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 of LENT - 1st 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)*

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

Thu 2nd April	**Holy Thursday**	**Mass of the Lord's Supper**	**7:30 pm**	**Mentone & Black Rock**
		Adoration at both churches continues until 10:30 pm		
Fri 3rd April	**Good Friday**	**Stations of the Cross**	**11:00 am**	**Mentone & Beaumaris**
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord		**3:00 pm**	**Mentone & Black Rock**
Sat 4th April	**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**		**8:00 pm**	**Mentone**
Sun 5th April	**Easter Sunday Mass**		**8:00 am**	**Black Rock**
	Easter Sunday Mass		**9:00 am**	**Parkdale**
	Easter Sunday Mass		**10:30 am**	**Beaumaris**
	Easter Sunday Mass		**11:00 am**	**Mentone**

No 5:00 pm Mass at Mentone on Easter Sunday

The locations for our Triduum ceremonies are partly chosen in view of the practicalities of the different rituals. It has been decided that this year, we will have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for our Partnered Parishes. The *Roman Missal* indeed recommends that smaller communities come together for the Triduum ceremonies, rather than celebrating separately.

We are also looking ahead to the day when, as the Archdiocese has directed, our two Partnered Parishes fully unite as a single amalgamated Parish. The Easter Vigil is the pinnacle of the Liturgical Year, and so to have a single unified celebration is especially suitable.

Regarding the starting time of the Easter Vigil, it is not at our discretion to begin earlier. The Church has long stated: 'The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall...This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices which have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses.' (Holy See, *Paschalis Sollemnitatis* (1988))

Note that 'nightfall' does not mean 'sunset': its definition is when twilight ends and there is full darkness. So the Church requires that the 'Service of Light' that opens the Vigil only begins, at the earliest, when full darkness has fallen - bringing out the contrast between the darkness of night and the light of the Paschal Fire and Candle.

When daylight saving is still continuing in Melbourne at the time of the Easter Vigil (as will be the case this year), nightfall has not yet taken place at 7:30 pm, and there is still notable twilight. Accordingly, it is forbidden to commence the Vigil so early, and we do not start until 8:00 pm. (In years when the Vigil falls after the end of daylight saving, a 7:30 pm start is possible, as night has already fallen.)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 2 March	11:00am *(Mentone)*
Tue 3 March	9:15am *(Mentone)*
Wed 4 March	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Thu 5 March	9:15am *(Mentone)* 9:15am *(Beaumaris) (Class Mass)*
Fri 6 March	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Sat 7 March	9:15am *(Mentone & Beaumaris)*

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)*.

Stations of the Cross
at St Patrick's and Stella Maris
Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm

Baptisms:

For bookings and enquiries please phone the Parish office 9583 2103 or email *mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au*

*Please return completed **CENSUS CARDS** in a sealed envelope, to the Parish office as soon as possible. There is a mail slot in the front door, 3 Mitchell Street, if the office is unattended.*

Recently Deceased:

Sr Felicity Corder PBVM, Adrian Nicholas, Anthony Smith

Anniversaries:

Jim Williams, Brian Morley, Les Lacey, Stephen Dowling

We pray for those who are sick:

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

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
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ROSTERS 7/8 March

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	**Commentator/Reader**	R Smith
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	**Reader**	L Brick
	Commentator	J Shannon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	**Reader**	T Busuttil
	Commentator	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	B Fitchet
	Pilgrim Statue	B Fitchet

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	**Reader**	E Meows
	Commentator	C Sherman
	Extraordinary Minister	Sr Patricia

Readings *next* week: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

Exodus:	17: 3-7
Romans:	5: 1-2, 5-8
John:	4: 5-42

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference
invites you to join with them for
morning tea at **St John Vianney's**
following **9am Mass today, 1st March.**

Stella Maris monthly morning tea
is in the Narthex today
Sunday 1st March
following **10:30am Mass.**
ALL WELCOME

Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone
held on the **second Sunday monthly**
in the Parish Centre following 11am Mass,
Next **Sunday, 8th March**
Please come along, and make yourself
known to fellow Parishioners!

*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***

24 Hours for the Lord - 6:00pm Friday 13th to 6:00pm Saturday 14th March

This year we continue the tradition inaugurated in 2014 by Pope Francis of '24 Hours for the Lord': 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, leading into the celebration of Laetare Sunday ('Rejoice' Sunday), the 4th Sunday of Lent, which we celebrate this year on Sunday 15th March. Our 24 Hour Adoration will take place at St Patrick's Mentone from 6:00 pm on Friday 13th March until the 6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass on 14th March.

Everyone is invited to make his or her own special prayer commitment for that weekend, even if you cannot be present for adoration at St Patrick's. At least an hour's prayer in addition to our normal Sunday Mass is encouraged – whether prayed at one time or divided into parts across the weekend.

We will commence our communal adoration at St Patrick's with a special 6:00 pm Mass on the Friday; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm; and then exposition of the Blessed Sacrament through Friday night and Saturday (9:15 Saturday morning Mass at both Mentone and Beaumaris as normal), until Benediction at 5:30 pm on Saturday 14th March, prior to the 6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Materials for prayer and reflection during exposition will be provided.

We need to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is accompanied by sufficient people at all times, so we ask you to sign up for one or more timeslots of 30 minutes in which you commit to be present, on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the four churches. (At least one hour is encouraged if possible.) This is an event of our Partnered Parishes, in which we combine our resources to achieve this, and unite in prayer.

SAINT OF THE WEEK 1 March: St David – Patron of Wales

St David was born in Wales about AD 500, perhaps at Caerfai in the Kingdom of Dyfed, near what is now St David's in Pembrokeshire, at the south-west corner of Wales; or possibly further north at Henfynyw in the Kingdom of Ceredigion.

By tradition, his mother was St Non, and Ceredigap Cunedda, king of Ceredigion, his grandfather; and he was baptised by St Elvis.

Whereas Scotland and Ireland were never under Roman Control, Wales had been ruled by the Roman Empire since the Roman conquest from AD 48-78. However, it had never been fully Romanised, and the Roman legions withdrew from 383. Rome, in decline and under military pressure, abandoned Britain altogether from 410.

Christian faith had already spread among the Romanised Britons who inhabited what is now England and Wales, but after the Roman withdrawal, the pagan Angles and Saxons invading from northern Europe pushed the Britons to the west, conquering what then became known as 'England'. Wales, however, remained under control of the Britons, in self-governing kingdoms.

AD 500 to 700 is considered the 'Age of the Saints' in Wales, when leaders such as St David and St Teilo founded monastic settlements. David was a renowned teacher and preacher, establishing monasteries and churches in Wales, Dumnonia [Devon and Cornwall], and Brittany.

By the strict Monastic Rule of St David, monks pulled the plough themselves without draught animals, drank only water and ate only bread with salt and herbs.

About 550, David took part in the Synod of Brefi, where his powerful opposition to the Pelagian heresy (that minimised our need of God's grace for salvation) led the other monks to choose him as bishop.

He became Bishop of Mynyw (Menevia, now St David's), and around 569 presided over the synod of Caerleon, the 'Synod of Victory' that condemned Pelagianism.

St David's Cathedral (in St David's) is on the site of the monastery he founded in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire. St David died there, perhaps in AD 589 or 601, on 1 March.

His tomb was a major place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. David was canonised by Pope Callistus II in 1120.

Children's Choir rehearsals continue every Wednesday after school 3:30pm, in the Parish Music Room, 3 Mitchell St, Mentone.

2nd SUNDAY of LENT - 1st March 2026

HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday **Mentone 5pm Sunday**

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin
Entrance: 435 Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here
Offertory: 434 O Raise Your Eyes On High And See
Communion: 289 From Ashes to the Living Font (v.3 Sunday II)
Recessional: 621 The Voice of God

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: Plainsong Mass (No Gloria) + sung Credo
Entrance: Introit Motet: *Call to remembrance* - Farrant
Offertory: Motet: *Meditabor in mandatis tuis* - J. K. Aiblinger
Communion: Antiphon: (cantor) - *Visionem quam vidistis*
Motet: *Ave Maria* - J. Arcadelt
289 From Ashes to the Living Font (v.3 Sunday II)
Recessional: 621 The Voice of God

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 733 Lord Be My Vision
Offertory: 869 Your Love is Finer Than Life
Communion: 662 Come To Me All You Who Labour
Recessional: 825 The Glory of These Forty Days

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light
Offertory: Be Still And Know
Communion: Lord Be My Vision
Recessional: Led By The Spirit

Today's readings: 2nd Lent Yr A

Genesis: 12: 1-4
Timothy: 1: 8-10
Matthew: 17: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. 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.

St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering *next* Sunday 8th March

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. ***stpatrickycg@gmail.com***

'On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. (St Thomas Aquinas) From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." (*Phil* 3:21) But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God". (*Acts* 14:22)'

***Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 556**

World Day of Prayer 2026

will be held on this Friday 6th March, commencing 10:30 am. This year we are hosted by St David's Parkdale Uniting Church, 128 Parkers Rd, Parkdale. Prayer will be followed by morning tea.

The chosen theme is "I will give you rest; come"; and the focus for 2026 is Nigeria, the service having been prepared by women of Nigeria.

Meet fellow parishioners and members of the other Christian churches in our area. All Welcome.

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Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026

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