



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

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th September 2025

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*)

Jesus in our gospel warns of the fate of the rich man who neglected the poor man, Lazarus, starving at his gate:

'The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

"My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." (Luke 16:22-26)

The imagery of 'flames' Jesus uses here is typical of his way of speaking about hell - echoing his expression in his account of the Last Judgement: 'the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels'. (Matt 25:41) Mark's Gospel quotes him using similar imagery: 'their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' (Mk 9:48) Is this physical fire as we know it, or is Our Lord pointing toward some reality not fully expressible within the limits of earthly language and experience? We cannot say for sure.

Vatican II, repeating Jesus' teaching on hell and reaffirming the Catholic Faith of the ages, uses his same language of 'eternal fire', and also 'outer darkness':

'We strive therefore to please God in all things and we put on the armour of God, that we may be able to stand

against the wiles of the devil and resist in the evil day. (Cf. Eph 6:11-13) Since however we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, (Cf. Heb 9:27) we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, (Cf. Mt 25:31-46) and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, (Cf. Mt 25:26) be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, (Cf. Mt 25:41) into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth." (Mt 22:13; 25:30)' (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium*, Ch. 7 'The Pilgrim Church', 48)

At the end of our gospel, the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to warn them: **"If someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."** But Abraham replies, **"If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."** (Luke 16:30, 31)

Jesus is pointing here to his own Resurrection, indicating that even in the face of that, there would still be people who refuse to believe and to repent. These are in particular danger of damnation, he is lovingly pleading.

Even those who think of themselves as his followers can be in denial - not only disbelieving in hell, but (quite unmoored from what is actually in the gospels) deluding themselves that Jesus taught no such thing, only 'love'.

In truth, his teaching on hell goes hand-in-hand with his teaching on love. God gave us free will, and fully respects that freedom. Hell is the natural result if, to the end, we freely *refuse* to love God above all things and our neighbour made in his image. Heaven is union with God, and it is impossible to unite with the God whom we reject.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 29th Sept	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 30th Sept	Memorial: St Jerome 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 1st Oct	Memorial: St Therese of the Child Jesus 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) No Mass at Black Rock today
Thu 2nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 3rd Oct	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) No Mass at Black Rock today
Sat 4th Oct	Memorial: St Francis of Assisi 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) No Mass or Confessions at Mentone on Saturday morning this week.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at **St Patrick's Mentone**

every Friday following 9:15am Mass
until 4:30pm **Benediction.**

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

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

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

Saturdays following 9:15am Mass
(*Beaumaris only — not at Mentone, this week only*)
and at 5:15pm (*Mentone*).

Recently Deceased:

Mary Cassar, Mary Taylor

Anniversaries:

George & Florence Kelly, Wilfred Gunasekera,
Bill Wilson, Peg McNamara

We pray for those who are sick:

Joan Pobjoy, Angela Iorianni, Max Byers, Janis Williams,
Alan Laver, Ching Price, Delia Fisher, Joyce Woodward,
Jim Lacey, John Nicholson, Mirella Townsend,
Margaret Rose Durston, Michael Papworth, Jill Murphy

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Please note new dates for final sessions:

3rd and 17th October 2025

6:30 - 7:30pm in the **Parish Centre**,
3 Mitchell St, **Mentone**,

BYO snacks (optional). Contact Casey or Emily
stpatrickbsg@gmail.com - **0424 397 022.**

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 4/5 October 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	J Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Mooney
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	J Short
	Commentator	T Warnock
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	N Perazzo
	Commentator	P Edkins
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	P Edkins
	Pilgrim Statue	G Costanzo

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	G Lynch
	Commentator	G Blackman
	Extraordinary Minister	D Lynch

Readings next week: 27th Sunday Ordinary Time yr C

Habakkuk:	1: 2-3, 2: 2-4
1 Timothy:	1: 6-8, 13-14
Luke:	17: 5-10

The St Vincent de Paul Parkdale conference invites you to join with them for Morning Tea at St John Vianney's following 9:00am Mass, next Sunday, 5th October. All Welcome.

Morning tea after 10:30am Mass at Stella Maris next Sunday, 5th October. All Welcome.

Please note: Starting next Sunday, 5th October, there will be **no 9:30am Ordinariate Mass at Mentone on Sundays until further notice.**

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Wear pink and blue for the babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.




12th-26th OCTOBER

ST. CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION

First-class Relic of Carlo Acutis & his International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles.

Program Schedule

 **Stella Maris Church**
2 Charlotte Road, Beaumaris VIC 3193

Sunday 12th to Sunday 26th October **1:00 - 5:00pm**

Public Viewing of 1st Class Relic w/ Exhibition & **SCHOOL VISITATIONS**

Tuesday 14th October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"Art of the Cross: Carlo's understanding of the reality of the Cross by his love for the Eucharist"** by Fr. Matthew Timonera

Wednesday 15th October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"Pilgrims of Hope – Walking Towards Heaven: Tips and Tools for Discernment and Growth in Holiness"** by Fr Nicholas Pearce

Thursday 16th October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"Universal call to holiness in the modern world"** by Fr. Francis Denton

Tuesday 21st October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"Sacred music & the Eucharist"** by Fr. Nicholas Dillon

Wednesday 22nd October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"The Eucharist: Presence, Sacrifice and Communion"** by Fr. Marcus Goulding

Thursday 23rd October

6:00pm Adoration & Confession
7:00pm Mass
7:30pm Talk: **"It is always the era of Saints"** by Josephine Plazzer

Saturday 25th October

7:00pm Choral music by our Youth Choir
7:30pm Mass w/ Youth Choir

 **St Joseph's Hall**
544 Balcombe Rd, Black Rock VIC 3193

Friday 17th October

6:30-7:00pm Choral music by a performance ensemble.
7:30pm Film screening: **"Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality"** w/ light refreshment.

Friday 24th October

6:30-7:00pm Choral music by a performance ensemble.
7:30pm Film screening: **"Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality"** w/ light refreshment.

New Film: Carlo Acutis-Roadmap to Reality

Discover the incredible life of Saint Carlo Acutis in Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Through firsthand accounts from family and friends, plus insights from Catholic leaders and tech experts, the film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people as they engage the digital world.

With Fr Ford on leave during this week, there will be no 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's on this Wednesday 1st October or this Friday 3rd October, and no 9:15am Mass or 9:45am Confessions at St Patrick's on this Saturday 4th October. Other Masses and Confessions as normal.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbour or against ourselves... To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell.'

1034 Jesus often speaks of 'Gehenna' of 'the unquenchable fire' reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. (Cf. *Mt* 5:22, 29; 10:28; 13:42, 50; *Mk* 9:43-48) Jesus solemnly proclaims that he 'will send his angels, and they will gather...all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire,' (*Mt* 13:41-42) and that he will pronounce the condemnation: 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!' (*Mt* 25:41)

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell,

where they suffer the punishments of hell, 'eternal fire.' (Cf. *DS* 76; 409; 411; 801; 858; 1002; 1351; 1575; Pope St Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God* 12) The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

1036 The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: 'Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.' (*Mt* 7:13-14)...

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a wilful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want 'any to perish, but all to come to repentance'. (2 *Pet* 3:9)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th September 2025

HYMNS: Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass in honour of St Ralph Sherwin

Entrance: 457 Blessed Jesus at Your Word

Offertory: *Solit ich meinem Gott nicht singen*
Op. 65 No. 22– S Karg-Elert

Communion: 500 God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Recessional: 613 The Church of Christ

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Mass in honour of St Ralph Sherwin Mass

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Postlude: *Toccata from Suite Gothique* - Leon Boellmann

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 644 Christ Our Lord, the Prince of Ages

Offertory: 739 Lord of Creation

Communion: 685 Gift of Finest Wheat

Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Sing To The Mountains

Offertory: Eye Has Not Seen

Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat

Recessional: Create a New Heart



Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!



ROSARY BEADS

Do you have a spare set of Rosary Beads tucked away at home that you would be willing to donate to St Patrick's school? We would love to give our students the opportunity to pray the Rosary together and aim to have full sets of beads in each classroom. These can be dropped off at either the school office or the Parish office. Your generosity will help our children grow in faith and love of Mary. Thank you for supporting them on their prayer journey.

L'Arche Melbourne communities

Patty St, Mentone – Balcombe St, Black Rock – Cavanagh St, Cheltenham
invite you to join us in the spring event

Venue: Black Rock
Gardens, opposite
Clock Tower
roundabout
(beach side)

Gentle walk south
along upper Coast
Path.

"Donations on the
day supporting
L'Arche Bangladesh"

Join us for a
special time
together as we
gather to share a
simple BBQ after
our annual walk

**Walking
together**

Saturday

**11th October
11am**

**Join
us**

Please RSVP by Monday 6th Oct
carla.hutchinson-reade@larche.org.au



ACYF Bake Sale!!

FROM MIDDAY SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER
ST. PATRICK'S MENTONE



Note to bakers: All baked goods to be dropped off
at the Parish Centre at the following times:
Saturday (4 to 8PM) OR Sunday 5th (8AM to 10AM)



Daylight Saving starts next weekend, 5th October

Daylight Saving begins next weekend, with our clocks being moved forward an hour at 2:00 am on Sunday morning. We thus lose an hour - risk of being late for Mass if we forget!

Month of the Rosary — Rosary Procession

5pm, Saturday 11 October, starting St Patrick's School grounds,
processing to Our Lady's Altar, St Patrick's Church.

Annual Mission Fair

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual
Fair, Sat 18th October 9am – 2.30pm, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.