

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

## STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

**5th SUNDAY of LENT - 22nd March 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*)

**'I am the resurrection and the life...  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.'**

Jesus in our Gospel, raising Lazarus from death back to *earthly* life, foreshadows his own Easter resurrection to *glorious unending* life.

Various religions and philosophies have believed in the immortality of the human spiritual soul - as does, of course, Christian faith. But God's revelation in the Old and New Testaments goes beyond this, to proclaim the final resurrection of the human body itself.

God did not create human beings simply as spirits. That is what the angels are by nature: spirits without bodies. But human nature, unlike angelic nature, is a *unity* of body and soul. (As St John Paul II explained, we are *embodied spirits* and our bodies are *spiritualised bodies*. (cf. *Letter to Families* (1994) 19)) This means that the soul separated from the body after death is not a complete human person.

That is why the resurrection of our bodies at the end of time is necessary for full redemption. Prior to that, souls in heaven will indeed already know the fullness of joy in the 'face-to-face' beatific vision of God. But after the resurrection (which will be at the time of Christ's Second Coming in glory and the Last Judgement) heavenly joy will overflow from the soul into the body: those in heaven will have salvation as complete human beings.

When we say in the Creed, 'I look forward to the resurrection of the dead', this bodily resurrection is what is referred to. Belief in the final resurrection is essential to Christian faith, and Christ's own bodily Resurrection is its source and foundation. (cf. *1 Cor 15*)

One sometimes hears people say that the body is merely a 'shell' from which the soul is freed at death. But this is not the Christian attitude. This false 'spiritualisation' of human nature, that is sometimes called 'angelism', leads to many other errors.

The body is not a 'prison' that we must escape from, or even like 'clothing' that we may legitimately treat simply as if a piece of our property. Rather, it is intrinsic to the very identity that God gave us. (This is why reincarnation makes no sense in a Christian understanding: the soul does not flit from one body to another, as though it made no difference to our identity which one it 'occupied'.) Our bodies are thus not mere 'objects' at our free disposal. With our spiritual souls, they constitute our essential personal reality, and so demand deepest respect.

The dignity of the human body is affirmed by the Son of God in his Incarnation, in which he took to himself not only a human soul but a true human body. And after his Resurrection, he possesses this full and unified human nature, body and soul, into the future for ever.

Scripture teaches, and the Church affirms, that human death came into the world because of Adam's sin. (cf. *Gen 3:19; Rom 5:12*) On the one hand, the immortality of the soul is part of human nature as God created it, and this was not lost by sin. But regarding the body, things are more complex. In itself, our human nature is mortal, in that (as with the irrational animals) bodily death is a natural consequence of the animal aspect of our nature. Yet in our first parents, God had given humanity special gifts *beyond* human nature - in particular, the gift of not having to die, even in the body. (cf. Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes* 18) In his plan, we would have passed [continued p. 4]

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 23 March</b>	11:00am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Tue 24 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 25 March</b>	<b>Solemnity:</b> <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> 9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Thu 26 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> ) 9:15am ( <i>Beaumaris</i> ) ( <i>Class Mass</i> )
<b>Fri 27 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Sat 28 March</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*).

### Baptisms:

For bookings and enquiries please phone the Parish Office 9583 2103 or email -

[mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au](mailto:mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au)

For Baptism & other sacraments for older children (7 & over) please email - [baysideatrium@gmail.com](mailto:baysideatrium@gmail.com)

### Recently Deceased:

David Wolfenden, Josephine Fogarty, Pasqua Cicconi, Lexie Gladwell

### Anniversaries:

Bernard Martis, Violeta Parr, Elias and Lucila Sabang, Elias Sabang (jnr), Christita Sabang, Sergio Sabang.

### 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, Florence Dunn, Peter & Kaye McCall, Albert Ricardo

## Chrism Mass, 10am Tuesday 31st March

All are welcome at the annual Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, 10:00am, Tuesday 31st March - a great occasion when people from the whole Archdiocese come together for the Archbishop's blessing of the Holy Oils, to be used in parishes over the course of the year. A great number of priests, including Fr Ford and Fr Nguyen, will concelebrate, and make the annual renewal of Ordination promises.

## ROSTERS 28/29 March

<b>St Patrick's - Mentone</b>		
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	P Mount
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	J Mount
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	R Smith
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	S Mathias
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	N Sedich
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	C Giosis
<b>St Joseph's - Black Rock</b>		
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	F Yu
	<b>Commentator</b>	M Chenhall
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	F Winkelmann
<b>St John Vianney's - Parkdale</b>		
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Commentator</b>	D Atherton
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	B John
	<b>Extraordinary Minister to the Sick</b>	B Fitchet
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	G & R Tregonning
<b>Stella Maris - Beaumaris</b>		
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	A Traeger
	<b>Commentator</b>	W Maher
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	M Shannon
<b>Readings next week: Palm Sunday Year A</b>		
	Isaiah:	50: 4-7
	Philippians:	2: 6-11
	Matthew:	26: 14-27: 66

## 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 **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.

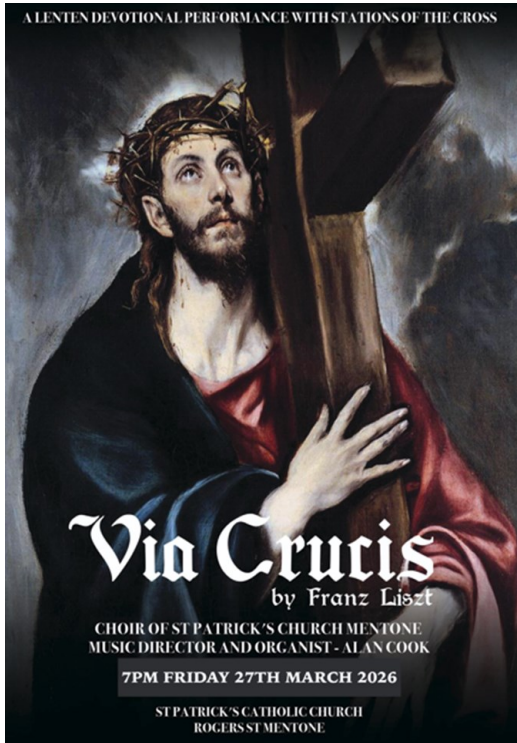
Any queries, please contact Jeremy or Richard via the Parish Office, 9583 2103.

*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)*

**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 on **Sunday 12 April, at 11:45am, following 10:30am Mass and morning tea.**



**Invitation -**



**The Knights of the Southern Cross — Mentone Branch**

A representative will speak at the conclusion of each Mass at **St Patrick's** and **St John Vianney's** today.

Interested men are invited to speak to a member at the church entrance after Mass and to attend our **next meeting** in St Patrick's Parish Centre on **Monday 13th April at 7:00 pm.**

**Invitation to the Easter Vigil**

*Don't miss the 'Easter Vigil in the Holy Night', the pinnacle of the Church's year.*

*The Church declares the Vigil to be 'the greatest and most noble of all solemnities'. (Roman Missal)*

*Set aside the evening of Saturday 4th April (8:00 pm, St Patrick's, Mentone) for our Partnered Parishes celebration of this greatest of feasts, rejoicing in Christ's Resurrection.*

*At Easter Vigils across Melbourne, catechumens and candidates will be received into the Catholic Church with the Sacraments of Initiation.*

*In our own celebration, Lydia Denker will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, and receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion; we keep her in our prayers.*

*This is 'the Main Event' surpassing all others: if at all possible, you really should be there!*

**'Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'**

These words of Jesus to Martha from today's Gospel inspire us, but may nonetheless be a puzzle to the more literal-minded, since of course even believers do still die on this earth, before entering eternal life - so it may seem inaccurate to say that they 'will never die'.

It is always good to remember we are reading *a translation*. The original Greek of the New Testament says (in ultra-literal word-for-word translation), 'Everyone living and believing in me never dies *into the age*.' (And even this is a translation of whatever Jesus would have said in his native Aramaic.)

So the meaning can simply be taken: it never happens that the earthly death of a true believer in Christ is something that will last into the eternal ages. As the older Catholic Douay-Rheims translation puts it: 'Every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die for ever' (Jn 11:26) (This more literal translation is reflected, indeed, in the wording of our Gospel Acclamation.)

**RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE REST OF LENT**

*Please note the extra or changed times, printed in bold.*

**TODAY Sun 22 March 9am St Joseph's, Black Rock**

**TODAY Sun 22 March 10am St John Vianney's, Parkdale**

Wed 25 March	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
Sat 28 March	9:45am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
Sat 28 March	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
Sat 28 March	5:15pm	St Patrick's, Mentone
Wed 1 April	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
<b>Sat 4 April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Stella Maris, Beaumaris</b>
<b>Sat 4 April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St Patrick's, Mentone</b>

**Serra International Invitation:**

**Mass & Dinner Meeting, 25 March 2026**

The Serra Club of Melbourne invites parishioners to its next monthly Mass & Dinner Meeting on this Wednesday, 25 March 2026, at St Catherine's Church, Moorabbin (6.15pm rosary, 6.30pm Mass, followed by dinner meeting) with our concelebrant and guest speaker being Fr Ken Barker, Founder of the Missionaries of God's Love. Please contact the Parish Office on 9583 2103 if you wish to attend or find out more about Serra International.

**HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday****Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm Sunday****Mass Setting:** Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin**Entrance:** 294 Lord Jesus, As We Turn From Sin**Offertory:** 451 As We Gather At Your Table**Communion:** 289 From Ashes To The Living Font (v.3 Sunday V)**Recessional:** 566 O God, Beyond All Praising**Mentone 11am Sunday****Mass Setting:** Plainsong Mass (No Gloria)**Introit:** Antiphon: *Judica me, Deus* (Choir)**Entrance:** 294 Lord Jesus, As We Turn From Sin**Offertory:** Motet: *Confitebor tibi* - O. de Lasso**Communion:** Motet: *Videns Dominus flentes sutores Lazari* - Willaert  
289 From Ashes To The Living Font (v.3 Sunday V)**Recessional:** 566 O God, Beyond All Praising**Black Rock 8am Sunday****Entrance:** 746 May This Lenten Discipline**Offertory:** 850 To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul**Communion:** 718 I Am The Bread Of Life**Recessional:** 758 O Breathe On Me**Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday****Entrance:** Shelter Me, O God**Offertory:** Hear, O Lord**Communion:** I Am The Bread Of Life**Recessional:** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**Today's readings: 5th Lent Yr A**

Ezekiel: 37: 12-14

Romans: 8: 8-11

John: 11: 1-45

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**Memorial Acclamation:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*[continued from p. 1 — 'I am the Resurrection and the Life']*

to the heavenly life of glory without the wrenching apart of soul and body that we must now endure at death.

Science can tell us nothing, either 'for' or 'against', regarding this original divine gift of bodily immortality, since science deals only with what is natural, not with God's gifts above nature. And history can tell us nothing about it - immortality being lost with the Fall, this gift never came to fruition in our first parents or their descendants. Thus we see how there is nothing in this teaching that is opposed to reason in any way, and nothing should prevent anyone from fully accepting it in a spirit of faith.

Jesus brings salvation not only from sin, but also from the bodily death that was the consequence of Adam's sin. The physical resurrection of Jesus' body - the same body as had died on the cross and lain in the tomb - is therefore essential to his triumph over evil. Easter plants the flag of God's total victory over death.

***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.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026 - MASS AND SERVICE TIMES*****Palm Sunday, 29th March - normal Sunday Mass times******Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - no morning Mass******THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM***

<b>Thu 2nd April</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</b>
		<b><i>Adoration at both churches continues until 10:30 pm</i></b>		
<b>Fri 3rd April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mentone &amp; Beaumaris</b>
		<b>Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</b>
<b>Sat 4th April</b>	<b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>		<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Mentone</b>
<b>Sun 5th April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday morning - normal Sunday Mass times</b>			
	<b><i>No 5:00 pm Mass at Mentone on Easter Sunday</i></b>			