

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18th January 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)

'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.' (Jn 1:29) These words of St John the Baptist in our Gospel are the very words (in different English translation) taken up by the priest at every Mass as he holds the Eucharist before the people: **'Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.'** (And the opening words of the 'Lamb of God', which the people pray at every Mass immediately before, have the same source.)

We can note here that the priest's next words in the preparation for Holy Communion - **'Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb'** - are from Revelation 19:9, except that the biblical text says the *marriage* supper of the Lamb. The scripture is referring especially to heaven itself, understood as the wedding feast of Christ and his Bride, the Church (God's People). The Eucharist is a foretaste of the 'wedding feast' of heaven, so the priest's words have a double reference: to Holy Communion about to be received, and to our final union with God in heaven.

And the words of priest and people that follow, **'Lord, I am not worthy...'** come directly from the words of the centurion who has asked Jesus to heal his servant, and trusts that Jesus can do this from a distance - believing he is unworthy that Jesus should enter his house: **'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed.'** (Matt 8:8)

In the Mass we say the same words, except saying 'soul' in place of 'servant'. Here is the true source of self-worth: *in and of ourselves* we are not worthy, but Our Lord *makes us worthy* by his all-powerful word, cleansing and healing us in the very depths of our soul, conforming us to himself.

You are invited

ACYF Thank you Morning Tea



MIDDAY ONWARDS, ST PATRICK'S CENTRE TODAY, SUNDAY JAN 18TH

To thank the Partnered Parishes for their generosity our ACYF pilgrims are hosting a morning tea for all our supporters - all are welcome.

Please come along to hear our pilgrims' experiences at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and to try some tasty baked treats.

Parish Sacramental Program 2026

For Catholic children in our Partnered Parishes attending non-Catholic schools. Appointments can be made to come and register on the following Sundays:

**TODAY 18 January; and 8 February,
10:30am - 12:30pm, Parish Centre,
3 Mitchell St Mentone.**

Lessons are for children (from years 3 to 10) to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2026, and will begin **mid-March 2026**. Please contact the Parish, and staff will contact you to confirm an appointment time: **(P) 9583 2103 or (E) mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au**

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AFTER THE JUBILEE — THE ONGOING AVAILABILITY AND BENEFIT OF INDULGENCES

A plenary indulgence gives a full remission of purgatorial punishment, for those sins the guilt of which has already been forgiven (that forgiveness of guilt typically having taken place in sacramental Confession). A partial indulgence remits only some of this debt of punishment. The remission takes place through the merits of Christ, Mary and the Saints, and is made available by authority of the Church, which received from Christ the power of binding and loosing (*Mt 16:19; 18:18*). It is a spiritual ‘bonus’ from the Church, substituting for what would otherwise need to be long penances on our part.

The power of the Church to grant indulgences was infallibly defined (1563) by the Council of Trent, and is thus something that (like Purgatory itself) no Catholic can deny if he or she is to remain in full communion with the Church. The Church continues to speak of indulgences and make use of them, and after Vatican II, Pope St Paul VI published the Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum Doctrina* (1967) reaffirming their value and modernising their practice. (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nn. 1471-79)

For a plenary indulgence, besides performing the indulged work itself the further ‘usual conditions’ of a plenary indulgence must normally be met:

1. **Holy Communion** (within several days; but suitably on the same day as the indulged work). Separate Communions are required for each plenary indulgence.

2. **Confession, within 20 days before or after**, covering for multiple plenary indulgences in that time period. (*Going to Confession at least every 40 days means that you are always within 20 days of a sacramental Confession.*)

3. **Prayers for the Pope’s intentions** (within several days; but suitably on the same day as the indulged work). 1 *Our Father* and 1 *Hail Mary* suffice, to which a *Glory be* can fittingly be added. Separate ‘prayers for the Pope’s intentions’ must be recited for each plenary indulgence.

— Four notable plenary indulgences are available at any time. These are for:

1. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for at least half an hour.
2. **Devoutly reading Sacred Scripture** (in a Church-approved edition) as spiritual reading, for at least half an hour.
3. Reciting five decades of **the Rosary**, with devout meditation on the mysteries – in a church; in a family; religious community; association of the faithful; or group of faithful gathered for any good purpose.
4. **Making the Stations of the Cross**, moving from one Station to another and devoutly meditating on the Lord’s Passion and Death. (If made publicly and not all can easily move between Stations, it suffices if the leader does.)

— There are two special plenary indulgences for the dying, very useful to know about:

1. A priest giving the Sacraments to someone in danger of death can and should give the ‘Apostolic Blessing’, which carries with it a plenary indulgence at the moment of death.
2. If a priest is unavailable, the faithful who are properly disposed can gain a plenary indulgence at the point of death, as long as they have been in the habit of reciting some prayers during their lifetime.

In these two cases, the usual conditions of Communion, Confession, and prayers for the Pope’s intentions are dispensed with, on this same condition of the person having been in the habit of reciting some prayers during their lifetime.

Also, one must be free from all affection for sin, even venial. This may be harder, but one can simply ask God’s grace, make a sincere Act of Contrition, and leave the rest to God; even if all the conditions are not fulfilled, a partial indulgence can still be gained. (Note also: normally only one plenary indulgence can be gained per day.)

By default, an indulgence gets applied to oneself, but it can instead be offered as a prayer for the souls still being purified in Purgatory. Although you cannot guarantee that an indulgence be applied to a particular soul, naturally you can ask God for this. If you are frequently gaining indulgences, it seems more generous to apply the bulk of these to the souls in Purgatory – not only freeing many souls into Heaven, but surely gaining them as grateful intercessors. Rather than having to think of this each time, you might declare this your habitual intention, then occasionally make exceptions in your own favour. (In the ‘Total Consecration to Mary’, one surrenders all one’s future indulgences to Mary, for her to make best use of.)

It seems best practice to recite prayers for gaining indulgences vocally, not just mentally. (A past Church law indeed stipulated this as a condition.) But it certainly suffices to alternate the prayers with others (as in a group Rosary); or to follow mentally as another recites them.

To gain indulgences, Canon Law states that we must have at least the *general intention* of gaining them. So it is good to form (even now as you read this) the general intention of gaining in future whatever indulgences are available for your actions. (You then gain even indulgences you are not aware of, as long as you happen to fulfil the conditions.)

The conditions for gaining indulgences can seem a bit stringent or even legalistic, but the benefit offered by God is correspondingly great and beyond our deserts. Through our carefully fulfilling the conditions, we are being trained in, and blessed by, the various means of holiness.

– Various other plenary indulgences can be gained at special times over the Liturgical Year, for:

- Devoutly receiving **the Pope's blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'**, even by [live] TV, internet or radio. (This blessing is given at noon (Rome time) at **Christmas and Easter** - which will be in the evening, Melbourne time.)
- On **New Year's Eve**: devoutly assisting at the recitation of the 'Te Deum', in thanksgiving for God's gifts over the previous year.
- On **New Year's Day**: devoutly assisting at the recitation of the 'Veni Creator', asking for God's help through the course of the coming year.
- On **any Friday of Lent**: devoutly reciting after Communion the short prayer beginning 'Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus...' before a crucifix. (*Our parish normally prints this prayer in the weekday Mass sheets during Lent.*)
- On **Holy Thursday night**: devoutly reciting or singing the 'Tantum ergo' ('Down in adoration falling') as the Blessed Sacrament is being reposed. (*This hymn is often sung at that moment anyway.*)
- At the **Good Friday service**: devoutly taking part in the Adoration of the Cross.
- At the **Easter Vigil**, or the **anniversary of one's own Baptism**: renewing one's baptismal vows.
- On **Divine Mercy Sunday** (2nd Sunday of Easter): taking part in prayers held in honour of Divine Mercy in a church or chapel; or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (exposed or reserved in the tabernacle), reciting an *Our Father & Creed* (additional to the required prayers for the Pope's intentions), and adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!') [*Granted 13 June 2002, separate from the 'Enchiridion'.*]
- At **Pentecost**: devoutly assisting at the recitation of the 'Veni Creator'.
- On the **Feast of the Sacred Heart**: publicly reciting the 'Act of Reparation'.
- On **2 August**: visiting a parish church and devoutly reciting an *Our Father & Creed* (additional to the required prayers for the Pope's intentions). (*This is the 'Portiuncula' indulgence, requested by St Francis of Assisi in 1216.*)
- On **All Soul's Day** (applicable only to the souls in Purgatory): devoutly visiting a church and reciting an *Our Father & Creed* (additional to the required prayers for the Pope's intentions).
- On any day from **1 - 8 November** (applicable only to the souls in Purgatory): devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying (even just mentally) for the departed. (*If desired, this can be gained repeatedly on the different days.*)
- On the **Feast of Christ the King**: publicly reciting the 'Act of Dedication to Christ the King'.
- On the feast of a parish church: visiting the parish church and devoutly reciting an *Our Father & Creed* (as well as the prayers for the Pope's intentions). (*Indulgences for church visits can be gained from noon the day before.*)

– Other plenary indulgences can be gained on certain special occasions, for:

- Receiving **First Communion**, or devout participation at another's First Communion.
- Devoutly taking part in a priest's **First Mass**, or in a priest's 25th, 50th, 60th or 70th **jubilee Mass**.
- Devoutly taking part in a **solemn Eucharistic procession**, such as on Corpus Christi.
- Spending three full days in a guided **spiritual retreat**.

These indulgences and more are listed in the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum* (4th ed. 1999, Vatican City), but the above are the more common occasions. (Note the frequency of the word 'devoutly' – gaining an indulgence is not something 'mechanical' but should lead us into deeper relationship with God.)

'Partial' indulgences are available for numerous other prayers and actions (or for when the 'usual conditions' for a plenary indulgence are not completely fulfilled). In a partial indulgence, the Church doubles the remission of purgatorial punishment that would be gained by the prayer or action simply taken in itself.

Beyond those given for specific prayers and actions, there are four 'general grants' of partial indulgences, given for:

1. While carrying out our duties and enduring the hardships of life, **raising our minds in humble trust to God, and making, at least mentally, some 'pious invocation'** [i.e. very short prayer].
2. Led by a spirit of faith, **giving compassionately of ourselves or our goods to serve those in need**.
3. In a spirit of penance, **voluntarily abstaining from something that is licit for and pleasing to us**.
4. In daily life, **voluntarily giving explicit witness to our faith before others**.

'Thanks be to God that, wherever the Christian life is lived fervently, the faithful love indulgences and devoutly use them.' (Pope St John Paul II, Message, 20 March 1998)

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HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin - J. Ostrowski
Entrance: 629 Thus Says The Lord of Hosts
Offertory: Offertoire in A Major op. 39 No. 2 - A. Guilmant
Communion: 564 O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God
Recessional: 621 The Voice of God

Mentone 11am Sun

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Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in C Minor BWV 549 - J.S. Bach

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
 He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 792 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Offertory: 594 The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation
Communion: 725 Jesus My Lord My God My All
Recessional: 755 Now Thank We All Our God
Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday
Entrance: Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Offertory: O God You Search Me
Communion: The Lord Is My Shepherd
Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God



Readings today: 2nd OT Yr A

Isaiah : 49: 3, 5-6
 1 Cor : 1: 1-3
 John : 1: 29-34

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 19 Jan	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 20 Jan	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 21 Jan	Memorial: St Agnes 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 22 Jan	9:15 (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 23 Jan	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 24 Jan	Memorial: St Francis de Sales 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

at St Patrick's Mentone: over the summer holidays
 there is now a break in Friday Exposition.
 Exposition will resume at St Patrick's on 6th February.

Exposition at Stella Maris Beaumaris continues over
 the summer holidays 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:

Rayma Lindley, Kay McNicol, Jojo Punvaree, Lydia Jacob

Anniversaries:

Colleen Paton, Dominic Ford, Maureen Steinfert,
 Alan Dillon

We pray for those who are sick:

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

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 24/25 Jan 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	L Freeman
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	J Short
	Commentator	T Warnock
	Extraordinary Minister	M Lindstrum

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	N Perazzo
	Commentator	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister	G Sullivan
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	S Stewart

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	G Lynch
	Commentator	G Blackman
	Extraordinary Minister	D Lynch

Readings next week: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr A

Isaiah : 8: 23-9: 3
 1 Corinthians : 1: 10-13, 17
 Matthew : 4: 12-23

Baptism Program

Our next Baptism preparation session is on Tuesday
 3rd February 2026. Please contact the Parish Office
 for bookings and registration. Phone: 9583 2103
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