

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

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6th September 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)

'Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' (Mt 18:18)

These words of Jesus to the disciples in today's Gospel may sound familiar: two weeks ago, we heard him say the same words to Peter individually. (Mt 16:19) Today, he extends them to the Apostles as a body. St Peter alone was made the 'rock foundation' of the Church and he alone was granted the 'keys of the kingdom', (Mt 16:18-19) but the power of 'binding and loosing' is given, certainly still to Peter acting alone, but also now to the Apostles (including Peter) acting as a united group.

Accordingly, the Catholic Church does not view the governance of the Church as simply a 'monarchy' of the Pope, Peter's Successor. That is one aspect of the divine plan for the Church, but it does not capture the whole reality. More fully: by the will of Christ, the Church is governed by the Pope *and the Bishops in union with him*. This is doctrine of the 'collegiality' of the Bishops, highlighted by the Second Vatican Council.

The Apostles, and their successors the Bishops, embody diversity – the catholicity (universality) of the Church; whereas Peter and the papacy embody the unity of the College of Bishops and of the Church. Both are essential. Peter is both Apostle himself, and 'Prince of the Apostles'; and likewise, the Pope is both brother to the other Bishops, and Head of the College of Bishops.

The College of Bishops and the Pope can never be set in opposition to each other, since (as Vatican II explained) the College has no power except together with the Pope,

*Wishing blessings upon all fathers
on this Father's Day*

Father's Day Prayer

*Father, it is your commandment
that we should honour our fathers;
hear the prayers we offer you for them.
Grant them many years on earth
and keep them in health of mind and body.
Bless their work and all they do.
Give them back a hundred-fold
whatever they have done for us.
Inspire them with your love
and help them to fulfil your holy law.
One day, may we be their comfort and support,
so that having enjoyed their affection on earth
we may have the joy of being with them forever
in your home in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

its Head. (So the Pope can in effect 'veto' the rest of the College, but not vice versa.) For example, an 'Ecumenical' (or 'General') Council of Bishops has supreme authority over the Church (just as does the Pope 'acting alone') – yet a Council is not truly 'Ecumenical' anyway, until its decisions are confirmed by the Pope. Indeed, history has seen cases where a Pope has not confirmed this or that decree of a Council, or even set aside a whole Council.

A famous case was the so-called 'Robber Council' of Ephesus in 449, which set itself up as Ecumenical, but gave false teaching undercutting the [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 7th Sept	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 8th Sept	<i>Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 9th Sept	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Thu 10th Sept	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 11th Sept	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 12th Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary 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: Tony Howe

Anniversaries: Ted Dillon, Joaquim Medeiros,
James John

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, Amelia Martin

**Under the Mantle of
Our Lady of Guadalupe**
**Prayers for unborn babies
in the womb**
Join us on
Thursday 17 September
4pm to 6pm
The Flame of Love
Holy Rosary
The Rosary Of the
7 Sorrows Of Our Lady
& The Scriptural Rosary
(bead by bead)
St Patrick's Church Mentone

ROSTERS 12/13 September 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	J Mount
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	-

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	T Busuttil
	Commentator	B Atherton
	Extraordinary Minister	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	P Edkins
	Pilgrim Statue	McNerney Fam

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Commentator/Reader	C Sherman
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 24th Sunday OT - Year A

Sirach:	27: 30 - 28: 7
Romans:	14: 7-9
Matthew:	18: 21-35

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
18-35 YEARS OLD

THE ANGELS

SERVING GOD
SERVING HIS PEOPLE

SUNDAY
13 SEPTEMBER
6PM TO 8PM

ST PATRICK'S
PARISH CENTRE
3 MITCHELL ST
MENTONE

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
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of all persons. A copy of our Child Safety policy is on the
noticeboard in our churches and on our website www.sspjv.org*

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full humanity of Christ. It acted with violence against opponents, and refused to allow the letter of the Pope (St Leo the Great) to be read. Leo condemned the Council, and in 451 the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon, guided by Leo through his legates, defined the classic dogmatic statement of the full divinity and full humanity of Christ, united in his one divine person.

Vatican II gave new emphasis to the *theory* of collegiality, but in *practice* it has always been of great importance; a great number of the Church's infallible teachings (such as the Nicene Creed) come from the 21 Ecumenical Councils, not just from the Popes.

Another more basic source of infallible teaching is when the Bishops, scattered through the world but teaching in union with the Pope, are united in teaching some doctrine as definitively to be held. For example, the Church obviously did not need to wait for the first Ecumenical Council (Nicaea in 325) to be certain that Christ was divine, or that he rose from the dead. These things were already infallibly proclaimed in virtue of the Apostolic Tradition that was being handed on and taught in their own dioceses by all the Bishops.

Even today many of the Church's teachings derive their infallibility only in this way. However, infallible 'definitions' by Councils or Popes can give more clarity to dogmas already taught in this 'scattered' manner, especially when confusion has arisen as to the precise content of the Tradition that is taught around the world.

The collegiality of Bishops fills out our idea of infallibility of the 'teaching Church', which people often attribute only to the Pope. And finally, there is the infallibility of the 'believing Church', the *sensus fidelium*, in which the whole Spirit-guided Body of the Church, hierarchy and faithful, shows universal agreement in some matter of faith or morals. (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 12)

The 21 Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church

Nicaea I (325)	Lateran IV (1215)
Constantinople I (381)	Lyon I (1245)
Ephesus (431)	Lyon II (1274)
Chalcedon (451)	Vienne (1311-12)
Constantinople II (553)	Constance (1414-18)
Constantinople III (680-81)	Florence (1431-45)
Nicaea II (787)	Lateran V (1512-17)
Constantinople IV (869-70)	Trent (1545-63)
Lateran I (1123)	Vatican I (1870)
Lateran II (1139)	Vatican II (1962-65)
Lateran III (1179)	

From Church teaching:

Vatican II on the College of Bishops

'Just as the office granted individually to Peter, the first among the apostles, is permanent and is to be transmitted to his successors, so also the apostles' office of nurturing the Church is permanent, and is to be exercised without interruption by the sacred order of bishops. Therefore, the Sacred Council teaches that bishops by divine institution have succeeded to the place of the apostles, as shepherds of the Church, and he who hears them, hears Christ, and he who rejects them, rejects Christ and Him who sent Christ (cf. *Lk* 10:16).'

(Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* (1964) 20)

'But the college or body of bishops has no authority unless it is understood together with the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter as its head. The pope's power of primacy over all, both pastors and faithful, remains whole and intact. In virtue of his office, that is as Vicar of Christ and pastor of the whole Church, the Roman Pontiff has full, supreme and universal power over the Church. And he is always free to exercise this power. The order of bishops, which succeeds to the college of apostles and gives this apostolic body continued existence, is also the subject of supreme and full power over the universal Church, provided we understand this body together with its head the Roman Pontiff and never without this head.'

(*Lumen Gentium* 22)

'The supreme power in the universal Church, which this college enjoys, is exercised in a solemn way in an ecumenical council. A council is never ecumenical unless it is confirmed or at least accepted as such by the successor of Peter; and it is prerogative of the Roman Pontiff to convoke these councils, to preside over them and to confirm them.'

(*Lumen Gentium* 22)

'Although the individual bishops do not enjoy the prerogative of infallibility, they nevertheless proclaim Christ's doctrine infallibly whenever, even though dispersed through the world, but still maintaining the bond of communion among themselves and with the successor of Peter, and authentically teaching matters of faith and morals, they are in agreement on one position as definitively to be held. This is even more clearly verified when, gathered together in an ecumenical council, they are teachers and judges of faith and morals for the universal Church, whose definitions must be adhered to with the submission of faith.'

(*Lumen Gentium* 25)

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday**Parkdale 9am Sunday Mentone 5pm****Mass Setting:** *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians***Entrance:** 443 A New Commandment**Offertory:** *organ solo***Communion:** 638 Where There Is Charity And Love**Recessional:** 586 Praise To The Lord The Almighty**Mentone 11am Sunday****Mass Setting:** *Plainsong***Entrance:** 443 A New Commandment**Offertory:** Antiphon: *Oravi Deum meum* - chant**Communion:** Motet: *Sicut cervus* - G P da Palestrina
639 *Ubi caritas***Recessional:** 586 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**Black Rock 8am Sunday****Entrance:** 802 Seek O Seek The Lord**Offertory:** 615 A New Commandment**Communion:** 830 The Lord Is My Shepherd**Recessional:** 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth**Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday****Entrance:** Christ Be Our Light**Offertory:** Seek Ye First**Communion:** The Lord Is My Shepherd**Recessional:** Go Now, You Are Sent Forth**Readings this week: 23rd Sunday OT - Yr A**

Ezekiel: 33: 7-9

Romans: 13: 8-10

Matthew: 18: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale
Conference invites you to join with them
for Morning Tea at St John Vianney's, following
9:00 Mass today, Sunday 6th September.**

**Morning tea at Stella Maris today, Sunday 6th
September, following 10:30 Mass. All Welcome.**

**Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone,
next Sunday 13th September in the Parish Centre
following 11am Mass. Please come along
and make yourself known to fellow Parishioners!**

Deacon Nigel McBain

On Monday 14 September, we will welcome Rev. Nigel McBain, who will minister in our parishes in September and October, as he prepares for Priestly Ordination for the Ordinariate in December. As Deacon, among other ministries he will read the Gospel, sometimes preach the homily, and conduct Baptisms.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GARDENS WORKING BEE

The *next* working bee is on this **Saturday 12th September**. Meet at the Parish Centre **10am - 12 noon**. BYO hat, gardening gloves & water bottle. **All welcome, no experience necessary.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK 10 September: Saint Pulcheria, Roman Empress

St Pulcheria (399-453) was Empress (450-53) in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, ruled from Constantinople [*Istanbul*]. She was the daughter of Emperor Arcadius; sister of Emperor Theodosius II; and finally, Empress-consort of Emperor Marcian. (*Pulcher* is Latin for 'beautiful', so to get the resonance of her name in English it might perhaps be rendered as 'St Beautiful' or 'Empress Beautiful'.)

Theodosius II was only seven when he became sole Eastern Emperor. Pulcheria, fifteen, acted as his guardian from 414, training her easily-led younger brother for his role as Christian Emperor; and she then effectively remained co-regent for most of his long reign. She and her two sisters took vows of virginity, and the Imperial Palace in Constantinople was monastic in tone, with prayer, chanting, recitation of Scripture, fasting, simplicity of apparel, and charity to strangers and the poor; in Constantinople she established many churches, and buildings for the needy.

Among many involvements in Church affairs, she opposed the heresy of Nestorius, Archbishop of Constantinople. Theodosius called the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (431) that (aligned with the Pope, St Celestine I) condemned Nestorianism and defined that Mary is truly Mother of God.

When Theodosius died in 450 without heirs (women were excluded from being ruler), Pulcheria agreed to marry the soldier Marcian, enabling him to become Emperor, with him respecting her vow of virginity.

Following the 'Robber Council' of Ephesus (449) that promoted the Monophysite heresy, Marcian, supported by Pulcheria, convoked the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon (451), largest of the ancient Ecumenical Councils. Guided by Pope St Leo the Great through his legates, Chalcedon infallibly defined that Christ is one person with two complete natures, divine and human.

[*The Church in Egypt rejected Chalcedon, giving rise to the separated Oriental Orthodox Churches such as the Coptic Orthodox Church, Ethiopian Orthodox Church and Armenian Apostolic Church. These are different from the Eastern Orthodox Church, that only separated from the Catholic Church from 1054 onwards, and accepts all of the ancient Councils.*]

Views on Pulcheria are coloured by the theological views of their authors. As Pope St Leo wrote to her, 'You clearly show how much you love the Catholic faith', and this she zealously promoted. She died in 453 to the sorrow of the citizens of Constantinople, leaving her wealth to the poor.