

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 29th March 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: 6pm (Mentone) **EXCEPT NEXT SAT 8:00PM**

Sunday: 8:00am (Black Rock)

Sunday: 9:00am (Parkdale)

Sunday: 10:30am (Beaumaris)

Sunday: 11:00am (Mentone)

Sunday: 5pm (Mentone) **NO 5PM MASS EASTER SUNDAY**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026 - MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - no morning Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thu 2nd April Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Mentone & Black Rock
Adoration at both churches continues until 10:30 pm

Fri 3rd April Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11:00 am Mentone & Beaumaris
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm Mentone & Black Rock

Sat 4th April Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8:00 pm Mentone

Sun 5th April Easter Sunday morning - normal Sunday Mass times

No 5:00 pm Mass at Mentone on Easter Sunday

Invitation to the Easter Vigil

**Don't miss the 'Easter Vigil in the Holy Night',
the pinnacle of the Church's year.**

*The Church declares the Vigil to be 'the greatest
and most noble of all solemnities'. (Roman Missal)*

*Set aside the evening of Saturday 4th April
(8:00 pm, St Patrick's, Mentone)*

*for our Partnered Parishes celebration of this
greatest of feasts, rejoicing in Christ's Resurrection.*

*At Easter Vigils across Melbourne, catechumens and
candidates will be received into the Catholic Church
with the Sacraments of Initiation.*

*In our own celebration, Lydia Denker will be received
into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church,
and receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion;
we keep her in our prayers.*

***This is 'the Main Event' surpassing all others:
if at all possible, you really should be there!***

The Seven Last Words of Christ

*The gospels record seven things Jesus said as he hung
upon the Cross, and these have long been a special
inspiration for reflection and devotion. This Holy Week,
perhaps spend some time meditating on his words:*

'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'

(Lk 23:34)

'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

(Lk 23:43)

'Woman, behold your son!...Behold, your mother!'

(Jn 19:26-27)

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' *(Mt 27:46)*

'I thirst.' *(Jn 19:28)*

'It is accomplished.' *(Jn 19:30)*

'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' *(Lk 23:46)*

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 30th March **Monday of Holy Week**
11:00am (*Mentone*)

Tue 31st March **Tuesday of Holy Week**
9:15am (*Mentone*)

Wed 1st April **Wednesday of Holy Week**
9:15am (*Mentone & Black Rock*)

Thu 2nd April **Thursday of Holy Week**
No morning Mass

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30pm (*Mentone & Black Rock*)

Adoration continues until 10:30pm.

Fri 3rd April **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
(Good Friday - fast and abstinence)
No morning Mass

Stations of the Cross

11:00am (*Mentone & Beaumaris*)

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm (*Mentone & Black Rock*)

Sat 4th April **Holy Saturday**
No morning Mass

The Resurrection of the Lord

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00pm (*Mentone*)

This week only:

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Regular Exposition recommences the following week at Mentone on Friday and at Stella Maris on Saturday.

Recently Deceased:

Brother Leo Walsh, Nora Kennedy

Anniversaries:

Marie Williams, Doris Nicholas, Agnes Walshe, Ferdinand Veridiano, Peter Richardson, John Goodwin, Patricia Sherman, Annie Sullivan

We pray for those who are sick:

Fr James Grant, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Francis Archer, Nick Bond, Ching Price, Alan Laver, Michael Papworth, Mirella Townsend, Florence Dunn, Peter & Kaye McCall, Albert Ricardo

Thanksgiving Envelopes

New envelope sets are now ready for collection in the church foyers at Mentone and Parkdale.

Thank you for your continuing support.

ROSTERS 4/5 April

Easter 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone

8:00pm	Commentator	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Ministers	J & T Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	M Nicholas
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	J Shannon
	Commentator	L Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	B Atherton
	Commentator	K Lowe
	Extraordinary Minister	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	P Edkins
	Pilgrim Statue	S Lavery

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

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

Readings next week:

Easter Sunday

Acts: 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians: 3: 1-4

John: 20: 1-9

ST PATRICK'S MENTONE - PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE

Volunteers are invited to join a team of other parishioners gardening at **St Patrick's Church, Presbytery & Parish Centre** on a regular monthly basis.

Day:- **2nd Saturday of each month.**

Time:- **10:00am to 12:00 noon.**

The next gardening busy bee will be on **11th April.**

All volunteers are warmly invited to lend a hand and share the fellowship. Although the primary focus will be weeding and mowing, other jobs will include hedges, gutters and other maintenance work as needed.

Just turn up at the Parish Centre with your hat and gardening gloves. Even an hour would be great.

We will be happy to see you.

Any queries, please contact Jeremy or Richard via the Parish Office, 9583 2103.

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

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION TIMES

FOR THE REST OF LENT

Please note the extra / changed times, printed in bold.

Sat 28th March	5:15pm	St Patrick's, Mentone
Wed 1st April	9:45am	St Patrick's, Mentone
Sat 4th April	10:00am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
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St Joseph's & Stella Maris: looking for new Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We need new Readers and Ministers to join our Sunday rosters at Black Rock and Beaumaris. Training provided. Please contact the Parish Office at Stella Maris or Mentone if you are interested in contributing to our liturgy in either of these ministries.

Also, all St Joseph's / Stella Maris Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, old or new, are asked to attend a 'Refresher' session at Stella Maris on Sunday 12 April, at 11:45am, following 10:30am Mass and morning tea.

Good Friday—Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday 3rd April.

This promotes the work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

With ongoing conflicts, the Church and people of the Holy Land still struggle with lower income due to fewer pilgrims.

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to Parish accounts:

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
Mentone-Parkdale - Church:	083347 6815 62913
Nazareth Parish - Church:	083347 6864 78067



We gain an extra hour on Easter Sunday!

Turn the clocks *back* before bed next Saturday night, 4th April 2026.

Chrism Mass — 10am this Tuesday 31st March

All are welcome at the annual Mass of the Chrism, one of the great celebrations of the liturgical year. This will take place in **St Patrick's Cathedral, 10:00am on this Tuesday, 31st March.**

At this Mass, the Archbishop blesses the Holy Oils: the **Oil of the Sick** (used for the Anointing of the Sick), the **Oil of Catechumens** (used to anoint adults on the path to Baptism, and babies immediately prior to their Baptism), and the **Oil of Chrism** (essential to Confirmation, also used to anoint the hands of Priests straight after Ordination and to anoint babies immediately after Baptism). The blessed olive oils (with balsam added for the Oil of Chrism) are distributed to each parish for use in the year ahead.

Priests concelebrate the Mass of the Chrism in great numbers, renewing the solemn commitments they made at Ordination, and many laity and religious from around the Archdiocese also participate. It's the main time people from the whole diocese come together. (Fr Ford and Fr Nguyen will attend; Fr Ramsay Williams will celebrate the 9:15 Mass at Mentone.)

Why not make it part of your Holy Week program? (Parking can be difficult - and note that the Chrism Mass is longer than a normal Mass. Maybe arrive by train at Parliament Station; after Mass, enjoy lunch in the city.)

Indulgences for Holy Week and Easter

On each of the following occasions a plenary indulgence is available (under the usual conditions of Communion, Confession 20 days either side, and Prayers for the Pope's intentions) - to those who:

- on **Holy Thursday night**: devoutly recite or sing the 'Tantum ergo' ('Down in adoration falling') as the Blessed Sacrament is being reposed; this includes those who follow attentively while the choir sings this;
- or, at the **Good Friday service**: devoutly take part in the veneration of the Cross;
- or, at the **Easter Vigil**: renew their baptismal vows; or, receive First Communion (as will take place at Mentone on this occasion) or devoutly participate in that;
- or, devoutly receive **the Pope's blessing 'Urbi et Orbi'**, even by (live) TV/internet (noon Rome time **Easter Sunday** - 8pm Melbourne time - accessible on the Vatican website, vatican.va).

HYMNS: **Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday**

Parkdale 9am Sunday **Mentone 5pm Sunday**

Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin

Entrance: Antiphon as Priest arrives: *Hosanna, filio David*
303 All Glory, Laud and Honour

Offertory: 400 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

Communion: 164 Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: *silence*

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting: Plainsong Mass

Procession: Antiphon as Priest arrives: *Hosanna, filio David*
Antiphon 1 & 2 as all process into the church

Entrance: 303 All Glory, Laud and Honour

Offertory: Motet: *Improperium expectavit cor meum* - F. X. Witt

Communion: Motet: *Pater, si non potest* - A. Porfiri
164 Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: *silence*

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance: 229 All Glory Praise and Honour

Offertory: 776 O Sacred Head Surrounded

Communion: 811 Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: 862 When I Survey the Wondrous
Cross

Beumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: All Glory Praise and Honour

Offertory: O Sacred Head Surrounded

Communion: Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Readings this week: Palm Sunday

Isaiah: 50: 4-7

Philippians: 2: 6-11

Matthew: 26: 14-27: 66



Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Good Friday - Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence from meat binds those aged 14 and over; fasting binds from our 18th birthday until our 59th birthday. The sick are excused.

On a 'day of fast', as a minimal requirement we eat only one full meal - with the possibility of one or two snacks, but together not adding up to the full meal; there is no eating between any of these meals, though drinking is permitted.

***Prayer for the Synod
Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus***

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Easter working bee - St Patrick's Mentone

Please consider donating an hour or so to assist in the preparations for Easter. Meet in the sacristy following 9:15 morning Mass on Tuesday 31st March. No experience necessary.

ACRATH - Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans.

Fair Trade – Slavery-free chocolate

Are you buying chocolate for someone for Easter? Please buy only slavery-free chocolate. The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. If you buy chocolate featuring one of these certification symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is slavery-free.



ACTION: Tell at least 5 other people about slavery-free chocolate. (See acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/ for information and resources.)

Reading of the Passion

During the reading of the Passion today and on Good Friday we normally stand (as we generally do during the reading of the Gospel at Mass). Many people commendably see the longer period of standing during the Passion as a sort of penance, a sign of our faithfulness to Christ who spent three hours on the Cross for us.

Naturally however, those with limited capacity to stand for extended periods (for whatever cause) should consider themselves exempt, and feel free to be seated. We do not want anyone to faint! If your physical condition prevents you from standing, consider that sufficient penance.