

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

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16th August 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)



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We pray for the children from St John Vianney's Primary School to be confirmed today, Sunday 16th August, 1:00 pm, at St John Vianney's; and the children from St Patrick's Primary School and the Parish Sacramental Group to be confirmed on Tuesday 18th August, 5:00 pm, at St Patrick's.

We welcome to our Partnered Parishes for the first time Fr Andrzej Madry, Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Region, who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on both these occasions. Fr Madry is also Parish Priest of Wheelers Hill. He will celebrate Confirmations for the Southern Region until a new Auxiliary Bishop is appointed by the Holy Father.

St Patrick & the Holy Angels 2026 Organ Series

Music Inspired by Gregorian Chant

3.30PM SUNDAYS

21ST JUNE:

REUBEN JOHNSON (NEWMAN COLLEGE)

19TH JULY:

RHYS ARVIDSON (ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL)

16TH AUGUST:

DION HENMAN (ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL)

20TH SEPTEMBER:

DR ALAN COOK (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ST PATRICK'S MENTONE)

FREE ENTRY

(DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED) - NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

For our organ recital **TODAY, SUNDAY 16th AUGUST**, at Mentone, St Patrick's Cathedral Organist **DION HENMAN** is treating us with a schola of singers who will sing Gregorian chant between his organ pieces. A wonderful experience of music and faith, **free entry!**

'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

Those words of Jesus to the Canaanite woman in our gospel might puzzle us. We are so familiar with how God's love is for everyone that it can be hard to make sense of the idea of a 'chosen people'. Why would Jesus be sent only to one nationality and not to others? God does not have favourites, so how could he have a 'chosen people'? Surely, everyone is equal before God?

That is true, yet the scriptural message has more to it. God does not have favourites (cf. Acts 10:34-35) and he does call all people to be part of his family, but that does not mean that everyone has the same role in his plan. We are not mass-produced: we each have our own unique calling.

For example, in the Old Testament the Jews were very definitely given the role of the Chosen People, the people from whom the Messiah would be born. Jesus does not reject that idea of the Chosen People, and neither does the New Testament. We don't say, 'No, the Jews were wrong, there never was a Chosen People, the Old Testament was just a big mistake.'

In our second reading, St Paul says about [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 17th Aug	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>) Funeral: Elaine Hoare 1:00pm (<i>Mentone</i>) (Rosary 12:30pm)
Tue 18th Aug	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) Funeral: Peter Caleo 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>) 5:00pm Confirmation Mass (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 19th Aug	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>) Funeral: Shane Marshall 12 noon (<i>Mentone</i>)
Thu 20th Aug	Memorial: St Bernard 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 21st Aug	Memorial: St Pius X 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 22nd Aug	Memorial: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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:

Elaine Hoare, Ray Barden, Christopher De Silva

Anniversaries:

Veronica Harris, Fred Steinfort, Elizabeth Anne Docker,
Georgette Zimmaro

We pray for those who are sick:

Vern Morgan, 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, Dean Bevis

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 22/23 AUGUST 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	J Mount
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Phillips
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader/ Commentator	A Trajer
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	K Lowe
	Commentator	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	K Lowe
	Pilgrim Statue	D & B Atherton

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	M Link
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 21st Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah:	22: 19-23
Romans:	11: 33-36
Matthew:	16: 13-20

Under the Mantle Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*For the protection of
babies in the womb*

**WE INVITE EVERYONE
TO COME PRAY
THE HOLY ROSARY
Thursday 20 August**

4pm to 6pm

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
MENTONE**



ST PATRICK'S MENTONE

YOUTH GROUP

NEXT MEETING, SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 6:00-7:30 PM

Parents are required to pickup and drop off their child.

A registration form is also required for each child.

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[continued from p. 1] the Jewish people that God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. (Rom 11:29) But Paul also says how God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to show mercy to all. (Rom 11:32)

By Christ's death, Jews and Gentiles are reunited as one. (cf. Eph 2:13-16; Col 1:20) Paul tells how the Gentiles are like wild olive shoots, grafted onto the olive tree of the Chosen People. (Rom 11:17) That is not a gift we deserve – anymore than the Jews deserved to be God's Chosen People in the first place – but we receive it through Christ.

So on the one hand, it is not unreasonable that Jesus, during his public life, was given by his Father the specific mission to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. After all, it was to the Jews that the Messiah had been promised. But we know that God's plan all along was, in the end, to call *all nations* to become part of his Chosen People.

That was why God chose Abraham in the first place. He tells Abraham, 'In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' (Gen 12:3) God does give specific gifts to specific people that he does not give to others – not so they can keep those gifts for themselves, but so they can share them freely.

The reuniting of all people in one family was central to Jesus' ultimate mission, even if for a time he had this specific mission to the people of Israel. The prophets had already foretold the 'Messianic time' when people of all nations would be accepted into God's family.

Thus Isaiah in our first reading tells how the Lord would bring to his holy mountain foreigners who observe the sabbath and cling to his covenant, and his house 'will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples'. (Isa 56:7)

God's plan to invite all people into his family appears again in our gospel. Jesus, responding to the request and faith of the Canaanite woman, heals her daughter, an act going beyond his special mission to Israel. (Mt 15:21-28) That was a sign of the eventual call to all nations to enter God's Chosen People.

That call, made possible through Christ's death, is explicitly proclaimed in the final commission to the Apostles before the Ascension: 'Make disciples of all the nations.' (Mt 28:19) And that free gift we have received to enter God's Chosen People, we in turn are called not to keep for ourselves, but to share it with others.

From Church teaching:

The Church and the Jewish people

839 ... When she delves into her own mystery, the Church, the People of God in the New Covenant, discovers her link with the Jewish People, "the first to hear the Word of God." The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to God's revelation in the Old Covenant. To the Jews "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ", (Rom 9:4-5) "for the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Rom 11:29)

840 And when one considers the future, God's People of the Old Covenant and the new People of God tend towards similar goals: expectation of the coming (or the return) of the Messiah. But one awaits the return of the Messiah who died and rose from the dead and is recognized as Lord and Son of God; the other awaits the coming of a Messiah, whose features remain hidden till the end of time; and the latter waiting is accompanied by the drama of not knowing or of misunderstanding Christ Jesus.

597 The historical complexity of Jesus' trial is apparent in the Gospel accounts. The personal sin of the participants

(Judas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate) is known to God alone. Hence we cannot lay responsibility for the trial on the Jews in Jerusalem as a whole... Jesus himself, in forgiving them on the cross, and Peter in following suit, both accept "the ignorance" of the Jews of Jerusalem and even of their leaders. Still less can we extend responsibility to other Jews of different times and places... As the Church declared at the Second Vatican Council:

... Neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during his Passion... The Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accursed as if this followed from holy Scripture. (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions *Nostra Aetate* (1965))

674 The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel"... "For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" (Rom 11:15) The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles", (Rom 11:12, 25) will enable the People of God to achieve "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ", in which "God may be all in all". (Eph 4:13; 1 Cor 15:28)

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Entrance: 519 In Christ There Is No East Or West

Offertory: *organ solo*

Communion: 624 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Recessional: 129 Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Entrance: 519 In Christ There Is No East Or West

Offertory: Antiphon: *Immitet angelus Domini* - chant

Communion: Motet: *Ego sum panis vivus* - Surzynski
624 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Recessional: 129 Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 611 All The Earth Proclaim The Lord

Offertory: 645 Christ Our Lord Has Come To Save

Communion: 722 In Faith And Hope And Love

Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Baumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

Offertory: Seek Ye First

Communion: Feed Us, Lord

Recessional: Go Now, You Are Set Forth

Readings this week: 20th Sunday OT - Yr A

Isaiah: 56: 1, 6-7

Romans: 11: 13-15, 29-32

Matthew: 15: 21-28

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



**THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN**
2026



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The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekend of August 22/23.

SAINT OF THE WEEK 20 August: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

There are a number of saints named Bernard, but the best-known is St Bernard of Clairvaux, called the 'Last of the Fathers' of the Church.

Bernard was born in 1090 to a noble family in Fontaine-lès-Dijon in Burgundy, eastern France. In 1112, he entered the new Cistercian order, which had formed as a branch of the Benedictine order. The Cistercians aimed to return to a stricter following of the original Rule written by St Benedict (480-547). In 1098, St Robert of Molesmes established their first abbey at Cîteaux (from which the order would take its name); the order was consolidated under St Robert and his successors St Alberic and St Stephen Harding.

St Bernard would greatly advance the growth of the Cistercians across Europe. The charm of his personality was such that he persuaded his five brothers, father and 25 friends to enter the order with him. After three years he was chosen as abbot of a new monastery at Clairvaux, which became a model of fidelity to the rule; over the years, he established dozens of other monasteries.

The 12th century has been called the 'Age of St Bernard'. From 1115 he became until his death the dominant figure of the religious and political life of Western Europe — rebuking kings, advising popes, castigating the Roman Curia, obtaining the condemnation of Abelard, rallying Christendom behind Innocent II after a disputed papal election.

His hundreds of letters include dozens addressed to popes, kings, queens, cardinals; one is to 'the people of England', another to 'all the Faithful'. When his disciple was elected pope as Eugene III, Bernard wrote to him the classic work *De Consideratione* — on how to be a good pope. In his final years, he was disheartened by the failure of the Second Crusade, which he had strongly supported.

He died on 20 August 1153. Pope Alexander III canonised him in 1174, and in 1830 Pope Pius VIII named him Doctor of the Church. The most influential part of his many writings was his contribution to Mariology (theology about Mary).