

Meet fellow parishioners and members of the other Christian churches in our area. All Welcome.



**Baptisms:**

For bookings and enquiries please phone the Parish office 9583 2103 or email [mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au](mailto:mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au)



***Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's and Stella Maris***

**Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm**

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## HYMNS:

### Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

#### Parkdale 9am Sunday      Mentone 5pm Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin

**Entrance:** 295 May This Lenten Discipline

**Offertory:** 288 Forty Days and Forty Nights

**Communion:** 289 From Ashes to the Living Font (v.3 Sunday I)

**Recessional:** 301 The Glory of These Forty Days

### Mentone 11am Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Plainsong Mass

**Introit:**      **Antiphon:** *Invocavit - When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honour him; with length of days I will satisfy him.*

**Entrance:** 295 May This Lenten Discipline

**Offertory:** Motet: *Miserere Dei Meus* - Lotti

**Communion:** Motet: *Scapulis suis* - O. de Lasso  
289 From Ashes to the Living Font (v.3 Sunday I)

**Recessional:** 301 The Glory of These Forty Days

### Black Rock 8am Sunday

**Entrance:** 613 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**Offertory:** 746 May This Lenten Discipline

**Communion:** 634 By Your Priestly Power

**Recessional:** 833 The Lord's My Shepherd

### Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

**Entrance:** Shelter Me, O God

**Offertory:** Hear, O Lord

**Communion:** Shepherd Me, O God

**Recessional:** On Eagles Wings

### Today's readings: 1st Lent Yr A

Genesis: 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Romans: 5: 12-19

Matthew: 4: 1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## Parish Census

Our parish is currently undertaking a Parish Census to help us better understand our parish community and support its ongoing life and mission.

By completing the census card available at Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also assist the parish to plan effectively for ministries, important events, and future parish initiatives.

Census cards and pencils are available at the end of pews, or in the church foyers. Only one card per household needs to be filled in.

If you took your census card home last week to fill out, please return it in either the First or Second Collection.

If you are only collecting your census card today, you can either fill the card out at Mass, and place it in either of the Collections; or you can take it home with you to fill out, and return it in next week's Collection.

Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you for your participation.

## St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering recommences Sunday 8th March

Meeting after the 5pm Mass (6:00-8:30pm)  
in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell St,  
Mentone. Enter via the gate next to church.

Open to young adults 18 & over.

Rosary, faith discussions and supper.

[stpatrickycg@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickycg@gmail.com)



## THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP THANKS YOU

For helping us raise \$687.40!

If you enjoyed our pancakes (or maybe missed out) and want to try some at home? We're selling the rest of our homemade eggless (just add water) pancake mix for **\$3.00 per bag** (~500g) (\$0.58/100g - better than our competitors!).

We have left an honesty box in the front foyer at St Patrick's along with some pre-packaged labelled bags.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**