

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

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5th July 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)

'Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' (Mt 11:27)

These words of Jesus from today's gospel tell us the source of his teaching: Jesus can reveal the Father to us because he is the One who 'knows the Father'.

Often we simply think, 'Well, Jesus was God – of course he knew the Father!' This is true, yet the complete truth has some more layers. Since Jesus is both fully God and fully man, it means he has both the unlimited divine mind that belongs to him with the Father and the Holy Spirit in virtue of being God (and by which he knows all things); and the limited human mind that belongs to him in virtue of having a human soul. What Jesus expressed to his hearers through his human body, in human language, with the help of his human brain, was his human knowledge.

Some people, upon realising this, jump to the conclusion that Jesus (at least in his human nature) must actually have been ignorant about all sorts of things, even in religious matters; that maybe he was even sometimes in error and we, 'much wiser', need to correct him. (This is supposedly part of 'truly acknowledging his humanity'.)

The Catholic Church has rejected this over-simplified idea. For one thing, if Jesus could err it would unravel all of Christian faith. Each of us would need to judge each one of Jesus' teachings – deciding if it was correct, or

maybe just 'an earlier stage of his development' or his 'cultural limitation'. Clearly, no one is competent to decide this.

So what is the right way to understand Jesus' human mind and knowledge? True, they were indeed genuinely finite, not infinite, and with his human senses, brain and rational soul he did acquire knowledge in a human way. (See Lk 2:52; *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 472).

'But at the same time, this truly human knowledge of God's Son expressed the divine life of his person. "The human nature of God's Son, not by itself but by its union with the Word, knew and showed forth in itself everything that pertains to God." (St Maximus the Confessor) Such is first of all the case with the intimate and immediate knowledge that the Son of God made man has of his Father.' (*Catechism* 473)

'By its union to the divine wisdom in the person of the Word incarnate, Christ enjoyed in his human knowledge the fullness of understanding of the eternal plans he had come to reveal. What he admitted to not knowing in this area, he elsewhere declared himself not sent to reveal.' (*Catechism* 474; cf. Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis* (1943) 75; St John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (2001) 24-27).

This spiritual 'vision of the Father' that Jesus had in his human knowledge from the first moment of the Incarnation is not against his true humanity. Indeed, such is God's final plan for every human being: all those who reach heaven will possess a similar [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 6th July	St Maria Goretti 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 7th July	St Peter To Rot — first Saint of PNG 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 8th July	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 9th July	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 10th July	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 11th July	St Benedict 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*).

Parish Baptism Program 2026

Please contact the Parish Office for information,
registration forms and bookings. 9583 2103.
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Recently Deceased:

Pearl Soek, Geoff Stockdale, Nanette Woodbridge

Anniversaries:

Bill Libbis, Domenico Bianchi, Josie Busutil, Mary Evans,
Kevin Mills

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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New sets of donation envelopes are now available for
collection at Mentone and Parkdale. Thank you for
your continuing support of our Parish.

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*

ROSTERS 11/12 July 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	P Mount
	Extraordinary Minister	J Mount
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Phillips
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	T Busutil
	Commentator	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister	G Sullivan
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	N Perazzo
	Flowers	K Lowe
	Pilgrim Statue	B Fitchet

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	D Wendler
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 15th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah: 55: 10-11

Romans: 8: 18-23

Matthew: 13: 1-23

EMERGENCY APPEAL VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE

Over 2000 people are confirmed dead, and over 10000 injured, following the 24 June earthquake; tens of thousands are unaccounted for. Hospitals are overwhelmed, water and sanitation systems have failed, thousands of families are sleeping outdoors.

'The scale of human suffering unfolding in Venezuela is immense, and the worst may still be ahead,' said Kirsten Sayers, CEO at Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church's international aid organisation. 'Behind every number is a family searching for a loved one, a child sleeping in the open, or a community that has lost everything.'

**To support Caritas Australia's
Venezuela Earthquake Appeal,
visit www.caritas.org.au/venezuela
or call 1800 024 413 toll free.**

**Special Third Collection next weekend:
Propagation of the Faith**

Our next *FREE* organ concert at St Patrick's Mentone
is **Sunday 19th July** by organist **RHYS ARVIDSON**,
3.30pm, donations accepted upon entry.

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vision. In fact, Christ's possession of that beatific vision is the *source and principle* of our own vision of the Father – by faith here on earth, in clear sight in eternity: this is central to salvation. His words in the Gospel highlight this: 'No one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

So union with Christ by complete faith in him and in his teachings goes to the very heart of what eternal life means. It is our hidden possession, even now, of the vision of God that will give us joy forever.

From Church teaching: Christ's human consciousness

'Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, enjoys an intimate and immediate knowledge of his Father, a "vision" that certainly goes beyond the vision of faith... It is precisely the intimacy and the direct and immediate knowledge which he has of the Father that allows Jesus to reveal to men the mystery of divine love.'

Holy See, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Notification (2006)

'The knowledge and love of our Divine Redeemer, of which we were the object from the first moment of His Incarnation, exceed all that the human intellect can hope to grasp. For hardly was He conceived in the womb of the Mother of God, when He began to enjoy the Beatific Vision, and in that vision all the members of His Mystical Body were continually and unceasingly present to Him, and He embraced them with His redeeming love. In the crib, on the Cross, in the unending glory of the Father, Christ has all the members of the Church present before Him and united to Him in a much clearer and more loving manner than that of a mother who clasps her child to her breast, or than that with which a man knows and loves himself.'

Pope Pius XII, Encyclical *Mystici Corporis* (1943) 75

'Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God... loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20) He has loved us all with a human heart.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) 478

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

On this Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, we recall the landmark address of St John Paul II in Alice Springs in 1986. Since then there have been various changes in the situation of indigenous people in Australia, but the Pope's words still give us a clear statement of how the Catholic Church views indigenous people and their heritage:

'For thousands of years you have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with you. Your 'Dreaming', which influences your lives so strongly that, no matter what happens, you remain for ever people of your culture, is your own way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation...

'The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ speaks all languages. It esteems and embraces all cultures. It supports them in everything human and, when necessary, it purifies them...

'That Gospel now invites you to become, through and through, Aboriginal Christians. It meets your deepest desires. You do not have to be people divided into two parts, as though an Aboriginal had to borrow the faith and life of Christianity, like a hat or a pair of shoes, from someone else who owns them. Jesus calls you to accept his words and his values into your own culture. To develop in this way will make you more than ever truly Aboriginal...

'The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.'

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference invites you to join them for Morning Tea at St John Vianney's following 9:00 am Mass today, 5 July.

Morning Tea at Stella Maris today, after 10:30 Mass.

ALL WELCOME!



St Patrick's Parish Gardening Team

**- WORKING BEE -
Saturday 11th July, 10am-12 noon
New volunteers most welcome!
Meet at the Parish Centre,
3 Mitchell Street Mentone
BYO Hat and gardening gloves.**

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday**Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm**

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*
Entrance: 470 Come To Me, All You Who Labour
Offertory: *organ solo*
Communion: 512 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
Recessional: 560 Now Let Us From This Table Rise

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians*
Entrance: 470 Come To Me, All You Who Labour
Offertory: Organ solo
Communion: 512 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
Recessional: 560 Now Let Us From This Table Rise

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God,
 we have received in the midst of your temple.
 Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the
 earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light
Offertory: Sing Out My Soul
Communion: Make Me A Channel
Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God

Readings this week: 14th Sunday OT - Yr A Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
 you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK 9th July : St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions — Martyrs of China

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions are 120 saints martyred in China between 1648 and 1930: 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 western missionaries.

Christianity was in China under the Tang dynasty (618-907), with Nestorian missionary Alopen coming to the capital Chang'an in 635. During Mongol rule (1279-1368), Franciscan Giovanni da Montecorvino (1247-1328), envoy of Pope Nicholas IV, came to the capital Khanbaliq (Beijing) in 1294 just after Kublai Khan's death – first Catholic missionary and first Archbishop of Beijing. The mission flourished until the Mongols were overthrown by the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), which expelled all foreign Christians (Catholics and Nestorians).

In 1601 Italian Jesuit priest, Servant of God Matteo Ricci (1552-1610) was the first westerner admitted to the Forbidden City, with him and his fellow Jesuits gaining influence by their scientific expertise. The Jesuits, who took up Chinese lifestyle and dress, were central to 17th century cultural exchange between China and Europe. The last Ming Emperor, hanging on to south-west China until 1662, had many Catholics at his court, including the dowager empress and the heir to the throne.

The Qing (Manchu) dynasty (1644-1912) was initially hostile to Christianity, and the protomartyr, Spanish Dominican priest St Francis Fernández de Capillas, was beheaded at Fu'an in 1648. However, the Faith then made progress, and influenced by the Jesuits, the Kangxi Emperor in 1692 declared religious liberty for Christians and their missions. But this was lost after the Chinese Rites controversy, in which other religious orders argued

that the Jesuits had taken inculturation too far. In 1704, Pope Clement XI, rejecting Jesuit practice, banned the paying of honours to ancestors and to Confucius, as being compromised by paganism. *[The ban would be removed in 1939 by Pope Pius XII, who ruled that the rituals were now merely civil, not religious.]*

The Emperor then prohibited Christian missions, and in 1724 his successor prohibited Catholicism altogether. Five Spanish missionaries were martyred in 1747-48, and 27 other saints between 1814 and 1862, including convert soldier St Augustine Zhao Rong (1746-1815), the first native Chinese priest to be martyred.

Growing European influence enabled the freedom of the Church from 1844/46; but the majority of martyrs died in the anti-foreign / anti-Christian Boxer Rebellion in 1900, that killed some 30,000 Catholics. The final martyr -saints were a Salesian bishop and priest in 1930. (China did at last briefly get a Catholic leader, Lou Tseng Tsiang, head of government (1912, 1915-16) of the Republic of China that replaced imperial rule from 1912 to 1949; Lou was a Catholic convert (1911) and later a priest.)

Pope St John Paul II canonised the Chinese Martyrs in 2000. Since 1949, communist rule has again meant persecution for Catholics, who today number maybe nine million. There has been divergence of the 'underground Church' loyal to Rome and the government-controlled 'Catholic Patriotic Association'. The situation has evolved with a controversial 2018 agreement between China and the Holy See on the appointment of bishops.