

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

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9th August 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*)

'O you of little faith...why did you doubt?' (*Mt 14:31*)

Our culture often 'romanticises' religious doubt, which is presented as more sophisticated, more authentic, than 'certainty'. However, the Scriptures offer no support for this attitude. True, for someone who is still searching, still on the road to faith, doubt is part of that journey along which God gently guides them, and we are called to offer respectful support to those still striving to find truth and meaning in their lives. Yet for Jesus, this sometimes-

painful state of doubt and searching is never where he wants to leave us. The goal is always faith in him, which he presents as opposite to doubt.

So in today's gospel of Jesus walking on water we hear his rebuke to Peter, who has started to walk towards him across the water, but then falters and starts to sink: 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' Or to doubting Thomas after the Resurrection, Do not be faithless, but believing.' (*Jn 20:27*)

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Saturday 15th August

The feast of Our Lady's Assumption is this Saturday, 15th August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, so all Catholics aged 7 and over are obliged to attend Mass either on the Friday evening or anytime on the Saturday (in addition to fulfilling their weekly Sunday Mass obligation, which can be done either on Saturday evening or anytime Sunday). Although the Saturday evening Mass can fulfil either obligation, it is not a loophole enabling us to fulfil both at once! Two Masses in total must be attended regardless. (The 6:00 Saturday Vigil readings will be those of the Sunday, but it can still fulfil the obligation of the Assumption: Mass attendance obligations are not affected by the texts used.)

Mass times

Friday 14th August 7:00 pm, St Patrick's

Friday 14th August 7:30 pm, St Joseph's

Saturday 15th August 9:15 am, Stella Maris (confessions & adoration will follow as normal)

Saturday 15th August 10:00 am, St Patrick's (confessions 11:00-11:30) - **CHANGED TIMES DUE TO VISITING CHOIR**

Saturday 15th August 12:00 midday, St John Vianney's

Saturday 15th August 6:00 pm, St Patrick's (*regular Vigil Mass for Sunday, but can still fulfil obligation of the Assumption - in which case another Mass would need to be attended on the Sunday, to fulfil the Sunday obligation*)

Sunday 16th August: Masses as normal (as well as Confirmation Mass - 1:00 pm at St John Vianney's)



Visiting Choir: Chorus Ecclesiae — Mass of the Assumption

Saturday 15 August, St Patrick's Mentone, 10:00 am (*replacing normal 9:15 am Mass that morning; confessions postponed until 11:00 -11:30am*). Chorus Ecclesiae has previously sung at Good Friday ceremonies at Black Rock and at the 2025 Palestrina concert at Mentone. The Mass setting will be Palestrina's *Missa Assumpta est Maria*.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 10th Aug	Feast: St Lawrence 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 11th Aug	Memorial: St Clare 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 12th Aug	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) NO MASS AT BLACK ROCK
Thu 13th Aug	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) NO MASS AT BEAUMARIS
Fri 14th Aug	Memorial: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) NO MORNING MASS AT BLACK ROCK Assumption Vigil Masses 7:00pm (<i>Mentone</i>) 7:30pm (<i>Black Rock</i>)
Sat 15th Aug	Solemnity: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) 10:00am Choral Mass (<i>Mentone</i>) 12:00 noon (<i>Parkdale</i>) 6:00pm (<i>Mentone</i>) (<i>Readings of Sunday</i>)
Sun 16th Aug	1:00pm Confirmation Mass (<i>Parkdale</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 (*Beaumaris*);
THIS WEEK ONLY: 11:00-11:30am (*Mentone*);
and at 5:15pm (*Mentone*).

Recently Deceased: Josephine Collins, Peter Caleo,
Shane Marshall

Anniversaries: Clinton De Silva, Vincent Busuttill,
Brian Schaefer, Don Zuccala, Veronica Humphries

We pray for those who are sick:

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We pray for the children from St John Vianney's Primary School to be confirmed at Parkdale on Sunday 16th August at 1:00pm.

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 15/16 AUGUST 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	A Earle
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Mooney
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader/ Commentator	T Warnock
	Extraordinary Minister	M Shannon

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	C Beck
	Commentator	N Perazzo
	Extraordinary Minister	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	J Brantner
	Pilgrim Statue	J Dunstan

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	C Hunter
	Extraordinary Minister	Sr Patricia

Readings next week: 20th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah:	56: 1, 6-7
Romans:	11: 13-15, 29-32
Matthew:	15: 21-28

St Patrick & the Holy Angels 2026 Organ Series

'Music Inspired by Gregorian Chant'

3.30PM SUNDAYS

21ST JUNE:

REUBEN JOHNSON (NEWMAN COLLEGE)

19TH JULY:

RHYS ARVIDSON (ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL)

16TH AUGUST:

DION HENMAN (ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL)

20TH SEPTEMBER:

DR ALAN COOK (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ST PATRICK'S MENTONE)

FREE ENTRY

(DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED) - NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

The third of our four **FREE** concerts will be on
next **Sunday 16th August at St Patrick's Mentone**,
by St Patrick's Cathedral organist **DION HENMAN**,
3.30pm, donations gratefully accepted on entry.

[continued from p. 1] How are we to live this? Since faith is essential to salvation, as the Bible insists, and faith of its nature is certain, then what do we do when we *don't* feel certain? It is then we need to remember that faith is not just a 'feeling'. Neither is it some set of fluctuating religious opinions we've worked out for ourselves, that might happen to largely coincide with Christ's teachings.

At its heart, faith involves a *choice*, a free choice empowered by divine grace – to anchor our whole self, our whole mind, in a *relationship* of trust in God and his word. 'In faith, the human intellect and will co-operate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 155, quoting St Thomas Aquinas)

Our own human calculations and reflections, while not worthless, will only take us so far. Faith chooses to step beyond the human, beyond what we can see, and into the divine, which is unseen. And no darkness, no perplexity, no temptation, no 'feeling', can ever force us to say to God, 'I'm not certain I can trust you anymore'.

So the 'certainty of faith' doesn't mean always having all the answers. It doesn't mean we have worked everything

out, or that we can prove all that we believe. It doesn't mean never having *emotions* of darkness and fear. It does mean that in the midst of all the darkness, we keep our eyes firmly fixed on the light of Christ, and choose to keep absolutely trusting him and his truth as our ultimate foundation, come what may.

This helps us make sense of the Church's insistence on certainty, and its naming of *voluntary* doubt as a sin that strikes at the very foundation of our faith in God. Thus the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us (n. 157):

'Faith is certain. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but "the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives." (St Thomas Aquinas) "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." (St John Henry Newman)'

Often, the experiences of life can tempt us to doubt God's word, to question his love. It is then that we realise we are walking on water like Peter. Like him, we feel the force of the wind, but we look straight into the eyes of Jesus. We hear his voice, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'...and we come to him across the water.

From Church teaching: Divine revelation, and our response of faith

"Our holy mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason." (Vatican I, Dogmatic Constitution on the Catholic Faith *Dei Filius* (1870) DS 3004; cf. Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* (1965) 6)

'...In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone... This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error." (Pope Pius XII, Encyclical *Humani generis* (1950) DS 3876; cf. Vatican I, *Dei Filius* 2, DS 3005; Vatican II, *Dei Verbum* 6; St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* I, 1, 1)'

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) 36-38

'Since man is totally dependent upon God, as upon his Creator and Lord, and since created reason is absolutely subject to uncreated truth, we are bound to yield by faith the full homage of intellect and will to the God who reveals. The Catholic Church professes that this faith, which is the beginning of man's salvation, is a supernatural virtue...'

First Vatican Council, *Dei Filius* (1870)

'What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived". (Vatican I, *Dei Filius* 3, DS 3008) So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit." (Vatican I, *Dei Filius* 3, DS 3009)

'Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility", which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind". (Vatican I, *Dei Filius* 3, DS 3008-10; cf. *Mk* 16:20; *Heb* 2:4)'

Catechism of the Catholic Church 156

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday**Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm****Mass Setting:** *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians***Entrance:** 583 Praise the Lord, You Heavens Adore Him**Offertory:** *organ solo***Communion:** 569 O God Refine Our Faith**Recessional:** 568 O God Our Help In Ages Past**Mentone 11am Sunday****Mass Setting:** *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians***Entrance:** 583 Praise the Lord, You Heavens Adore Him**Offertory:** Motet: *In te speravi* - J. Quadflieg**Communion:** Motet: *Panis, quem ego dederō* - H. Isaac

569 O God Refine Our Faith

Recessional: 568 O God Our Help In Ages Past**Black Rock 8am Sunday****Entrance:** 802 Seek O Seek The Lord**Offertory:** 627 Be With Me, Lord**Communion:** 631 Bread Of The World**Recessional:** 840 This Day God Gives Me**Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday****Entrance:** Christ Be Our Light**Offertory:** Be Not Afraid**Communion:** Only A Shadow**Recessional:** Glory And Praise To Our God**Readings this week: 19th Sunday OT - Yr A**

1 Kings: 19: 9, 11-13

Romans: 9: 1-5

Matthew: 14: 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

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CAMPAIGN**
2026



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**Morning Tea after 11:00 am Mass today,
St Patrick's Parish Centre - All welcome!**

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

No Masses this week at Black Rock on Wednesday morning or Friday morning, or at Beaumaris on Thursday morning.

Last Sunday, 2 August, Pope Leo XIV spoke at his Angelus Address about the Portiuncula indulgence, giving us some further background:

'In these days the "Pardon of Assisi" is celebrated. St Francis obtained this Indulgence from Pope Honorius III in 1216, having been inspired — while praying at the Porziuncola — by a vision of Jesus and Mary surrounded by angels. Let us thank the Lord for this great gift and treasure it, especially in this 8th centenary year of the *Transitus* of the Poor Man of Assisi, who died at the Porziuncola on 3 October 1226.'

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
(18-35YRS OLD)

**GAME
NIGHT**

SUNDAY
9 AUGUST
START AT 6PM

@ST PATRICK'S PARISH
CENTRE 10 ROGERS
STREET, MENTONE

