



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 – 25th 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*)



Pope Leo XIV greets the crowds in St Peter's Square prior to the Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate



Pope Leo XIV, then Fr Robert Prevost, Prior General of the Augustinian Order, celebrating Mass, Collaroy Beach, after World Youth Day Sydney 2008

(Photo courtesy, Catholic Community of North Harbour NSW)

Homily of Pope Leo XIV, Holy Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate, St Peter's Square, 18th May 2025

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. Saint Augustine wrote: Lord, 'you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you' (*Confessions*, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were 'like sheep without a shepherd' (*Mt* 9:36). Then, on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them 'as a shepherd guards his flock' (*Jer* 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, *I come to you as a brother*, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: these are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. We see this in today's Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a 'fisher' of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, 'fishers of men'. Now, after the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 26th May	Memorial: St Philip Neri, priest 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 27th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 28th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 29th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>School Mass</i>)
Fri 30th May	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 31st May	Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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: Fr Paul Garland

Anniversaries: Anne Morton, Vena Kelly, Tony Malek,
Anton Don Paul, Bernie Mills

We pray for those who are sick: Delia Fisher,
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

**Please note, names added to the prayer list will remain for four weeks then removed. If any name needs to be added or removed, please ring or email the Parish office.*

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

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 31 May/1 June 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	J Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Renden
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	B Richardson
	Commentator	J Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	E de Corrado

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	C Beck
	Commentator	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister	D Kidner
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	A Berghella
	Pilgrim Statue	G Costanzo

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	E Moews
	Commentator	G Stockdale
	Extraordinary Minister	Sr Patricia

Readings next week: The Ascension of the Lord Yr C

Acts:	1:1-11
Ephesians:	1: 17-23
Luke:	24: 46-53

We welcome our Children's Choir, singing for the first time at our 5:00 pm Mass this Sunday.

The choir will perform once a month at Mass on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm at St Patrick's Mentone. Weekly rehearsals are held Wednesdays, 3:30-4:15pm, in the Choir Room, 3 Mitchell St, Mentone. New members welcome! Membership is free of charge. For information about joining, please contact the Parish Office **9583 2103**.

Catholic Women's League

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

Scan the QR code

Email us at: info@cwlvicww.org.au

Morning Teas after Masses next Sunday 1st June

9:00am St John Vianney's, 10:30am Stella Maris,

11:00am St Patrick's—All welcome!

We pray for First Communion candidates from our Primary Schools, who will make a commitment at Sunday Masses to prepare to receive in June this greatest of Sacraments.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Saturday May 31

The Mentone Knights of the Southern Cross and St Vincent De Paul Society are holding a fund-raising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mentone next Saturday May 31.

If you are at Bunnings next Saturday you can support us by purchasing a sausage.



Caritas—Project Compassion Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to this year's appeal. Please collect your receipt from the church foyer.

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the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial.

For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb *agapáo*, which refers to the love that God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter's response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, 'Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same "more", that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters.'

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of 'loving more' and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus 'is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone' (Acts 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. 1 Pet 5:3).

On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are 'living stones' (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of Saint Augustine: 'The Church

consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour'.

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for *a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.*

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalises the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world.

We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one.*

This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion 'were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?' (*Rerum Novarum*, 20).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday - Children's Choir

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 586 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: 591 Peace with the Father, peace with Christ

Communion: (5pm Sun only) Motet: *Adoramus te* – V.C. Johnson
555 Prayer of Saint Francis

Recessional: 491 Glory and praise to our God

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 586 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: Motet: *If ye love me*—T. Tallis

Communion: Motet: *Da pacem Domine*— C. Gounod
555 Prayer of Saint Francis

Recessional: 491 Glory and praise to our God

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 632 By Every Nation, Race and Tongue

Offertory: 739 Lord of Creation

Communion: 619 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (vs 1,3,4)

Recessional: 646 Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Offertory: Centre of My Life

Communion: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Recessional: Good Christians All



Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

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!

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

1700th Anniversary of the Opening of the First Council of Nicaea, 20th May 325

It is not often that we celebrate a 1700th Anniversary, but Pope Francis, in proclaiming the Jubilee Year of 2025, highlighted that this year is 1700 years since the opening of the very first Ecumenical (General) Council of the Catholic Church, held at Nicaea (in present-day Turkey) in 325.

In his Bull *Spes non confundit* announcing the Jubilee, Pope Francis wrote: 'The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist.'

Pope Leo XIV, speaking during the week to representatives of non-Catholic Churches and Communities, and of non-Christian religions, said: 'My election has taken place during the year of the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. That Council represents a milestone in the formulation of the Creed shared by all Churches and Ecclesial Communities. While we are on the journey to re-establishing full communion among all Christians, we recognise that this unity can only be unity in faith.'

In our First Reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, we heard about the 'prototype' of Ecumenical Councils - the Council of Jerusalem held c. AD 51 under the Apostles themselves, to rule on the question of whether Christians were bound by the Jewish Law. We read how, in communicating its decisions, the Council declared: 'It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves...' (*Acts 15:28*)

That belief in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promised by Christ at the Last Supper, (*Jn 14:16-17; 14:26; 16:13*) has been a standard for the twenty-one Ecumenical Councils held since then - starting with the First Council of Nicaea all the way up to Vatican II (1962-65). To remain in full communion with the Church, Catholics must accept all definitive teachings made by Ecumenical Councils as fully certain and unchangeable. A prime example is the Nicene Creed itself.

Infallibility, the Catholic Church holds, belongs not only to Popes when making solemn definitions of faith, but also to Ecumenical Councils. As Vatican II explained, 'gathered together in an Ecumenical Council, [the Bishops teaching in union with the Pope] are teachers and judges of faith and morals for the universal Church, whose definitions must be adhered to with the submission of faith.' (*Lumen Gentium 25*)

Rejoicing at this Anniversary, we dedicate ourselves anew to our faith in the full divinity of Christ declared at Nicaea, in all the teachings of the Nicene Creed, and in all the definitions of faith made by the Councils down the ages.