



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

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A - 7th December 2025

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*)



CHRISTMAS 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - Wednesday 24th December

6:00pm	Stella Maris, Beaumaris	(Carols from 5:45pm)
6:00pm	St Patrick's, Mentone	
8:00pm	St John Vianney's, Parkdale	(Carols from 7:30pm)
8:30pm	St Joseph's, Black Rock	(Carols from 8:15pm)
12:00 Midnight	St Patrick's, Mentone	(Carols from 11:15pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - Thursday 25th December

10:00am	St Patrick's, Mentone
10:30am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris (Carols from 10:15am)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wed 17th Dec	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
Thu 18th Dec	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
	7:00pm	St Patrick's, Mentone
Fri 19th Dec	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
	7:00pm	St Patrick's, Mentone
Sat 20th Dec	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
	9:45am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
	5:15pm	St Patrick's, Mentone
Sun 21st Dec	9am (after 8am Mass)	St Joseph's, Black Rock
	10am (after 9am Mass)	St John Vianney's, Parkdale

St Vincent De Paul - Christmas Hampers

400 hampers will be packed
THIS SATURDAY 13th December
in the Narthex at Stella Maris.
Donations can still be made directly into
the Christmas Hampers bank account -
BSB: 083 347 Account No.: 24967 2590.

This is our 21st year preparing the
hampers and we thank you for your
support again this year.

St Patrick's Mentone – Community Centre Garden – Working Bee

As we prepare for the peace and joy of Christmas, a working bee will be held to tidy up St Patrick's community garden. You are warmly invited to lend a hand and share the fellowship. **Location: St Patrick's Community Garden**
Date: Saturday December 13th Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm
We'll be weeding, mowing the lawns and giving the grounds a fresh, welcoming look for the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome. Just turn up on the morning at the Parish Community Centre. Even an hour would be great. We will be happy to see you. Please bring a hat and gardening gloves.
Any queries, please contact Jeremy on 0418 592 119.



PILGRIMAGE WALK

Saturday 13th
December 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope



Two Pilgrimages to St Patrick's, Mentone

7:45am: Pilgrims depart St John Vianney's Church Cnr Brisbane Tce & Warren Rd, Parkdale via Warren Rd, Lower Dandenong Rd, Warrigal Rd, & right on Childers St to St Patrick's Mentone	8am: Pilgrims depart St Joseph's Church 544 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock via Balcombe Rd & Coreen Ave to Stella Maris Church 2 Charlotte Rd, Beaumaris
8:45am Rosary	8:45am Rosary
9:15am Mass	9:15am Mass then Eucharistic Adoration, Confession & Benediction
10am Meditation before the Tabernacle	11am pilgrims depart via Oak St, Balcombe Rd & Rogers St to St Patrick's Mentone
10:15am Prayers for the Pope's Intentions (Confession available)	12pm Meditation
10:20am Jubilee Prayer & Blessing	12:15pm Prayers for the Pope's Intentions
	12:20pm Jubilee Prayer, Blessing

An initiative of parishioners as the Jubilee Year draws to a close: walk the path to the Pilgrim Place of St Patrick's - an experience of a pilgrim's journey and prayer, including the Jubilee Indulgence.

Walks will be accompanied by Fr Ford and Fr Nguyen.

Please remember, if you have left your car at the starting point, you will need to organise your own transport at the end of the Walk - car pooling, family, public transport, etc.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Justin Ford **Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Joseph Nguyen

Presbytery: 10 Rogers St, Mentone 3194 **Office:** 3 Mitchell St, Mentone 3194 **Office hours:** 9am-5pm, Monday - Thursday.

Phone: 9583 2103 **Email:** mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au **Website:** www.sspjv.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 8th Dec	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 9th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 10th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 11th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Parkdale</i>) (<i>School Mass</i>) No Mass at Beaumaris today
Fri 12th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 13th Nov	Memorial: St Lucy 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)

'Hour of Grace'

Mon 8th December, 12 noon to 1 pm, St Patrick's Mentone
(after 11am Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).
We invite everyone to join us in prayer.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Patrick's, Mentone, every Friday
following 9:15am Mass until 4:30pm **Benediction**.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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 Michael Shadbolt

Anniversaries: Sr Anita LeClerq, Philippe Rosse,
Florence Clifton, George Clifton, Joseph Lee

We pray for those who are sick:

Fr James Grant, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams,
Ching Price, John Nicholson, Mirella Townsend,
Michael Papworth, Margaret Rose Durston, Alan Laver,
Bernadette Chaplin, Peter & Kaye McCall

St Patrick's Mentone Piety Stall

Open after Sunday 11:00am Mass, now selling a
delightful range of Christmas cards and gifts.
2026 Columban Calendars NOW available.
A limited number of calendars also available
at **St John Vianney's Parkdale**.

BANKING DETAILS

For direct credit to Parish accounts-

Presbytery account:	083347 6808 76937
Mentone-Parkdale - Church account:	083347 6815 62913
Nazareth Parish - Church account:	083347 6864 78067

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 13/14 December 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone		
6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Mooney
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock		
8:00am	Reader	J Shannon
	Commentator	L Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale		
9:00am	Reader	C Beck
	Commentator	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	N Perazzo
	Pilgrim Statue	J Dunstan

Stella Maris - Beaumaris		
10:30am	Reader	G Blackman
	Commentator	M Khong
	Extraordinary Minister	H Grahame

Readings next week: 3rd Sunday in Advent - Year A

Isaiah: 35: 1-6, 10
James: 5: 7-10
Matthew: 11: 2-11

Parish Sacramental Program 2026

For Catholic children in our partnered parishes
attending non-Catholic schools.

Registrations can be made on the following **Sundays**:

14th December, 18th January & 8th February,
from 10:30am - 12:30 pm
in the **Parish Centre**, 3 Mitchell St Mentone.

Lessons are for children (school years 3-7) to receive
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and
Confirmation in 2026, and will start **mid-March 2026**.
For details ring the Parish office 9583 2103
or email mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au

No 9:15 Mass at Stella Maris this Thursday 11 December.



The Christmas artwork displayed in the Church narthex of St Patrick's Mentone has been lovingly created by students from a range of year levels at St Patrick's school. Parishioners are invited to take a piece home as a gift and a reminder of the joy of Christmas.

Please also collect the new set of **Thanksgiving envelopes**. Thank you for your continuing support.

To prepare the way for the Lord, John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Today's gospel tells us that 'as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.'

In God's plan, repentance and confession remain central to opening ourselves to receive his forgiveness.

Catechism of the Catholic Church – Sacramental Reconciliation: Contrition & Confession

Contrition

1451 Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again." (Council of Trent (1551): DS 1676)

1452 When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible. (Cf. Council of Trent: DS 1677)

1453 The contrition called "imperfect" (or "attrition") is also a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance. (Cf. Council of Trent: DS 1678; 1705)

The confession of sins

1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly." (Council of Trent: DS 1680; cf. Ex 20:17; Mt 5:28)

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know." (Council of Trent: DS 1680)

1457 Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. (Cf. Council of Trent: DS 1647; 1661; Code of Canon Law, can. 916)

IN BRIEF

1485 "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week," Jesus showed himself to his apostles. "He breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:19, 22-23).

1492 Repentance (also called contrition) must be inspired by motives that arise from faith.

1493 One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church, must confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience. The confession of venial faults, without being necessary in itself, is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.

1496 The spiritual effects of the sacrament of Penance are:

- reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace;
- reconciliation with the Church;
- remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins;
- remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin;
- peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation;
- an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle.

1497 Individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church.

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FREE ACCESS



Life in Advent is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and much more. But as Catholics, we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In 'How to Advent', we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they help us prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree & nativity scene. (There are 4 episodes, 12 to 15 minutes each.)

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1452578>

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A - 7th December 2025

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of Ralph Sherwin

Entrance: 244 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry

Offertory: *Es ist ein rose entsprungen*
(Behold, a rose e'er blooming) - J. Brahms

Communion: 460 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Recessional: 245 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Missa Emmanuel - R. Proulx

Entrance: 244 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry

Offertory: Motet: *Behold, a rose e'er blooming*
M. Praetorius

Communion: Motet: *O sacrum convivium* - R. Farrant
460 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Recessional: 245 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 794 Prepare the Way

Offertory: 623 Be Consoled, My People

Communion: 780 On Jordan's Bank

Recessional: 657 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Prepare the Way

Offertory: Benedictus

Communion: Pilgrims of Hope

Recessional: Come, O long Expected Jesus



Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



St Patrick's Young Catholics Christmas Gathering next Sunday 14th December



Open to young adults 18 & over. **6:00-8:30pm**, following 5:00pm Mass at St Patrick's Mentone, in the **Parish Centre**, behind the church, entrance 3 Mitchell St Mentone. Enquiries: stpatrickycg@gmail.com



School-aged children are invited to join us for singing at the 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Mentone. Rehearsal in the church Wednesday 24th December. Register your interest by contacting the Parish Office 9583 2103, mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au, by December 16th.

St Vincent de Paul - Parkdale Conference Christmas Giving Tree



Once again this year, the Giving Tree is in the foyer at **SJV Parkdale**. Please peg a gift card from any store, for any amount, to the tree. This Christmas, be part of something special.

Your donation will be distributed to needy families this Christmas.



ACYF congratulates Tara-Tilly, winner of the "Guess the Lollies". A big thank you to all who supported the fundraiser.

St Vincent de Paul - Parkdale East conference, invites you to join with them for Morning Tea at **St John Vianney's** following 9am Mass, today, **7th December**.

Morning tea in the Narthex at **Stella Maris** today after 10:30am Mass. **All Welcome!**

Mentone-Parkdale: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

An opportunity to bring HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE to others

This weekend, Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th December

Here are the ways you can contribute:

- 3rd collection at Masses (6pm Sat; 9am, 11am & 5pm Sun).
- Online at www.vinnies.org.au 1. Click yellow DONATE button
2. Select the Mentone or Parkdale Conference.
- Call 13 18 12, and select Mentone or Parkdale Conference.

Let's make this Christmas a season of
HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE for all!

The ACYF pilgrims thank you all for your prayers, financial support and encouragement!

Be sure to pick up a blessed rosary decade from the narthex of St Patrick's to continue to pray for us.

Jack, Dollwia, Casey, Tara-Tilly, Matt, Lola, Revan, Teresa, Vincenzo, Dashell and Sebastian, Natalie and Patrick