

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 5th April 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: 6pm (Mentone) *EXCEPT TODAY, 8:00PM*

Sunday: 8:00am (Black Rock)

Sunday: 9:00am (Parkdale)

Sunday: 10:30am (Beaumaris)

Sunday: 11:00am (Mentone)

Sunday: 5pm (Mentone) *NO 5PM MASS TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY*

THE ANGEL SPOKE; AND HE SAID TO THE WOMEN,

"THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO BE AFRAID.

I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN, AS HE SAID HE WOULD."

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW, 28:1,5-6

Wishing you and your families every joy of the Risen Lord this Easter.

Thanks to all who have assisted with our celebrations.

Sunday, 5th April AD 33 - the First Easter?

This year, with Easter on 5 April, we happen to be celebrating on what is quite likely the very date of the Resurrection. We do not know the exact date or year of Jesus' death with certainty. However, the Gospels make clear that he died on a Friday which was either 14 Nisan or 15 Nisan (Passover) on the Jewish calendar.

In the time that Pontius Pilate was Governor of Judaea (AD 26-36), there are only two plausible dates for this: 7 April AD 30 or 3 April AD 33.

But only the latter date of AD 33 allows for the three Passovers minimum indicated by John's Gospel as occurring in Jesus' ministry, following 'the fifteenth year of [Roman Emperor] Tiberius Caesar' (late AD 28 - 29) (Lk 3:1), when according to Luke's gospel, John the Baptist began his ministry.

(This receives some further corroboration by an astronomical event occurring on Friday 3 April AD 33. That day, astronomical science tells us, there was a partial eclipse of the moon, visible as a 'blood moon' further east in the world, still in its final stages when the moon rose in Jerusalem at 6:20 pm. St Peter possibly refers to this at Pentecost (Acts 2:20) when he quotes the prophet Joel that the moon would turn to blood 'before the day of the Lord comes'.)

So the Resurrection of Jesus - being, as all the Gospels affirm, on the Sunday, 'the first day of the week', following his death on the Friday - was most likely **5 April AD 33**: exactly 1993 years ago, as we gather together today.

In seven years, in 2033, the Church will celebrate the Jubilee of the 2000th anniversary of our Redemption.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 6th April	Monday within the Octave of Easter 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 7th April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 8th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 9th April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 10th April	Friday within the Octave of Easter 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 11th April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter 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*).

Recently Deceased:

Fr Grant O'Neill, Florence Dunn, Felice Errante-Parrino,
Michael Granger

Anniversaries:

Isabella Dillon, Susanne Morton, George Cracknell,
Pat Phillips, Maurice O'Reilly, Nada Perkovic,
Nick Ambrosi

We pray for those who are sick:

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

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference
invites you to join with them for Morning Tea
at **St John Vianney's Parkdale**,
following 9:00am Mass next **Sunday, 12th April**.

Morning Tea in the Narthex at Stella Maris Beaumaris,
following **10:30am Mass next Sunday 12th April**.

Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone,
next **Sunday 12th April** in the **Parish Centre**
following 11am Mass. Please come along,
and make yourself known to fellow Parishioners!

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

ROSTERS 11/12 April

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	M Ly
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	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	C Beck
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	J Dunstan

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

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

Readings next week: **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts: 2: 42-47

Peter: 1: 3-9

John: 20: 19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12th April 2026



St Patrick's Mentone

2:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions available.
3:00pm	Chaplet of Mercy & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
4:30pm	Benediction
5:00pm	Parish Mass

Stella Maris Beaumaris

2:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions available.
2:50pm	Benediction Chaplet of Mercy
3:00pm	Mass



2026 EASTER MESSAGE

Easter offers a way forward

Friends, Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage. To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you. To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter. And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering

next Sunday 12th April

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.

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St Joseph's & Stella Maris: looking for new Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We need new Readers and Ministers to join our Sunday rosters at Black Rock and Beaumaris. Training provided. Please contact the Parish Office at Stella Maris or Mentone if you are interested in contributing to our liturgy in either of these ministries.

Also, all St Joseph's / Stella Maris Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, old or new, are asked to attend a **'Refresher' session at Stella Maris next Sunday 12 April, at 11:45am, following 10:30am Mass and morning tea.**

ST PATRICK'S MENTONE - PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE

Volunteers are invited to join a team of other parishioners gardening at **St Patrick's Church, Presbytery & Parish Centre** on a regular monthly basis.

Day:- **2nd Saturday of each month.**

Time:- **10:00am to 12:00 noon.**

The next gardening busy bee will be on **this Saturday, 11th April.**

All volunteers are warmly invited to lend a hand and share the fellowship. Although the primary focus will be weeding and mowing, other jobs will include hedges, gutters and other maintenance work as needed.

Just turn up at the Parish Centre with your hat and gardening gloves. Even an hour would be great. We will be happy to see you.

Any queries, please contact Jeremy or Richard via the Parish Office, 9583 2103.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 5th April 2026

HYMNS: Parkdale 9am Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass of St Anne
Entrance: 352 By Your Kingly Power
Sprinkling of water: 29 I Saw Water (antiphon only)
Sequence: 344 *Christians, Praise the paschal victim!*
Offertory: *Christ lag in Todesbanden* BWV 625 - J. S. Bach
Communion: 363 Now the Green Blade Rises
Recessional: 360 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass of St Anne
Prelude: *Introit - Dominica Resurrectionis* Op. 56 - C. Tournemire
Introit: Antiphon: *Resurrexi et adhuc tecum sum* (Cantor)
Entrance: 352 By Your Kingly Power
Sprinkling of Water: *Vidi aquam* - T. L. de Victoria
Sequence: *Victimae paschal laudes* - arr. J. Revert (Notre Dame)
Offertory: Antiphon: *Terra tremuit* - plainsong (choir)
Organ: *Offertoire—Domenica Resurrectionis* Op.56
Communion: Motet: *Pascha Nostrum* - W. Byrd
363 Now the Green Blade Rises
Recessional: 360 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Postlude: *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn* BWV 630 - J. S. Bach

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 646 Christ the Lord is Risen Again
Offertory: 633 By Your Kingly Power
Communion: 639 Christ Is Alive
Recessional: 647 Christ The Lord is Risen Today

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Sing A New Song
Offertory: In Christ Alone
Communion: Christ the Lord is Risen Again
Recessional: Christ The Lord is Risen Today



Readings this week: Easter Sunday Yr A

Acts: 10:34, 37-43
Colossians: 3: 1-4
John: 20: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

At our Sunday morning celebrations, following the Second Reading please remain seated for the Sequence.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

We congratulate and wish every blessing to Lydia Denker, being received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, and receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

We welcome her to the family of the Church, and keep her in our prayers.

Prayer for the Synod — Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod. If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

Indulgences for Easter

Plenary indulgences are available, applicable to oneself or the souls in purgatory (under the usual conditions within 20 days either side, of Confession, Communion & prayers for the Pope's intentions, as well as freedom from all attachment to sin) – to those who:

(a) at the **Easter Vigil**: renew their baptismal vows; *or* receive First Communion (as will take place at Mentone on this occasion) *or* devoutly participate in that;

or (b) devoutly receive the **Pope's blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'**, even by (live) TV/internet (noon Rome time **Easter Sunday** - 8pm Melbourne time - accessible on the Vatican website, vatican.va).

Daylight saving ends tonight, Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th April.
Turn clocks back one hour.

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