

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

# STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

**3rd SUNDAY of LENT - 8th 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)

## CONVOCAATION OF THE SYNOD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

In December 2025, Archbishop Comensoli announced that the Archdiocese of Melbourne would hold a Synod in 2026. Today, at 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, he will formally convoke that Synod.

There are three themes about which the Church of Melbourne is invited to discern:

- Young discipleship
- Missionary leadership
- Formation and participation.

The Synod Assembly itself will be held across the weekend of 4 – 6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Catholics of the Archdiocese to be part of the consultation process toward the Synod.

Copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter convoking the Synod are available at the church doors. Further information can be accessed at [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026).

*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.*

Attributed to St Isidore of Seville (c. 560 – 636), this prayer has been used at councils, synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with this prayer. The Archdiocese suggests that it can be recited at Masses before the final blessing.

***'24 Hours for the Lord': 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration at St Patrick's Mentone***

***6:00pm this Friday 13th March to 6:00pm Saturday 14th March.***

***Please sign-up today for 30 minutes or more, on the sign-up sheets at the doors of our four churches. We need to be able to guarantee that all timeslots have two or more people.***

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

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 9 March</b>	11:00am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Tue 10 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 11 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> )
<b>Thu 12 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> ) 9:15am ( <i>Beaumaris</i> ) ( <i>Class Mass</i> )
<b>Fri 13 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> ) 6:00 pm ( <i>Mentone</i> ) (24 Hours for the Lord commencement)
<b>Sat 14 March</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Beaumaris</i> )

**THIS WEEK ONLY: No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Patrick's during the day this Friday**  
(because of 24-hour Exposition commencing at 6pm).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Stella Maris, Beaumaris, as normal: Saturday 9:45-10:15am.**

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

**Wednesdays** following 9:15am Mass (*Mentone*).

**THIS FRIDAY ONLY, 7:45pm - 9:00pm, 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)



### Recently Deceased:

John Balzan, Margaret Hogan



### Anniversaries:

William Harris, Peter Razga, Upali De Silva, Maureen Schaefer

### We pray for those who are sick:

Fr James Grant, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Francis Archer, 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:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	083347 6808 76937
<b>Mentone-Parkdale - Church:</b>	083347 6815 62913
<b>Nazareth Parish - Church:</b>	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](http://www.sspjv.org)*

## ROSTERS 14/15 March

### St Patrick's - Mentone

<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Cooling
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	B Razga
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	M Ly
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	S Tobin
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	J Renden
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	C Giosis

### St Joseph's - Black Rock

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	A Shannon
	<b>Commentator</b>	J Brick
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	J Short

### St John Vianney's - Parkdale

<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	B Fitchet
	<b>Commentator</b>	M Webster
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	G Sullivan
	<b>Extraordinary Minister to the Sick</b>	K Lowe
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	S Rodrigo

### Stella Maris - Beaumaris

<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	M Droege
	<b>Commentator</b>	M Link
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	H Graham

### Readings next week: 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Samuel:	16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Ephesians:	5: 8-14
John:	9: 1-41

### Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone

Today, **Sunday 8th March** in the **Parish Centre** following 11am Mass.

Please come along, and make yourself known to fellow Parishioners!



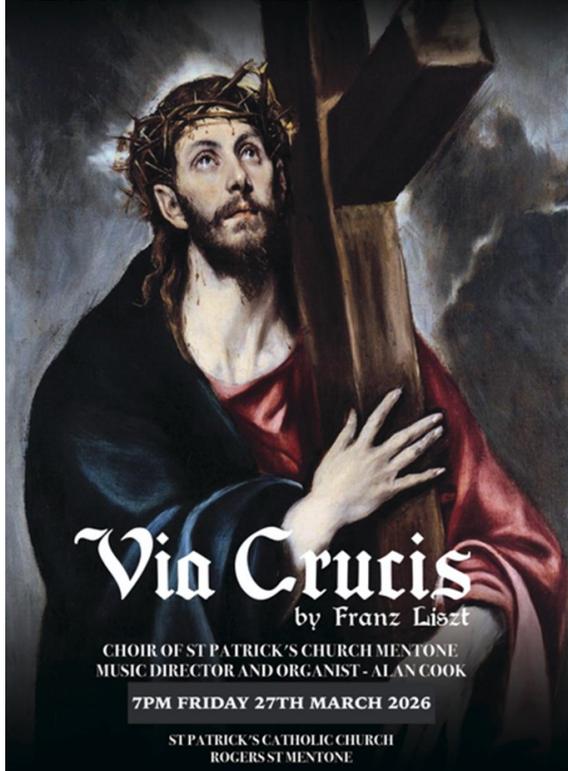
### Invitation -

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

A representative will be speaking at the conclusion of each Mass at **St Patrick's** and **St John Vianney's** on the weekend of **21st** and **22nd March**. 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 **7pm**.

*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, should the office be unattended.*



**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Monoranjan** lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



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[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us,  
as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

**‘The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ (Jn 4:14)**

In today’s gospel of the Samaritan woman, what did Jesus mean by the **‘living water’** he was offering? More than once in John’s gospel we find Jesus speaking about ‘water’ in reference to **the gift of the Holy Spirit**, and Scripture scholars tell us this was likely also his meaning when he spoke to the Samaritan woman about ‘living water’. The gift of the Spirit belongs at the very heart of the Good News, because it is the Spirit who unites us interiorly with Christ.

Jesus makes clear that the ‘water’ that he offers is the source within us of the fullness of life, eternal life. When the Spirit touches us by his presence, he transforms us, even ‘divinises’ us, giving us a share in God’s own nature. That transformation is by our receiving the gift we call **‘sanctifying grace’**. When we are in the state of grace, our very souls are changed and made new, and our actions are made holy through the supernatural virtues of **faith, hope and charity**.

This grace of divine life was lost to the human race through sin, but was **restored by Christ in his Death and Resurrection**. By God’s plan it is normally first imparted in **Baptism**; if it is later unfortunately lost by mortal sin, it can be restored through repentant confession in **Reconciliation** (though God can also act beyond his Sacraments).

The Spirit’s presence, his gift of grace, and the gifts of faith, hope, and divine love that always accompany grace: these are what make us holy and righteous in God’s eyes. The idea of becoming good simply by our human power is the very opposite of the Gospel message: we do not make ourselves holy. Rather, **we must receive grace and holiness as God’s free and merciful gift**. Our souls are imprinted to their depths in the image of Christ, the Holy One, crucified and risen.

God in some way makes his offer of living water to every person. The question that matters at the end of our lives is whether we have accepted his offer of grace, and persevered in grace until the end, by living lives of faith, hope and love. **Sanctifying grace is the seed of heavenly life - so being in the state of grace when we leave this world is absolutely needed by each one of us, if we are to reach heaven.**

**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>			

***No 5:00 pm Mass at Mentone on Easter Sunday***

# 3rd SUNDAY of LENT - 8th March 2026

## HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin

**Entrance:** 512 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**Offertory:** 595 Seek, O Seek the Lord

**Communion:** 596 Shepherd of Souls, In Love, Come Feed Us (vv. 1-3, 6)

**Recessional:** 624 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Mentone 11am Sunday

**Mass Setting:** Plainsong Mass (No Gloria)

**Introit:** Antiphon: *Oculi mei* (Choir)

**Entrance:** 512 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**Offertory:** Motet: *Justitiae Domini* - F. Mendelssohn

**Communion:** Antiphon: *Qui biberit aquam* (Cantor)

Motet: *O bone Jesu* - G. P. de Palestrina

596 Shepherd of Souls, In Love, Come Feed Us (vv. 1-3, 6)

**Recessional:** 624 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Black Rock 8am Sunday

**Entrance:** 670 Father of Mercy

**Offertory:** 629 Bring Us Back To You

**Communion:** 621 As Gentle As Silence

**Recessional:** 838 There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

**Entrance:** Shelter Me, O God

**Offertory:** As Gentle As Silence

**Communion:** I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

**Recessional:** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

**Today's readings: 3rd Lent Yr A**

Exodus: 17: 3-7

Romans: 5: 1-2, 5-8

John: 4: 5-42

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, 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, today, 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](mailto:stpatrickycg@gmail.com)



## 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 next Sunday 15th March. Our 24 Hour Adoration will take place at St Patrick's Mentone from 6:00 pm on this 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.

**Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's this Friday 13th March at 7 pm, followed by Confessions until 9 pm. (This week only, no Stations at Stella Maris. Other Fridays of Lent, 7 pm, both Mentone and Beaumaris.)**