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

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th October 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)*

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we begin our Offertory Giving Program, that continues over the next three weeks. After some years, we urgently need to increase parish income to sustain our Partnered Parishes and our Mission. You are invited to prayerfully consider what you may be able to contribute, as we speak in the coming weeks of our current parish situation and needs. Please collect your pledge pack from the foyer after Mass.

Fr Justin

First Collection - Presbytery Account **Second Collection - Church Account**

This is a good moment to recall the purpose of the two normal collections at Sunday Masses. The First Collection is for the Presbytery Account, the bulk of which goes to support the priests of the parish. (A portion also goes to retired priests, priests elsewhere needing extra support to meet their minimum stipend, and to the Archbishop.) The Second Collection is for the Church Account. This is for the running of the parish and its churches, and always needs substantially more funds. (A portion also goes to Archdiocesan ministries.) Having two separate collections gives you discretion in how your money is directed. Ongoing pledges (direct debit, credit card, envelopes) are normally for the Church Account. At this time, it is especially the Church Account that needs increased contributions.

Fr Joseph Nguyen

As announced last weekend, Fr Joseph Nguyen has been appointed Assistant Priest at St Kevin's, Hampton Park, commencing Wednesday 25th November 2026. As that date falls within the time of his long-planned annual leave, his final Sunday in our Partnered Parishes will actually be 1st November: he will then depart on leave, but move into Hampton Park upon his return.

We pray for God's blessings upon Fr Joe in his new role, and we express our deep gratitude to him for his two years of ministry among us as Assistant Priest, since 15th January 2025.

Fr Joe's final weekend of Masses at Mentone-Parkdale will be 24th-25th October; and there will be an opportunity to farewell him at morning tea in the Parish Centre following 11:00 am Mass at Mentone.

His last Sunday at Beaumaris-Black Rock will be on 1st November; and there will be the final opportunity to farewell him at morning tea at Stella Maris following 10:30 am Mass on that day.

Rev. Nigel McBain

In recent weeks we have been pleased to have Deacon Nigel McBain ministering among us. He will be ordained as a Priest for the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Perth on Saturday 5th December 2026.

On 6th December we will joyfully welcome him back to Melbourne in his new role as Pastor of the Ordinariate Community of St Edmund Campion at Mentone. And at that time, Rev. McBain will also take up the role of part-time Assistant Priest for our Partnered Parishes.

The Ordinariate is distinct from the regular territorial dioceses of Australia - it is not part of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. So in this time of decreasing numbers of clergy in our Archdiocese, we are very grateful to the Ordinariate that they are able to share Rev. McBain with us, under a formal agreement with the Archdiocese.

We look forward to his priestly ministry among us, and pray it will be happy and fruitful.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 12th Oct	11:00am *(Mentone)*
Tue 13th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone)*
Wed 14th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Thu 15th Oct	**St Teresa of Jesus** 9:15am *(Mentone & Beaumaris)*
Fri 16th Oct	9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*
Sat 17th Oct	**St Ignatius of Antioch** 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).*

Anniversaries:

John Sullivan, Lawrence Kelly, Ron Fisher, Lena Schaefer

We pray for those who are sick:

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

ROSTERS 17/18 October 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	P Mount
	Extraordinary Minister	J Dillon
11:00am	**Commentator/Reader**	S Tobin
	Extraordinary Minister	M Ly
5:00pm	**Commentator/Reader**	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	**Reader/ Commentator**	J Brick
		A Shannon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	**Reader**	R Tregonning
	Commentator	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	S Stewart
	Pilgrim Statue	M Mindum

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	**Commentator/Reader**	E Moews
	Extraordinary Minister	D Lynch

Readings *next* week: 29th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah: 45: 1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians: 1: 1-5
Matthew: 22: 15-21

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

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



The Catenians
Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION
City of Melbourne Circle 292

Annual Wine Challenge

City of Melbourne Catenians invites fellow Parishioners to the Annual Wine Challenge. This is always a great evening and a good opportunity to catchup with fellow parishioners. A good knowledge of wine is not essential to a very enjoyable evening.

Venue : **Stella Maris Church, Charlotte Rd Beaumaris**
When : **Monday October 26th, 2026**
Time : **7:30pm - 9:30pm**
Cost : **$60 person includes, 2 course meal & Drinks**
RSVP: **Please book before Friday 23rd October at**
Trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/DQPAV

For further details please contact Circle Treasurer, Joe Brick at catenians292@gmail.com

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Also, we enjoy earthly things 'either for the reality in them or for what we delude ourselves into imagining that they possess. The second sort will cease in heaven, for there is no place for delusion or illusion there.'

'But the first sort we shall have in greater measure, because whatever reality is in any created thing is there by gift of God. It is, therefore, in infinite perfection, in God himself, and with him we shall be in living contact.' United with God, we will experience the Source, the Original, of whom created joys are only tiny reflections.

In his divine nature, God is pure Spirit, and so does not literally have a 'physical face' as we conceive it. The 'face-to-face' vision of God means the soul is in unmediated contact with his very Being – an even closer union than seeing someone's face externally. We will know him as we know our own thoughts, or even more intimately.

'The nearest we can get to it perhaps, is to think of the idea we now have of God; then try to conceive of God himself taking the place of the idea…'

'Just as our knowing faculty, the intellect, so our loving faculty, the will, is to be in direct contact with God, nothing coming between, God in the will, the will in God, love without detour or admixture. So it will be with every one of our powers, energising at its very fullest upon its supreme object. And that, if you will think about it, is the definition of happiness.' (Sheed, p. 66)

So we look forward in hope and excitement to that future in which our souls are flooded with God's infinite goodness, perfection, beauty, knowledge and joy. Then after the Last Judgment, the soul's ecstasy will overflow also into our risen body: our entire being, immersed forever in the life and love of the Most Holy Trinity.

SAINT OF THE WEEK — 15th October

Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Ávila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church

St Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582), the 'Doctor of Prayer', was born at Ávila in central Spain, and joined the Carmelite Order in 1536. After some years of mediocre religious life, about 1556 she had a profound conversion and made great progress in the way of perfection.

The laxity of her convent led her to undertake a reform of the Carmelite Order, and the 17 convents of stricter life that Teresa established around Spain from 1562 onwards were the beginning of the Discalced [shoeless] Carmelites. (The other great Spanish mystical Doctor, her friend St John of the Cross (1542-91), collaborated with her in reforming the male Carmelites, establishing Discalced Carmelite monasteries from 1568.) The reform brought Teresa great trials, and persecutions from unreformed Carmelites, but she overcame all by her indomitable spirit. She appealed to King Philip II, and the reform resumed, formalised by the Pope in 1580.

St Teresa was the first to give a science of mysticism, and her works – her *Life*; *The Way of Perfection*; and her masterpiece *The Interior Castle* – remain unique at the pinnacle of mystical theology, with their depth of doctrine and account of her own experiences. These include every mystical phenomenon – visions, levitation, the spiritual events of the transverberation of her heart, spiritual espousals and mystical marriage. Yet she was also a highly practical foundress and administrator.

Always in poor health, she died at Alba de Tormes during the night of 4th - 15th October 1582. (The change to the Gregorian calendar took place that night in Spain, removing ten days.) Her body remained incorrupt – including her transverberated heart, examined by doctors in 1872. In 2024 her tomb was again opened and her incorrupt state reconfirmed by the scientific team.

Teresa was canonised by Pope Gregory XV in 1622 in the same ceremony as St Ignatius Loyola, St Francis Xavier and St Philip Neri. Pope St Paul VI proclaimed St Teresa a Doctor of the Church in 1970 along with St Catherine of Siena – the first women to receive the title.

'I saw an angel close by me, on my left side, in bodily form…He was not large, but small of stature, and most beautiful – his face burning, as if he were one of the highest angels, who seem to be all of fire: they must be those whom we call cherubim...

'I saw in his hand a long spear of gold, and at the iron's point there seemed to be a little fire. He appeared to me to be thrusting it at times into my heart, and to pierce my very entrails; when he drew it out, he seemed to draw them out also, and to leave me all on fire with a great love of God.

'The pain was so great, that it made me moan; and yet so surpassing was the sweetness of this excessive pain, that I could not wish to be rid of it. The soul is satisfied now with nothing less than God.

'The pain is not bodily, but spiritual; though the body has its share in it, even a large one. It is a caressing of love so sweet which now takes place between the soul and God, that I pray God of His goodness to make him experience it who may think that I am lying.'

The transverberation of St Teresa
***The Book of Her Life*, ch. 29**
(written by order of her superiors)

HYMNS: Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday **Mentone 5pm**

Mass Setting:	*Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance:	544 Making Their Way
Offertory:	*organ solo*
Communion:	533 Let All Mortal Flesh
Recessional:	465 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting:	*Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance:	544 Making Their Way
Offertory:	*Thou Knowest Lord* - H. Purcell
Communion:	*O sacrum convivium* - R. Remondi
	533 Let All Mortal Flesh
Recessional:	465 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance:	615 Alleluia, Sing To Jesus
Offertory:	751 My Soul Is Longing For Your Peace
Communion:	685 Gift Of Finest Wheat
Recessional:	722 In Faith And Hope And Love

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance:	Christ Be Our Light
Offertory:	My Soul Is Longing For Your Peace
Communion:	Gift Of Finest Wheat
Recessional:	In Faith And Hope And Love

Readings *this* week: 28th Sunday OT - Year A

Isaiah: 25: 6-10
Philippians: 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew: 22: 1-14

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!



Rosary Procession Our annual Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary will take place this coming Saturday, 17th October. Starting from the St Patrick's school grounds at 5:00pm, the procession will go around the school sports ground, ending at Our Lady's altar in time for the 6:00pm Vigil Mass.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults We are planning to soon commence an RCIA program for adults seeking Baptism at Easter 2027. Baptised non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic and adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments can also join with this program. Please email or phone the Parish Office if interested.

The Heavenly Vision of God

In our first reading, Isaiah gives a mouth-watering image: 'On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.' Jesus in our Gospel takes up the same image in his parable of the wedding banquet. It is an image of heaven – one among a range of such in Scripture.

In this life we cannot properly picture what heaven is like – presumably we will not actually be eating rich food continuously for all eternity – so we necessarily speak of it using images and metaphors drawn from this world.

Sometimes people can be tempted to think that heaven might be a bit boring – that eternal happiness with God is fine, but still, the pleasures of this world are more interesting or exciting. The scriptural images help us to remember that the God who is preparing heavenly life for us is the same God who also created all the pleasures and joys of life on earth and gave them to us: God knows how to make enjoyable things. And because he loves us, he wants to give those things to us.

So we can be sure that every pleasure and happiness in our life on earth is only the tiniest reflection of what he is preparing for us in heaven. Above all, they are only a tiny reflection of God himself, who is the infinite fullness of all being, goodness and perfection.

St Paul tells us, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, what things God has prepared for those who love him.' (*1 Cor 2*:9) The heart of heaven is our 'beatific vision' of God: 'Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face-to-face'; (*1 Cor* 13:12) 'We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.' (*1 Jn* 3:2)

Australian theologian Frank Sheed writes, 'For many… the first reaction to a straightforward statement about heaven is a feeling that there seem to be a lot of earthly pleasures we shall miss rather badly. We imagine ourselves as sometimes looking back to the dear dead days before we were raised to eternal bliss.' (*Theology for Beginners*, p. 172)

But he responds: 'There is no way of realising a pleasure until one has enjoyed it…You cannot convey the delight of colour to a person who is blind…In heaven the blindness of earth will be gone.' *[continued p. 3]*