

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

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28th June 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*)

Heavenly happiness: both grace and reward

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches that we will receive 'reward' in the next life for good works done here on earth: 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' (*Mt 10:41-42*)

Elsewhere he repeats the same: 'Rejoice... your reward is great in heaven.' (*Mt 5:12; Lk 6:23; cf. Mt 6:4; 6:20; 19:29; 25:34 ff.*) The parable of the talents shows the differing rewards given to the different servants, depending on how they have used their talents. (*Mt 25:14-30; Lk 19:11-27*) And St Paul teaches: 'Each will receive wages according to the labour of each.' (*1 Cor 3:8; cf. Rom 2:6; 2 Cor 9:6; Col 3:24; 2 Tim 4:8*)

Infallible Catholic teaching reflects all this when it speaks of 'merit', and of different degrees of heavenly glory according to our merits. (cf. Council of Florence (1439) (DS 1305); Council of Trent, *Decree on Justification* (1547) (DS 1582))

Each person in heaven will be happy to the fullness of his or her capacity, and far beyond our imagining – yet that very capacity of the soul to receive the divine presence will vary according to how much we have allowed God's grace to 'expand our soul', as it were, while on this earth.

Love of God should be our supreme motive in doing good, but even from the secondary motive of legitimate love of self, it makes sense to live a life as rich as possible

in love and grace, holiness and good works, thus meriting a higher degree of eternal reward. It is right, not 'selfish', to wish to ourselves the true goods God himself wishes to us – above all, those that are everlasting. (cf. DS 1581)

Yet in all this teaching of merit and reward, we recall that our very merits are only there because God's free gift of grace, working within our free will, has enabled us to do the meritorious actions. 'God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.' (*Phil 2:13*) So God's grace and our personal works of love are both real, but grace is the deeper reality.

No good exists in us that is not ultimately from God. Further, our good works only merit heavenly reward if they flow from Christ, already living and active within us: 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.' (*Gal 2:20*) It is Christ within us and within our actions who is the source of merit, and that very presence of Christ is undeserved gift - received at the moment of 'justification'.

This is by God infusing into the soul the new divine life of sanctifying grace, which conforms us to Christ and is the 'seed' of heaven. (This grace is standardly first given by Baptism; if lost by mortal sin Reconciliation restores it.)

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, the Council of Trent reaffirmed as Catholic teaching that without divine grace through Christ, no one can be justified before God by his or her own natural human works. The Council explained: 'We are said to be justified through faith because faith is the beginning of man's salvation, the foundation and root of all justification, "without which it is impossible to please God" (*Heb 11:6*) ... [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 29th June	Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 30th June	The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 1st July	Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 2nd July	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 3rd July	Feast of St Thomas, Apostle 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 4th July	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:

Quirino Mastromanno, Hugh McFadden

Anniversaries:

Jean Dillon, Nell McPherson, Philip Diago Fernandes,
Daryl & Maureen Donahoe

We pray for those who are sick:

Jim Lacey, Ching Price, Nick Bond, Francis Archer,
Albert Ricardo, Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Dean Bevis,
Michael Papworth, Kaye McCall, Mirella Townsend,
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Barry Martin

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference invites
you to join them for **Morning Tea at St John Vianney's**
following 9 am Mass next Sunday, 5 July. All Welcome!

PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Our Parish Young People's Choir is singing
tonight **28th June** at 5:00pm Mass. Term 3
rehearsals commence Wednesday 15th
July, 4:30pm in the Parish Choir Room,
Mitchell Street Mentone. New members from Year 3
and above most welcome to join.



Special Third Collection *this* weekend:
Peter's Pence - for the Holy Father

*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 4/5 JULY 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Cooling
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	A Shannon
	Commentator	J Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	J Short

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	M Webster
	Commentator	B Atherton
	Extraordinary Minister	D Kidner
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	J Brantner
	Pilgrim Statue	G Shea

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	M Khong
	Extraordinary Minister	Sr Patricia

Readings next week: 14th Sunday OT - Year A

Zechariah: 9:9-10

Romans: 8:9, 11-13

Matthew: 11: 25-30

ST PATRICK'S MENTONE

YOUTH GROUP

YEAR 7-12

4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY

6:00-7:30 PM

PARISH CENTRE - 10 ROGERS STREET, MENTONE

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Food
- Formation
- Friendship
- Prayer

ENQUIRES:
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MEETING TONIGHT: SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 6:00-7:30 PM
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SAINT OF THE WEEK 28 June — Saint Irenaeus: Bishop & Doctor of the Church, Martyr

St Irenaeus of Lyons (c.130-202), theologian and a Father of the early Church, was born in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). He was a disciple of St Polycarp, who had been a disciple of St John the Apostle, so his teaching is an important link with apostolic times. He became bishop of Lyon in Gaul; according to later tradition, he died a martyr. He wrote against Gnosticism, the main heresy of this time. Gnostics typically believed the physical world was evil, created by an evil god, and that therefore Jesus did not have a real human body.

Against the Gnostic claims to possess 'secret teachings', he emphasised that there was not one teaching for ordinary people and a different teaching for some 'elite' – all had access to the one Faith and the common Tradition publicly handed down from the Apostles through the succession of bishops in union with the bishops of Rome.

In 2022, Pope Francis named St Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church - the 37th such - declaring him 'Doctor of Unity'.

The Catholic Faith of the Early Church, in the writing of St Irenaeus

Some quotes from the teaching of his book 'Against Heresies' (late 2nd century)

'The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God...'

'For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.'

'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.'

'In the same way that the wood of the vine planted in the ground bears fruit in due season; or as a grain of wheat, falling on the ground, decomposes and rises up in manifold increase...and then comes to the service of men, and receiving the Word of God, becomes the Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Christ; so also our bodies, nourished by it, and deposited in the earth and decomposing therein, shall rise up in due season, the Word of God favouring them with resurrection in the glory of God the Father.'

'Being obedient Mary became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race...The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith.'

'The Church, though scattered throughout the whole world...having received the faith from the apostles and their disciples...preaches, teaches and hands on this faith with a unanimous voice, as if possessing only one mouth. For though languages differ throughout the world, the content of the Tradition is one and the same.'

'We do put to confusion all those who...assemble in unauthorised meetings...by indicating that tradition derived from the apostles, of the very great, the very ancient, and universally known Church founded and organised at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul... For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its pre-eminent authority.' [He then lists all the Bishops of Rome from Saints Peter and Paul, down to his own time.]

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'... Nothing that precedes justification, neither faith nor works, merits the grace of justification; for "if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise... grace would no longer be grace" (Rom 11:6).' (Council of Trent Decree on Justification (1547) DS 1532)

So in the end, eternal 'reward' is itself pure gift, as our worship in the Mass acclaims: 'You are praised in the

company of your Saints and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts.' (Roman Missal, Preface I of the Saints, citing the 'Doctor of Grace', St Augustine)

In the words of St Paul: **'For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.'** (Eph 2:8-10)

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HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm

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

Entrance: 528 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Offertory: *organ solo*

Communion: 512 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

Recessional: 612 Take Up Your Cross

Mentone 11am Sunday

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

Entrance: 528 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Offertory: Motet: *Sicut holocaustis* - W A Mozart

Communion: Antiphon chant: *Christus resurgens*

Motet: *Panis Angelicus* - C Franck

512 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

Recessional: 612 Take Up Your Cross

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 611 All The Earth Proclaim The Lord

Offertory: 793 Make Me A Channel

Communion: 615 Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Recessional: 739 Lord of Creation

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: All The Earth Proclaim The Lord

Offertory: Baptised in Water

Communion: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Recessional: Lord of Creation

Readings this week: 13th Sunday OT - Yr A

2 Kings: 4: 8-11, 14-16

Romans: 6: 3-4, 8-11

Matthew: 10: 37-42

Responsorial Psalm: Forever I will sing, the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

MASS AND FAREWELL

Members of the Ordinariate community of St Edmund Campion will gather for Mass and Morning Tea today, Sunday June 28th at St Patrick's to farewell long time supporters Laurel Smith and her son Roger and daughter-in-law Lisa. The Smith family have sold their properties in Black Rock and Highett and are moving to Albury NSW. Laurel's other son Ian is principal of MacKillop College at Jindera, near Albury.

Mass according to the Ordinariate liturgy will be offered by Father Ramsay Williams at 9.30 am, followed by a Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

First Reconciliation We pray for children from our Parish Catechetics Class who on Saturday received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

KSCV MENTONE Sausage Sizzle

Date:- This Saturday 4th July

Venue:- Bunnings Mentone

Time:- 8:30am until 4:00pm

Purpose:- Fundraising for 2026/27



The Mentone Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross urge Parishioners to support this fundraising event by buying a sausage in bread and drink from our stall at Bunnings Mentone on this day.

The KSCV Mentone branch is in need of funds and is running this Sausage Sizzle in July as our major fundraising event for the year. Money raised will greatly assist the Branch to continue supporting the Parish and wider Catholic community in various ways.

Morning Tea at Stella Maris next Sunday 5th July, following 10:30 Mass. All welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal – Thank You

*The Black Rock/Beaumaris, Parkdale East and Mentone St. Vincent de Paul Conferences extend a heartfelt **thank you** for your generous support of our Parish Winter Appeal last weekend. We also sincerely thank **Fr Justin** and **Fr Joe** for their assistance in coordinating the appeal and helping make it such a success.*

If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so in one of the following ways:

- **Donation envelopes** still available in our churches. Please write **Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference** on the envelope to direct to your preferred conference, and leave on any collection plate.
- **Online:** Visit donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal/ and select either **Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference**.
- **Phone:** Call **13 18 12** and nominate either the **Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference**.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those experiencing hardship in our local community.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.