

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10th May 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)

In our Gospel, Jesus at the Last Supper promises the sending of the Holy Spirit: 'I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive...' (Jn 14:16-17)

He adds shortly after: 'The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.' (Jn 14:26) 'When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth.' (Jn 16:13)

Christ's gift of the Spirit of Truth empowers the Apostles to give the true and certain interpretation of his complete teachings, ensuring their ongoing unity as 'one Body' with 'one Faith'. (Eph 4:5)

His promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit, 'for ever', is a fundamental basis for our certainty that the community of disciples that Jesus was establishing (upon Peter the 'Rock' (Mt 16:18) – first Bishop of Rome and first Pope – and the other Apostles, the first Bishops) would always infallibly proclaim the full truth of Jesus' teachings.

Jesus had already told them, 'He who hears you, hears me.' (Lk 10:16) With all these promises, he was establishing his Church as 'the pillar and foundation of truth' (1 Tim 3:15), in which he is with us always, 'to the end of time'. (Mt 28:20)

Mother's Day Prayer

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical,

mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children

to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone,

but for God and for others.

Amen.

NEW YOUTH GROUP @ ST PATS!



6:00-7:30PM
SUNDAY 24TH MAY

* FOOD
* FORMATION
* FRIENDSHIP
* PRAYER

* FOR TEENS (YR 7-
YR 12)

ST PATRICK'S
MENTONE PARISH
CENTRE

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Justin Ford **Assistant Priest:** Rev Fr Joseph Nguyen

Presbytery: 10 Rogers St, Mentone 3194 **Office:** 3 Mitchell St, Mentone 3194 **Office hours:** 9am-5pm (Mon, Tues and Thurs)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 11th May	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 12th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 13th May	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 14th May	<i>Feast: St Matthias, Apostle</i> 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 15th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 16th May	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*).

Baptism Program 2026



Please contact the parish office for information, registration forms and bookings. 9583 2103.

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Recently Deceased:

Joan Jackson, Chris Timms

Anniversaries:

Helen Foley, Vivienne Newman, Leanne Brown, John Freeman (snr), Vincenzo Catalano

We pray for those who are sick:

Fr James Grant, Mavis De Silva, Alfred Busuttill, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Francis Archer, Alan Laver, Michael Papworth, Nick Bond, Ching Price, Mirella Townsend, Kaye McCall, Albert Ricardo

Mass Count

As always in May, for four weekends of the month, the diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be carried out at each weekend Mass.

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

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

ROSTERS 16/17 May 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Phillips
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
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	M Lindstrom

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	B Fitchet
	Commentator	P Edkins
	Extraordinary Minister	G Sullivan
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	N Perazzo
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	McNerney Fam

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	G Blackman
	Commentator	M Khong
	Extraordinary Minister	H Graham

Readings next week: The Ascension of the Lord Yr A

Acts:	1: 11-11
Ephesians:	1: 17-23
Matthew:	28: 16-20

Cuppa N Chat at St Patrick's Mentone

In the Parish Centre following 11am Mass
today, Sunday, 10th May.

Please come along, and make yourself known to fellow Parishioners!



Knights of the Southern Cross

The Mentone Branch is hosting an evening where Father Robert McCulloch, Procurator General of the Society of St Columban, and Eric Siraj, Administrator of St Elizabeth Hospital, will provide information on hospital and education programs in Hyderabad, Pakistan.

The evening commences at 7pm on Tuesday 12th May in St Patrick's Parish Centre. All parishioners welcome to attend what will be an interesting session.

For catering purposes please RSVP to John Beruldsen via the Parish office 9583 2103 if you plan to attend.

Apostles' Creed for the Easter Season

For the Easter Season we are praying the Apostles' Creed from our Mass cards in place of the Nicene Creed.

Today's readings give us a wealth of teachings:

The account in the First Reading of St Peter and St John laying hands on the Samaritans, who then receive the Holy Spirit, is a primary scriptural witness to the existence of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as distinct from Baptism.

'Peter and John... prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.' (Acts 8:14-17)

Elsewhere we read of St Paul baptising, then laying hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:5-6) 'The laying-on of hands' is named in the *Letter to the Hebrews* as one of the first elements of Christian instruction. (Heb 6:2)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes Pope St Paul VI: 'The imposition of hands is rightly recognised by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.' (n. 1288)

In the First Reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, the 'Philip' mentioned as proclaiming Christ in the Samaritan town (Acts 8:4-8) (and who later baptises the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)) is not St Philip the Apostle. (The Apostles had actually remained in Jerusalem at this point. (Acts 8:1)) Rather, he is another Philip known as **St Philip the Deacon**.

He was one of the seven men appointed (including St Stephen, the first martyr) for the distribution of food to the needy in the community, so that the Apostles could keep concentrating on prayer and the service of the Word.

As we heard in last Sunday's First Reading, **the Apostles had laid hands on these seven men, who are generally accounted the first Deacons.** (Acts 6:1-6)

In our Gospel, Jesus at the Last Supper tells the disciples, **'If you love me you will keep my commandments.'** (Jn 14:15)

Central to our love for God is our will and desire to please him, and to do *his* will; and our *actions* in obedience to his commandments are much more reliable signs than mere words or passing emotions that we do genuinely love God above all things. (Indeed, this loving conformity of wills is essential if we are to be saved and enter heavenly union with God: two contradictory wills cannot unite.)

This is why a serious and deliberate violation of a divine command contradicts the supernatural virtue of charity (by which we love God with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves). By a violation of that kind, charity is expelled from our souls, along with the divine life of sanctifying grace (which is the necessary seed of life in heaven, and which always stands or falls with charity).

This link between genuine love, doing God's will, obeying his commandments, and reaching salvation, helps explain Jesus' answer to the question asked by the rich young man in Matthew's Gospel: 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' Jesus replies, **'If you would enter life, keep the commandments.'** (Mt 19:16-17)

'Always have your answer [Greek: *apologian* – defence] **ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.** But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience.' (1 Pet 3:15)

These words of St Peter in our Second Reading are often cited as a basis for the importance of being able to give 'reasons for our hope' – a reasoned defence of the truth of our faith (for example, by proofs of the existence of God or of the human spiritual soul; proofs from firmly-evidenced miracles – divine signs of God's approval; scriptural, historical and logical evidence for the Church and her teachings). Faith and reason are different – we believe 'because God has said it', not 'because we can prove it' – yet, they are in harmony.

The word in the scriptural text quoted above is a form of the Greek word 'apologia', meaning 'a speech in defence'.

So even today we speak of the field of study and writing called 'apologetics' – simply meaning this reasoned defence of faith. (So 'apologetics' in no way means 'apologising!')

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 10th May 2026

HYMNS:

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

Mass Setting: Mass of St Anne
Entrance: 447 All The Earth Proclaim the Lord (vv. 1,2,5,6)
Offertory: Choral Varie sur le theme du Veni Creator (M. Durufle)
Communion: 381 Come Down, O Love Divine
Recessional: 519 In Christ There Is No East Or West

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: *Missa Simplex II* - Rihards Dubra (1999)
Entrance: 447 All The Earth Proclaim the Lord (vv. 1,2,5,6)
Offertory: Motet: *Benedicite gentes Dominum Deum nostrum*
- G. P. da Palestrina
Communion: Motet: *If ye love me* - T. Tallis
381 Come Down, O Love Divine
Recessional: 519 In Christ There Is No East Or West

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 632 By Every Nation Race and Tongue
Offertory: 758 O Breathe On Me
Communion: 730 Keep In Mind
Recessional: 646 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Beumaris 10:30am Sunday

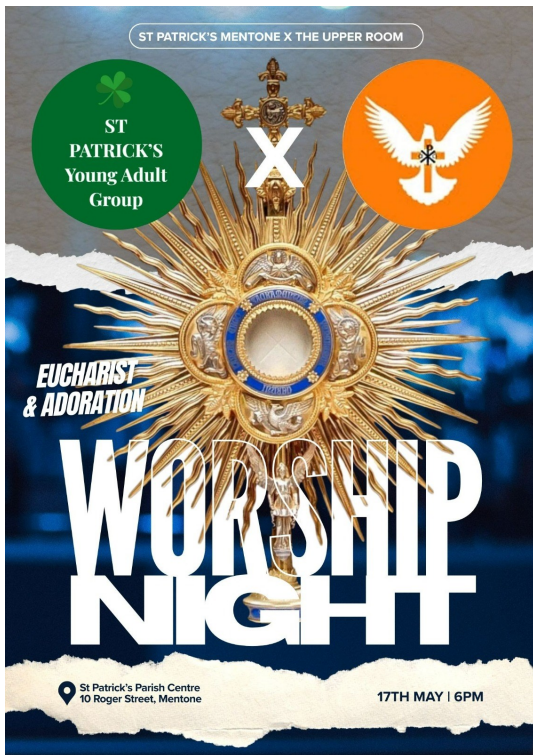
Entrance: By Every Nation Race and Tongue
Offertory: Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us
Communion: Bread of Life
Recessional: All The Ends Of The Earth

Readings this week: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts: 8: 5-8, 14-17
1 Peter: 3: 15-18
John: 14: 15-21

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!



The next **Young Adults** night is a special night! We're diving deep into why we can trust that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, and this will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. We're also teaming up with The Upper Room Young Adults from St Justin's, Wheelers Hill.

Join us on **Sunday, 17th May** at 6:00 pm (right after the 5:00 pm Mass) at St Patrick's Parish Centre in Mentone. Dinner will be provided, and you're very welcome to bring a dish to share with everyone. Kindly RSVP to stpatrickycg@gmail.com.

PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Our Parish Young People's Choir rehearses after school in the Parish Choir Room every Wednesday after school until 4.30pm.

It is free of charge and we sing once a month at Sunday 5pm Mass - dates this term are May 31 and June 28.

We sing traditional and contemporary repertoire. The choir sings in two-part harmony and sounds beautiful.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - The Bayside Atrium Term 2 Program - for Children 3 yrs – 9 yrs old

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (COGS) is an internationally acclaimed Montessori-based children's program available to children 3 to 9.

The Program comprises 2 levels, 3-6yrs and 6-9 yrs and provides a sacred space for your child for explore and discover God's love through the life of Jesus in scripture and in the liturgy. They learn many skills through carefully developed hands-on works. A perfect program to enhance their faith education.

The Bayside Atrium of the COGS is held at **Stella Maris Church, 2 Charlotte Rd, Beumaris, Atrium Room, Saturdays 9.30-11.30am.**

To visit, or for more information, please feel free to contact us: baysideatrium@gmail.com or phone Lisa - 0402 480 224. Facebook or Instagram Bayside Atrium.

