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 IN ORDINARY TIME - 8th February 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)*

'You are the salt of the earth…
You are the light of the world.' (*Mt* 5:13, 14)

These words of Jesus in our Gospel, from his Sermon on the Mount, announce the mission of Christians to transform this world with the grace and truth they will receive from him. Drawing all people to saving faith in Christ is central; but not separate from that is the mission to transform the whole of human society, and to restore *all things* in Christ.

Vatican II highlighted that a special calling of the laity is this renewal of *the temporal order* – those matters belonging primarily to this 'world of time' (sometimes misunderstood as irrelevant to the spiritual and eternal): work, culture, the economy, law, politics, etc. The family especially – the 'domestic Church' and 'first and vital cell of society' – is where most laypeople primarily fulfil this mission, building communities of faith, charity and prayer. The role of the laity, immersed in worldly realities, is to be a leaven, 'infusing a Christian spirit' into their every aspect.

Nothing of this world should be preferred to God or eternal life. However, an exaggerated interpretation of this viewed worldly things as having no real value of their own at all, but being at best mere tools to help us on the path to heaven.

Vatican II, while affirming the absolute primacy of the eternal kingdom, wished also to give due respect to the things of this world, which after all were created by God as 'very good' (*Gen* 1).

Sin had distorted the temporal order, so Christ's redemption concerns not only eternal salvation, but also the restoration of all created things to their true dignity; and doing this, indeed, itself plants seeds that will blossom in eternity.

Parish Census

Our parish is currently undertaking a Parish Census to help us better understand our parish community and support its ongoing life and mission.

By completing the census form available at Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community.

Data from this census will also assist the parish to plan effectively for ministries, important events, and future parish initiatives.

Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you for your participation.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 9 Feb	11:00am *(Mentone)*
Tue 10 Feb	***Memorial:* St Scholastica**
	9:15am *(Mentone)*
	9:15am *(Parkdale) (School Mass)*
Wed 11Feb	***Memorial:* Our Lady of Lourdes**
	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Thu 12 Feb	9:15am *(Mentone)*
	9:15am *(Beaumaris) (School Mass)*
Fri 13 Feb	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Sat 14 Feb	***Memorial:* Sts Cyril and Methodius**
	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)*.

Recently Deceased:
Michael Hurst

Anniversaries:
Vivienne Owens, Mary Hirst, Paul Bray

We pray for those who are sick: Fr James Grant, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Mirella Townsend, Michael Papworth, Ching Price, Alan Laver, Nick Bond, Florence Dunn, Peter & Kaye McCall

Legion of Mary, Melbourne Senatus: Summer School 2026
Year of St Francis: 800th Anniversary of the Death of St Francis of Assisi
Date: Sat 14- Sun 15 February. **Time:** 9am - 5pm
Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St, Nth Melb.

Parish Sacramental Program 2026

For Catholic children in our Partnered Parishes attending non-Catholic schools.

Final registration **today Sunday 8th February 10:30am - 12:30pm, Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell St**

Lessons are for children (years 3-10) 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***

ROSTERS 14/15 Feb

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	J Joseph
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	**Commentator/Reader**	L Freeman
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	**Reader**	K Lowe
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	J Brantner
	Pilgrim Statue	M Mindum

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	**Reader**	M Droege
	Commentator	M Link
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings *next* week: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time - Yr A

Sirach:	15: 15-20
1 Corinthians:	2: 6-10
Matthew:	5: 17-37

Morning Tea at Stella Maris today, Sunday 8th Feb, in the Narthex following 10:30am Mass. All welcome!

Monthly Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone today, Sunday 8th Feb, in the Parish Centre following 11am Mass. Come along and meet your fellow Parishioners.

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

The choir will sing at the 5:00pm Mass, Sunday February 22nd.

St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering
Meetings resume March 2026.

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
Mentone-Parkdale - Church:	083347 6815 62913
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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***

Catechism of the Catholic Church – The Vocation of Lay People

'You are the salt of the earth…You are the light of the world.'

898 'By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will…It pertains to them in a special way so to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are closely associated that these may always be effected and grow according to Christ and may be to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer.' (Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* (1964) 31)

899 The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life…

900 Since, like all the faithful, lay Christians are entrusted by God with the apostolate by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, they have the right and duty, individually or grouped in associations, to work so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all men throughout the earth. This duty is the more pressing when it is only through them that men can hear the Gospel and know Christ... (Cf. Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 33)

Participation of lay people in Christ's priestly office

901 '...All their works, prayers, and apostolic undertakings, family and married life, daily work, relaxation of mind and body, if they are accomplished in the Spirit – indeed even the hardships of life if patiently born – all these become spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist these may most fittingly be offered to the Father along with the body of the Lord. and so, worshipping everywhere by their holy actions, the laity consecrate the world itself to God, everywhere offering worship by the holiness of their lives.' (*Lumen Gentium* 34; cf. 10; *1 Pet* 2:5)

902 In a very special way, parents share in the office of sanctifying 'by leading a conjugal life in the Christian spirit and by seeing to the Christian education of their children.' (*Code of Canon Law*, can. 835)

Participation in Christ's prophetic office

904 'Christ…fulfils this prophetic office, not only by the hierarchy…but also by the laity. He accordingly both establishes them as witnesses and provides them with the sense of the faith [*sensus fidei*] and the grace of the word.' (*Lumen Gentium* 35)

> To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer. (St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* III, 71, 4 ad 3)

905 Lay people also fulfil their prophetic mission by evangelisation, 'that is, the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life.' For lay people, 'this evangelisation…acquires a specific property and peculiar efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.' (*Lumen Gentium* 35)

> This witness of life, however, is not the sole element in the apostolate; the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers…or to the faithful. (Vatican II, Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (1965) 6; cf. Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church *Ad Gentes* 15)

Participation in Christ's kingly office

909 'Moreover, by uniting their forces let the laity so remedy the institutions and conditions of the world when the latter are an inducement to sin, that these may be conformed to the norms of justice, favouring rather than hindering the practice of virtue. By so doing they will impregnate culture and human works with a moral value.' (*Lumen Gentium* 36)

The Bayside Atrium — Enrolments for 2026 are now Open

Children aged 3 - 9 years old

The Bayside Atrium, located at Stella Maris Church, Beaumaris, offers children the opportunity to grow in their love and knowledge of God using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. The program develops the whole child with tailored programs to develop their physical, emotional and spiritual aspects.

The Bayside Atrium is open Saturday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am with classes commencing on 14th February.

For more information or to arrange a visit :
please contact Lisa on 0402 480 224 or email: baysideatrium@gmail.com
or visit the Atrium page on our parish website, www.sspjv.org

Healing Mass

Monday 9th February 2026

Fr Aurelio Fragapane Fr Isaac Zaki

6:00pm Confession
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Praise and Worship
7:30pm Mass

Prayer ministry available after Mass

St Peter's Church
844 Centre Rd, Bentleigh East VIC

Light refreshments in the McKenna Centre.
Please bring a plate to share.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

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

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin
Entrance: 394 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Offertory: *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr!* Op.135a No.2 - M. Reger (All Glory Be to God on High)
Communion: 467 Christ Is The World's Light
Recessional: 514 I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin
Entrance: 394 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Offertory: Motet: *Perfice gressus meos* - Franz Xaver Witt
Communion: Motet: *O Nata Lux - T. Tallis*
467 Christ Is The World's Light
Recessional: 514 I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light
Postlude: *Finale Jubilante* - Healey Willan

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 644 Christ Our Lord The Prince of Ages
Offertory: 643 Christ Is The World's Light
Communion: 793 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: All The Ends of the Earth
Offertory: O God You Search Me
Communion: Make Me A Channel
Recessional: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Today's readings: 5th OT Year A

Isaiah: 58: 7-10
1 Corinthians : 2: 1-5
Matthew : 5: 13-16

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Sacrament of Baptism for Older Children

Classes for children 7 years & older requesting the Sacrament of Baptism commence next Sunday 15 February. We welcome any families with older children to register. For registration forms or for more information please contact: Lisa on 0402 480 224; or Joanne at the Parish Office - (P) 9583 2103 (E) mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au

SAINTS OF THE WEEK 6 February: St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

St Paul Miki was born to a wealthy Japanese family in Settsu Province (around Osaka) about 1562. The Catholic Faith had been brought to Japan in 1549 by the Jesuit missionary St Francis Xavier (1506-52). For a time the mission flourished, with up to 300,000 converts around the country including many feudal lords in Kyushu, and hundreds of churches. Paul Miki became a Jesuit priest, and gained many converts by his preaching.

But from 1587, persecution began under imperial regent Toyotomi Hideyoshi. In 1597, Fr Paul Miki was arrested and with other Catholics was marched from Kyoto to Nagasaki. There he was crucified on 5 February 1597, with 25 companions – two other Japanese Jesuits; 17 Japanese members of the Third Order of St Francis, including three young boys; and six Franciscan missionaries (four Spaniards, one Mexican, one Portuguese from India).

We read from a contemporary account:

> When the crosses had been erected…our brother, Paul Miki, seeing that he was standing in the most honoured pulpit of any he had ever been in, first of all declared to the onlookers that he was both a Japanese and a Jesuit. He told them that he was dying because he had preached the gospel… 'I tell you openly that there is no other way of salvation than that of the Christians. Since that way teaches me to forgive my enemies and all who have done me violence, I willingly forgive the king and those who have a hand in my death.' … Then, looking to his companions, he began to encourage them in this last agony. On the face of each of them there appeared a great joy…The others kept repeating, 'Jesus, Mary', and their faces showed no signs of distress.

After about 70 more martyrdoms, Catholicism was banned altogether in Japan from 1614. Thousands were martyred in the following decades, and Japanese Catholics went underground for two centuries, without clergy, until Japan again opened to the world from 1853. St Paul Miki and his companions were beatified by Pope Urban VIII in 1627 and canonised by Pope Pius IX in 1862.