



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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 18th May 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: 9:30am (Ordinariate Mass) (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 10:30am (*Beaumaris*)

Sunday: 11:00am (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 5:00pm (*Mentone*)

In our Second Reading we hear from the *Book of Revelation* (Greek: *Apocalypse*). The last book of the Bible, it tells of the mysterious vision of John (often understood to be St John the evangelist).

Much of his vision is symbolic, but part of what is symbolised is certainly the end of the world and what we call 'the last things'. It can seem a bit inaccessible, with its angels and strange animals and trumpets and battles. But we cannot help be moved by the wonderful vision of the things to come in its final chapters, concluding the entire Bible:

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth...I saw the holy City, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Here God lives among his people...He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone. (*Rev 21:1-4*)

This future destiny of everlasting happiness, with no more death or sadness, has given a great motivation for the whole Christian life. Yet in recent times that motivation has sometimes been blunted. People assure themselves, regardless of the warnings of Jesus, the Bible and the Church, that heaven is all but guaranteed for most people; and when something is guaranteed no matter what we do, it tends to drop out of consideration.

Others fear they might not even enjoy heaven that much – maybe conceiving of it merely as some 'luxury resort in

the sky' – not understanding that the soul in heaven will be flooded forever with the infinite perfection, goodness, joy, knowledge and love of God, with which it is impossible to ever tire or be dissatisfied.

Others, not realising that there are different degrees of heavenly happiness, think they might as well just do the minimum, and still get the same eternal reward as if they had lived lives of great holiness. In fact, from the teachings of Jesus, the Bible and the Church we learn that the more we have allowed God to expand our souls with his love and grace in this life, the more he can fill our souls in eternity. We open ourselves to this through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist) and prayer, and this flows into lives of faith-filled love, obedience and service.

Others, finally, unaware of the strength of all the rational evidence for the truth of Christian faith, are tempted to doubt the reality of heaven and hell in the first place. But the more we inform ourselves, the more we overcome these attitudes that could lead us astray.

And so we are led to persevere on our pilgrim journey, until we reach the final goal:

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him, they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever. (*Rev 22:3-5*)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 19th May	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 20th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 21st May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 22nd May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)
Fri 23rd May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 24th May	Solemnity: Our Lady, Help of Christians 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>)

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
(*Mentone & Beaumaris*) and at 5:15pm (*Mentone*).

Baptisms:

For bookings and enquiries
please phone 9583 2103

or email mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au



Recently Deceased:

Jeff White

Anniversaries:

Eileen Nicholas, Teresa Beck

We pray for those who are sick:

Patricia Hood, Alan Laver, Val Phelan, Janis Williams,
Sr Elizabeth Browne-Russell, Ching Price, Tim Noonan,
Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Dorothy Ritchie, John Nicholson
Marie Friedlander, John O'Donoghue, Michael Kuilboer,
Mirella Townsend, Margaret Rose Durston,
Michael Papworth

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

Commitment Masses Next weekend at the 6:00 pm Vigil
Mass at St Patrick's and at the 9:00 am Mass at St John
Vianney's, First Communion candidates from St Patrick's
and St John Vianney's Primary Schools will make a
commitment to prepare for the Sacrament.

*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 24/25 May 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	B Cooling
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	R Smith
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	L Brick
	Commentator	J Shannon
	Extraordinary Minister	M Lindstrom

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	B Atherton
	Commentator	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	B McCann
	Pilgrim Statue	S Stewart

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	E Wolfenden
	Commentator	L Beech
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: 6th Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts:	15: 1-2, 22-29
Apocalypse:	21: 10-14, 22-23
John:	14: 23-29

SAINT OF THE WEEK

18th May: Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

A native of Siena in Tuscany, Italy, St John I was
elected pope in 523. In this time after the fall of the
Western Roman Empire in 476, Italy was ruled by the
Ostrogoths, who adhered to the Arian heresy, which
denied Christ's full divinity.

In 519, the continuing Eastern Roman (Byzantine)
Empire had returned to religious union with Rome
after a 35-year schism, with the accession of the
strongly Catholic emperor Justin I bringing renewed
recognition of papal authority by the Byzantine
emperors and bishops. Justin also took measures
against the Arians in Byzantine lands; so Theodoric,
King of the Ostrogoths, forced Pope John to travel to
Constantinople [now Istanbul], the imperial capital, to
gain leniency for the Arians.

John was welcomed in Constantinople by throngs of
the faithful; Emperor Justin prostrated himself and
had himself re-crowned by the Pope. Although John's
embassy was relatively successful, upon his return to
Italy Theodoric imprisoned him on suspicion of
conspiring with Justin. He died of ill-treatment at the
prison in Ravenna, NE Italy, on 18th May 526.

'Book of Revelation' or 'Book of the Apocalypse'?

Over the Sundays of the Easter Season in Year C our second readings, including today's, are taken from the last book of the Bible, alternatively titled the *Book of Revelation* or the *Book of the Apocalypse*.

These words actually mean the same thing – 'apocalypse' is from the original Greek in which the book was written (like all of the New Testament); 'revelation' is the English translation of this.

That title is taken from the book's opening words: 'Apokalypsis Iēsou Christou...' [Ἀποκάλυψις Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ] 'The revelation of Jesus Christ...' The words 're - veal' and 're - velation' break down literally to *removing the veil, unveiling*; and the Greek word has the same structure: *apo - kalypsis* is from *apo*, meaning 'away from', and *kalypto*, meaning 'to cover'. The cover, the veil, is taken away, and the truth of things that have been hidden is shown to us.

In connection with this, it is helpful to be aware of two related points. First, in Catholic teaching, this word 'revelation' is frequently used to mean, not just this last book in the Scriptures, but the whole action and process in which God makes himself and his will known to us – above all in Christ himself, and given to us in *all* the

books of Scripture and in the Apostolic Tradition handed down in the Church.

And second, because the things unveiled in the symbolism of the *Book of the Apocalypse* concern, among other things, the end of the world and the catastrophic events leading up to that, the word 'apocalypse' has popularly come to denote a world-ending catastrophe. However, this is not the direct meaning of the original Greek.

The *Apocalypse* tells of the mysterious vision of John (traditionally understood to be St John, author of the fourth Gospel, though the *Apocalypse* itself does not say this, and it is debated by modern scholars). The author identifies his location as the Greek island of Patmos in the eastern Aegean Sea.

Much of his vision is clearly symbolic. Part is indeed about the end of the world and 'the last things', but various scholars say it is also often speaking in a cryptic way about events in John's own time – the Roman Empire, and the persecutions the early Christians were undergoing. Others have found in it symbolic descriptions of various things that have since already happened over two thousand years of Church history.



This week on 13 May was the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, anniversary of the first of six apparitions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. How much do you know about Fatima? You and your family can learn more through these two films available on *Formed*.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

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The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 449 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Offertory: 553 Love Is His Word

Communion: 443 A New Commandment

Recessional: 566 O God Beyond All Praising

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 449 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Offertory: Motet: *Ubi caritas et amor* - Durufle

Communion: Motet: *The Word incarnate* - Gibbons

443 A New Commandment

Recessional: 566 O God Beyond All Praising

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 633 By Your Kingly Power

Offertory: 594 The Lord Is My Light

Communion: 615 A New Commandment

Recessional: 639 Christ Is Alive

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Sing A New Song

Offertory: Taizé - Alleluia

Communion: The Lord Is My Light

Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven



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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

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

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS GATHERING meeting **today SUNDAY 18th MAY**

Open to young adults 18 & over. Faith discussions, Rosary & Supper. (Normally 2nd Sunday each month - this month only, 3rd Sunday.) **6:00-8:30pm**, following 5pm Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Mentone, **Parish Centre**, behind the church, entrance 3 Mitchell St Mentone. Enquiries: stpatrickycg@gmail.com



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF VICTORIA AND
WAGGA WAGGA**



PRAY & PAINT

**Saturday
14 June 2025
9am - 12:15pm**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH & HALL
631 HIGH ST, EAST PRAHRAN
(BETWEEN ORRONG RD
& WILLIAMS RD)

PROGRAM

Commencing with Mass at 9am followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean Mathieson, and a painting session.

**No painting experience necessary!
All materials provided.**

TICKETS \$30 (\$20 for CWLVWW Members)
RSVP by 10 June (or unless sold out)
BOOKING OPTIONS
TryBooking www.trybooking.com/DATEX
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Legion of Mary

Thank you to all those who prayed the Rosary with the Procession last Saturday evening. We were blessed with very mild weather and a great attendance.