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

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th October 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)*

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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our parish offertory renewal, we invite those who have not yet returned their Pledge Cards to do so. You may place your completed card in the offertory collection, in the designated boxes in the church foyer, or drop it off at the parish office.

If you were unable to collect a Pledge Pack, generic Pledge Cards are available on the pews this weekend. These can be filled out and returned immediately during Mass.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. Every offering, no matter the amount, is an expression of love and gratitude to God. Your support ensures that our parish can continue to serve and grow in faith together.

Farewell for Fr Joe

- Morning tea, after 11am Mass, St Patrick's TODAY Sunday 25 Oct. BYO plate to share - hot/cold or sweets.

- Morning tea, after 10:30am Mass Stella Maris, Sunday 1 Nov.

ALL INVITED!

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself.'

These words of Jesus in our Gospel lead us to reflect on the supreme commandment of love, in the teachings of the Church and of the Saints:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Love of God and neighbour

25 'The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love.' (Quoting the *Roman Catechism* (*Catechism of the Council of Trent*))

733 'God is Love' (*1 Jn* 4:8, 16) and love is his first gift, containing all others. 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.' (*Rom* 5:5)

826 Charity is the soul of the holiness to which all are called: it 'governs, shapes, and perfects all the means of sanctification.' (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church 42)

1022 'At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.' (St John of the Cross)

1823 Jesus makes charity the *new commandment.* (Cf. *Jn* 13:34) By loving his own 'to the end,' (*Jn* 13:1) he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.' And again: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.' (*Jn* 15:9, 12)

1824 Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the *commandments* of God and his Christ: 'Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.' (*Jn* 15:9-10; cf. *Mt* 22:40; *Rom* 13:8-10)

2055 'The commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment are summed up in this sentence: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.' (*Rom* 13:9-10)

1825 Christ died out of love for us, while we were still 'enemies.' (*Rom* 5:10) The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbour of those farthest away, and to love *[continued p. 4]*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 26th Oct 11:00am *(Mentone)*

Tue 27th Oct **Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral**
9:15am *(Mentone)*
9:15am *(Parkdale) (School Mass)*

Wed 28th Oct **Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**
9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*

Thu 29th Oct 9:15am *(Mentone)*
9:15am *(Beaumaris) (Class Mass)*

Fri 30th Oct 9:15am *(Mentone & Black Rock)*

Sat 31st Oct 9:15am *(Mentone & Beaumaris)*

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)*

Anniversaries: Judith Grealish, Eben John, Kathleen Hayes, Bernadette Murray

We pray for those who are sick:

Ching Price, Nick Bond, Francis Archer, Jim Lacey, Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Michael Papworth, Kaye McCall, Mirella Townsend, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Albert Ricardo, Barry Martin, Dean Bevis, Amelia Martin, Michael Hannan, Mavis De Silva, Krystal Commins, Kathy Miljko

Thanksgiving / Offertory Program envelopes
Thank you for your continuing support. Volunteers are hand delivering locally this weekend in the Mentone/Parkdale areas. Blank pledge cards are still available in our churches. Please contact the Parish office if you have any enquiries 9583 2103.

Please note: The Parish Youth Group (under 18's) is *not* meeting this month.
stpatrickycg@gmail.com

ROSTERS 31 Oct / 1 Nov 2026

St Patrick's - Mentone		
6:00pm	**Commentator / Reader**	P Mount
	Extraordinary Minister	J Mount
11:00am	**Commentator / Reader**	M Ly
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	**Commentator / Reader**	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis
St Joseph's - Black Rock		
8:00am	**Reader / Commentator**	A Trajer
	Extraordinary Minister	M Lindstrom
St John Vianney's - Parkdale		
9:00am	**Reader**	M Webster
	Commentator	B Atherton
	Extraordinary Minister	G Sullivan
	Extraordinary Minister to the Sick	N Perazzo
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	G Cracknell
Stella Maris - Beaumaris		
10:30am	**Commentator / Reader**	E Wolfenden
	Extraordinary Minister	M Hutson

Readings *next* week: Solemnity of All Saints
Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

BANKING DETAILS For direct credit to parish accounts

Presbytery:	083347 6808 76937
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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***

The St Vincent de Paul - East Parkdale Conference

invites you to join with them for Morning Tea at St John Vianney's, following 9:00am Mass *next* Sunday, 1st November 2026.

All Welcome.



Our **Mentone Piety Stall** is now selling **2027 Columban Art Calendars**, $11 each. Also available is a selection of Christmas Cards and gifts.
Located between the school and St Patrick's church, open Sundays following 11:00am Mass.

Baptisms – Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

We congratulate and pray for the seven children baptised in our parish on 17th October, having completed their initial catechesis. (Children aged 7 and over make their own baptismal promises, and have a baptismal ceremony somewhat different from the ceremony for infants and other under-7s.)

Litany of the Love of God

Pope Pius VI

Lord, have mercy on us.	***Christ, have mercy on us.***
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.	***Christ, graciously hear us.***
God the Father of heaven,	***Have mercy on us.***
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	***Have mercy on us.***
God the Holy Spirit,	***Have mercy on us.***
Holy Trinity, One God,	***Have mercy on us.***
You who are Infinite Love,	***I love you, O my God.***
You who did first love me,	***I love you, O my God.***
You who did command me to love you,	***I love you, O my God.***
With all my heart,	***I love you, O my God.***
With all my soul,	***I love you, O my God.***
With all my mind,	***I love you, O my God.***
With all my strength,	***I love you, O my God.***
Above all possessions and honours,	***I love you, O my God.***
Above all pleasures and enjoyments,	***I love you, O my God.***
More than myself, and all that belongs to me,	***I love you, O my God.***
More than all my relatives and friends,	***I love you, O my God.***
More than all men and angels,	***I love you, O my God.***
Above all created things in heaven or on earth,	***I love you, O my God.***
Only for yourself,	***I love you, O my God.***
Because you are the sovereign Good,	***I love you, O my God.***
Because you are infinitely worthy of being loved,	***I love you, O my God.***
Because you are infinitely perfect.	***I love you, O my God.***
Even had you not promised me heaven,	***I love you, O my God.***
Even had you not menaced me with hell,	***I love you, O my God.***
Even should you try me by want and misfortune,	***I love you, O my God.***
In wealth and in poverty,	***I love you, O my God.***
In prosperity and in adversity,	***I love you, O my God.***
In health and in sickness,	***I love you, O my God.***
In life and in death,	***I love you, O my God.***
In time and in eternity,	***I love you, O my God.***
In union with the love by which all the saints and all the angels love you in heaven,	***I love you, O my God.***
In union with the love by which the Blessed Virgin Mary loves you,	***I love you, O my God.***
In union with the infinite love by which you love yourself eternally,	***I love you, O my God.***

Let us pray. **My God, who does possess in incomprehensible abundance all that is perfect and worthy of love, annihilate in me all guilty, sensual, and undue love for creatures. Kindle in my heart the pure flame of your love, so that I may love nothing but you or in you, until, being so entirely consumed by holy love of you, I may go to love you eternally with the elect in heaven, the country of pure love. Amen.**

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We will soon be commencing an RCIA program for adults seeking Baptism at Easter 2027. Baptised non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic and adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments can also join with this program. Please email or phone the Parish Office if interested.

First Reconciliation

We pray for the Year Two children at St John Vianney's and St Patrick's Schools who in these days are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9am Sunday **Mentone 5pm**

Mass Setting:	*Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance:	528 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Offertory:	Organ solo
Communion:	443 A New Commandment I Give Unto You
Recessional:	552 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mentone 11am Sunday

Mass Setting:	*Mass in Honour of St Ralph Sherwin*
Entrance:	528 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Offertory:	*Domine, vivifica me* - O. Lassus
Communion:	*Ubi caritas* - M. Duruflé
Recessional:	552 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Black Rock 8am Sunday

Entrance:	792 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Offertory:	802 Seek, O Seek the Lord
Communion:	740 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Recessional:	758 O Breathe On Me

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance:	Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Offertory:	Seek, O Seek the Lord
Communion:	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Recessional:	O Breathe On Me

Readings *this* week: 30th Sunday OT - Year A

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord my strength.

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!

FEAST OF THE WEEK — 27th October: Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral

In every diocese, the anniversary of the dedication of its cathedral is celebrated as a feast day throughout that diocese. Our cathedral in Melbourne was dedicated on 27 October 1897. On the surface, these feast days seem like the celebration of a building, and certainly, a church building is the house of God, a sacred place worthy of special respect. But at a deeper level, the anniversary is a celebration of the particular local Church itself, symbolised by the building: the People of God in Melbourne, gathered round our Bishop; the one holy catholic apostolic Church, present and active in this particular place. In the words of Scripture, we are 'living stones making a spiritual house.' (*1 Pet* 2:5)

[cont. from p. 1, Love of God and neighbour] children and the poor as Christ himself. (Cf. *Mt* 5:44; *Lk* 10:27-37; *Mt* 25:40, 45)

The Apostle Paul has given an incomparable depiction of charity: 'charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' (*1 Cor* 13:4-7)

1826 'If I…have not charity,' says the Apostle, 'I am nothing.' Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, 'if I…have not charity, I gain nothing.' (*1 Cor* 13:1-4) Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: 'So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But *the greatest of these is charity*.' (*1 Cor* 13:13)

2658 Prayer, formed by the liturgical life, draws everything into the love by which we are loved in Christ and which enables us to respond to him by loving as he has loved us. Love is the source of prayer; whoever draws from it reaches the summit of prayer…

'I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally…My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.' (St John Vianney)

'For our works to be good and perfect, they must be done for the sole purpose of pleasing God.' **(Pope St John Paul II, *Veritatis Splendor*, 'The Splendour of Truth', quoting St Alphonsus)**

'He is not saved…who, though part of the body of the Church, does not persevere in charity…All the Church's children should remember that their exalted status is to be attributed not to their own merits but to the special grace of Christ. If they fail moreover to respond to that grace in thought, word and deed, not only shall they not be saved but they will be the more severely judged.' **(Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* 14)**

'Love is self-sufficient; it is pleasing to itself and on its own account. Love is its own payment, its own reward. Love needs no extrinsic cause or result. Love is the result of love; it is intrinsically valuable. I love because I love; I love in order to love…When God loves, he wishes only to be loved in return; assuredly he loves for no other purpose than to be loved. He knows that those who love him are happy in their love.' **(St Bernard)**

Act of Love

O my God, I love you
with my whole heart and above all things
because you are infinitely good and perfect,
and I love my neighbour as myself for love of you.