



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

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 1st June 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)

**'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,
and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem
but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed
to the ends of the earth.'** (Acts 1:8)

Those final words of Jesus before his Ascension
express our mission as the Church:

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mission – a requirement of the Church's catholicity

849 The missionary mandate. 'Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be "the universal sacrament of salvation," the Church, in obedience to the command of her founder and because it is demanded by her own essential universality, strives to preach the Gospel to all men': (Vatican II, Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church *Ad gentes* (1965) 1; cf. *Mk* 16:15) 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age.' (*Mt* 28:19-20)

850 The origin and purpose of mission. The Lord's missionary mandate is ultimately grounded in the eternal love of the Most Holy Trinity: 'The Church on earth is by her nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, she has as her origin the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit.' (*Ad gentes* 2) The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love. (Cf. Pope St John Paul II, Encyclical Letter on the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate *Redemptoris Missio* (1990) 23)

851 Missionary motivation. It is from God's love for all men

that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigour of her missionary dynamism, 'for the love of Christ urges us on.' (2 *Cor* 5:14; cf. Vatican II, Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (1965) 6; *Redemptoris Missio* 11)

Indeed, God 'desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth'; (1 *Tim* 2:4) that is, God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the prompting of the Spirit of truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary.

852 Missionary paths. The Holy Spirit is the protagonist, 'the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission'. (*Redemptoris Missio* 21) It is he who leads the Church on her missionary paths. 'This mission continues and, in the course of history, unfolds the mission of Christ, who was sent to evangelise the poor; so the Church, urged on by the Spirit of Christ, must walk the road Christ himself walked, a way of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice even to death, a death from which he emerged victorious by his resurrection.' (*Ad gentes* 5) So it is that 'the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians.' (Tertullian, *Apol.* 50, 13)

853 On her pilgrimage, the Church has also experienced the 'discrepancy existing between the message she proclaims and the human weakness of those to whom the Gospel has been entrusted.' (Vatican II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et spes* (1965) 43) Only by taking the 'way of penance and renewal,' the 'narrow way of the cross,' can the People of God extend Christ's [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 2nd June	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 3rd June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 4th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 5th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 6th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 7th June	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:

Marino Argentaro, Deirdre Tuttleby

Anniversaries:

Geoffrey Clifton, Christine Lindstrom, Noel Huttley,
Jill Dix, Nance Hayes, William Welford

We pray for those who are sick:

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

Join us for Morning Tea today

After 9:00am Mass at St John Vianney's,

after 10:30am Mass at Stella Maris,

and after 11:00am St Patrick's. All welcome!

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

ROSTERS 7/8 June 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	K Mooney
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	D Mowat
	Commentator	R Papworth
	Extraordinary Minister	B Richardson

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	M Webster
	Commentator	B Fitchet
	Extraordinary Minister	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	J Brantner
	Pilgrim Statue	P Edkins

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	M Droege
	Commentator	M Link
	Extraordinary Minister	H Graham

Readings next week:

Pentecost Sunday Yr C

Acts:	2:1-11
Romans:	8: 8-17
John :	14: 15-16, 23-26

First Holy Communion



Please pray for the children from our parish primary schools receiving First Holy Communion at this time - at St Patrick's this Tuesday 3rd June and next Tuesday 10th June; at St John Vianney's at 9:00 am Mass on Sunday 15th June; and at Stella Maris on Thursday 19th June.

As always, a plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, for the First Communicants and for those devoutly taking part in the celebration.

Visit of First Year Seminarists

At our 11:00am Mass at St Patrick's today we welcome Fr Daryl Montecillo, First Year Formator, and the First Year Seminarists of Corpus Christi College.

Seminarists visit different parishes during the course of the year so as to experience the breadth and diversity of parish life across the Archdiocese.

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

[continued from p.1] reign. (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen gentium* (1964) 8; 15; *Ad gentes* 1; cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 12-20) For 'just as Christ carried out the work of redemption in poverty and oppression, so the Church is called to follow the same path if she is to communicate the fruits of salvation to men.' (*Lumen gentium* 8)

854 By her very mission, 'the Church...travels the same journey as all humanity and shares the same earthly lot with the world: she is to be a leaven and, as it were, the soul of human society in its renewal by Christ and transformation into the family of God.' (*Gaudium et spes* 40)

Missionary endeavour requires patience. It begins with the proclamation of the Gospel to peoples and groups who do not yet believe in Christ, (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 42; 47) continues with the establishment of Christian communities that are 'a sign of God's presence in the world,' (*Ad gentes* 15) and leads to the foundation of local churches. (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 48-49)

It must involve a process of inculturation if the Gospel is to take flesh in each people's culture. (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 52-54) There will be times of defeat. 'With regard to individuals, groups, and peoples it is only by degrees that [the Church] touches and penetrates them and so receives them into a

fullness which is Catholic.' (*Ad gentes* 6)

855 The Church's mission stimulates efforts towards Christian unity. (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 50) Indeed, 'divisions among Christians prevent the Church from realising in practice the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her sons who, though joined to her by Baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her. Furthermore, the Church herself finds it more difficult to express in actual life her full catholicity in all its aspects.' (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis redintegratio* (1964) 4)

856 The missionary task implies a respectful dialogue with those who do not yet accept the Gospel. (Cf. *Redemptoris Missio* 55) Believers can profit from this dialogue by learning to appreciate better 'those elements of truth and grace which are found among peoples, and which are, as it were, a secret presence of God.' (*Ad gentes* 9)

They proclaim the Good News to those who do not know it, in order to consolidate, complete, and raise up the truth and the goodness that God has distributed among men and nations, and to purify them from error and evil 'for the glory of God, the confusion of the demon, and the happiness of man.' (*Ad gentes* 9)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

5 June: Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

St Boniface, Apostle to the Germans, was born in Devon in Anglo-Saxon England about 675. Originally named Wynfrith, he became a Benedictine monk, but declining the position of abbot, he instead embarked in 716 on missionary work. Pope St Gregory II, renaming him Boniface, appointed him missionary bishop to evangelise the German tribes.

The Anglo-Saxons had themselves been pagan until 597, but by the 700s became the papacy's most devoted allies, and religious and cultural leaders of the Church in the West. Boniface baptised thousands, and established dioceses and monasteries. In a famous incident, he felled an oak sacred to the pagan god Thor, helped by a providential wind; when he was not struck down by the god, the pagans converted.

Boniface also laboured to reorganise the Church in France, and helped bring the Carolingian rulers there into alliance with the papacy.

Evangelising in Frisia (modern Netherlands), on 5 June 754 he was martyred at Dokkum with 52 companions, by a gang of robbers. He is buried at Fulda in central Germany.

The Ascension: the meaning of the physical aspect

On the one hand, the physical 'lifting up' of Jesus was something real and historical as experienced by the Apostles and reported in the New Testament. Yet Jesus obviously did not go to live in the upper atmosphere, or outer space: heaven cannot be reached by physical travel. Rather, God used this physical sign to convey to the Apostles a spiritual and transcendent reality. The cloud hides the Lord from their sight, and he passes to the state of glorification. Pope John Paul II explains:

'We are dealing with a mystery which is an object of faith. It completes the mystery of the Incarnation. It is the ultimate fulfilment of the messianic mission of the Son of God who had come on earth to redeem us. Nonetheless, it is also a fact which can be known from the biographical and historical data concerning Jesus...contained in the Gospels.

'...the apostles had a sensation of "movement" of the whole figure of Jesus, and of an action of "separation" from the earth. The fact that Jesus blessed the apostles at that moment indicates the salvific meaning of his departure. As in the whole of his redemptive mission, his departure included and gave to the world every spiritual good.'

'...Christ passes to the glorified state in God. The first meaning of the Ascension is precisely this: a revelation that the risen one has entered the heavenly intimacy of God. That is proved by "the cloud," a biblical sign of the divine presence. Christ disappears from the eyes of his disciples by entering the transcendent sphere of the invisible God.'

Pope St John Paul II, General Audience, 12 April 1989

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 372 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Offertory: 375 Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Communion: 466 Christ Is The Heavenly Food

Recessional: 377 Rejoice! The Lord Is King

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Introit: *You ascended in glory* - L'vov/Bakhmetev

Entrance: 372 A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing!

Offertory: Motet: *Ascendit Deus* - G.P. da Palestrina

Communion: Motet: *O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit* - T. Tallis
Chorale: *Thou Prince Of Life* - J.S. Bach (words—see below)

Recessional: 377 Rejoice! The Lord is King

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 686 Glory Be To God In Heaven

Offertory: 731 Let The Earth Rejoice And Sing

Communion: 619 Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Recessional: 690 Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Glory Be To God In Heaven

Offertory: Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Communion: Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

Recessional: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth



Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!



ST PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS next SUNDAY 8th JUNE

SOCIAL NIGHT AND SUPPER. Open to young adults 18 & over.

2nd Sunday of each month **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



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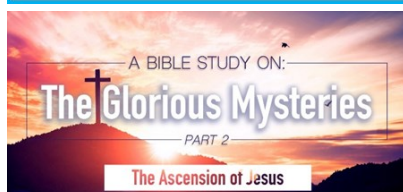
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11:00 am Mass - Communion Hymn

*Thou Prince of life, Lord Jesus Christ,
Thou who art taken up now
To heaven, where thy Father is
And all the faithful people,
How shall I thy great victory, Which
thou through a most grievous strife
Hast merited, praise rightly
And thy full honour pay thee?*

*Draw us to thee and we shall run,
Give us of faith the pinions!
Help us our flight from here to make
To Israel's true mountains!
My God! When shall I then depart
To where I'll ever happy dwell?
When shall I stand before thee,
Thy countenance to witness?*



A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

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more substantial notices: by
4:00pm Tuesday.*