

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17th November 2024

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)

'When the Spirit of truth comes...he will declare to you the things that are to come.' (John 16:13)

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn to prophecies of 'the things that are to come.' Thus our First Reading from the prophet Daniel declares, concerning St Michael the Archangel and the end of our world:

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace.' (Daniel 12:1-2)

In these matters of scriptural prophecies, there are several things we can keep in mind:

1. The Catholic Faith holds that the Bible is without error:

'Since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of salvation.'

(Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum* 11) Vatican II here footnotes Pius XII (*Divino Afflante Spiritu* EB 539) who stated, '...It is absolutely wrong and forbidden "either to narrow inspiration to certain passages of Holy Scripture, or to admit that the sacred writer has erred," since divine inspiration "not only is essentially incompatible

with error but excludes and rejects it as absolutely and necessarily as it is impossible that God Himself, the supreme Truth, can utter that which is not true. This is the ancient and constant faith of the Church.'" And so the Holy See's 1998 *Doctrinal Commentary* reiterated that 'the absence of error in the inspired sacred texts' is one of the infallible teachings of faith, the denial of which is heresy.)

So in the first place, for believing Catholics, simply *disregarding* this or that biblical prophecy is not an option.

2. The truth of inspired Scripture means the truth of whatever the inspired authors *intended to affirm* as true – which (contrary to the tendency of literalist fundamentalism) will not always be a *literal* meaning:

'To search out the intention of the sacred writers, attention should be given, among other things, to "literary forms." For truth is set forth and expressed differently in texts which are variously historical, prophetic, poetic, or of other forms of discourse.' (Vatican II, *Dei Verbum* 12)

For example, in the conventions of 'apocalyptic' discourse, one might find dramatised imagery, say, of 'the stars falling from heaven', or other symbolism, which need not be interpreted literally.

3. Jesus tells us that attempts to *precisely pinpoint* the date of his Second Coming are fruitless:

'But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.' (Mark 13:32-33)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 18th Nov	No Mass
Tue 19th Nov	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 1:00pm (<i>Beaumaris</i>) Funeral: <i>Michael Morton</i>
Wed 20th Nov	9:15am (<i>Black Rock & Mentone</i>) 10:30am (<i>Parkdale</i>) 12noon (<i>Mentone</i>) Rosary & Funeral: <i>Sheilah Ross</i>
Thu 21st Nov	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (Class Mass) 10:30am Ordinariate Mass (<i>Mentone</i>)
Fri 22nd Nov	9:15am (<i>Black Rock & Mentone</i>) 5:15pm (<i>Parkdale</i>)
Sat 23rd Nov	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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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:

Michael Morton, Win Horan, Charles Busuttill,
Sheilah Ross, Oswyn Hewins

Anniversaries:

Don Cornelius, Marie Marsh, Marcelle Lucas

We pray for those who are sick:

Dorothy Ritchie, Tim Noonan, Janis Williams,
Rudolf Bruckner, Noemi Castillo, Marie Friedlander,
Peter Short, Anne Martin, Jim Wells, Earlene Granger,
Alan Laver, Joe & Vicki Iacuccio, Reg Farnell,
Glenda Sabang, John O'Donoghue, Christina Fox, Benita
Case, Leticia Veridiano, Lucy Menezes, Teresa Wright,
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Bernadette Chaplin, John Burke

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 23/24 NOVEMBER 2024

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	R Smith
	Extraordinary Minister	S Tobin
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	M Haryanto

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	A Traeger
	Commentator	W Maher
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	B Fitchet
	Commentator	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister	B John
	Minister to the sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	K Lowe
	Pilgrim Statue	J Alford

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	G Stockdale
	Commentator	C Sherman
	Extraordinary Minister	P Chaves

Readings next week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel:	7: 13-14
Apocalypse:	1: 5-8
John:	18: 33-37



Pastoral Care Appeal

Previously known as the Chaplaincy Appeal, this collection is for the vital work of CatholicCare Victoria's Prison Ministry. **The Collection will be taken up *this weekend Nov 16/17*.** Envelopes are available in our church foyers.

Christmas children's choir



An invitation is extended to children of families in our parishes to sing at the 6:00pm **Christmas**

Vigil Mass at St Patrick's this year. Please contact the parish office 9583 2103 and leave your contact details. It will involve a rehearsal and Ann Earle will contact you with more information.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new set of envelopes from Stella Maris and St Joseph's churches this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

*With Fr Choi on annual leave, we welcome
Fr Cameron Forbes, who will celebrate our Masses
at St Joseph's and Stella Maris today.*

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We can digress here to say that in the *one infinite divine mind* that God the Son has eternally with the Father and the Holy Spirit, obviously he always knew the day of judgement. However, the *human mind* that he took to himself when he became man is finite. *From the natural powers of the Son's human mind*, he did not know the day. 'The God-man knows...the day and hour of judgement, but precisely because God is man.' (Pope St Gregory the Great *Sicut aqua* DS 475) It was not part of Jesus' mission to declare every single thing that was impressed simply by power of his divinity upon his human mind (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 474 (1992)): 'It is not for you to know times and seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.' (Acts 1:7)

4. The impossibility of predicting exact times doesn't mean that the scriptural prophecies are useless. On the contrary, Jesus in today's Gospel tells us to use them to stay alert *in a general way* to the ongoing fulfilment of God's plans:

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.' (Mark 13:28-29)

5. The prophecies of Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem can be difficult to interpret, in particular because he seems to use this event also as symbolic of the dramatic events at the end of the world, making it hard to disentangle what applies to one, what to the other, and what to both. (The evangelists may not have clearly known themselves. We also recall that Jesus' discourses recorded in the Gospels must presumably often be condensed summaries of longer teachings he actually gave – Jesus taught for some three years, whereas we could fully read out his teachings in the Gospels over a number of hours. Books were very expensive to produce, impelling authors to be brief, where we with modern technology would go for more length and detail. So this summarising process, with its inevitable omissions, can give rise to some puzzles.)

For example, at first glance Jesus' statement that 'this generation will not pass away before all these things take place' (Mark 13:30) might seem to be referring to his Second Coming – which as we know did not actually occur literally in that generation. But from Luke's Gospel we find that Jesus himself clearly distinguishes the fall of Jerusalem from his later coming in glory. He declares:

'When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near... For great distress shall be upon the earth and wrath

upon this people; they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations... And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.' (Luke 21:20, 23-25, 27)

As we know, in AD 70 Jerusalem was indeed destroyed by the Romans, and the Jews were 'led captive among all nations' for many centuries. Some Evangelical Christians have seen great meaning in the modern re-establishment of the State of Israel. It is fair enough to note, without getting into political implications some might draw from this, that with the Jewish occupation of the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967, it can no longer really be described as 'trodden down by the Gentiles' – suggesting that now (in Jesus' words) the 'times of the Gentiles are fulfilled'.

As for Jesus' very *next* words about 'signs in the sun', the Miracle of the Sun witnessed by 70,000 at Fatima on 13 October 1917 seems to be one obvious fulfilment of his prophecy. So without being 'alarmist', we can perceive that God's designs continue to unfold.

6. 'Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 675)

'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' (Luke 18:8)

'There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their licentiousness, and because of them the way of truth will be reviled.' (2 Peter 2:1-2)

'Many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.' (Matt 24:10-14)

7. The Bible's last book, *Revelation*, or the *Apocalypse*, is famous for its many graphic yet obscure prophecies. Its final chapters, albeit still in symbolic terms, clearly do refer to the 'Last Things' – Christ's coming in glory, the bodily resurrection of all, the Last Judgement, and the final Kingdom, that we await in joyful hope:

'Come, Lord Jesus!' (*Revelation* 22:20)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17th November 2024

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 552 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Offertory: 248 The Coming of Our Lord (vv 1,4,6)

Communion: 533 Let All Mortal Flesh

Recessional: 147 Sing With All The Saints In Glory

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: St Anne Mass

Entrance: 552 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Offertory: Motet: *Veni Jesu* - Cherubini

Communion: Motet: *Panis angelicus* - Franck
533 Let All Mortal Flesh

Recessional: 147 Sing With All The Saints In Glory

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 792 Praise to the Lord The Almighty

Offertory: 152c Out of the Depths, I Cry.

Communion: 811 Soul of My Saviour

Recessional: 722 In Faith and Hope And Love

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light

Offertory: From The Depths

Communion: Soul Of My Saviour

Recessional: In Faith And Hope And Love



Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

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

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Soup Van Christmas Hampers 2024

Preparations are underway for 370 Christmas hampers for boarding house residents in North Melbourne, Fitzroy, Footscray and Collingwood as well as local families in need. This is our 20th year! Items needed are toiletries, non-perishable festive foods & small gifts. Donations baskets will be placed at the back of St Joseph's and Stella Maris churches from 10th Nov- 7th Dec. Donations can also be made directly to: Nazareth Catholic Parish Ricketts Point Christmas Hamper Account: **BSB 083 347 A/c 24967 2590**. Hampers will be packed on Saturday 7th December in the Narthex. Years 7 and above welcome to assist. Please ring the parish, 9583 2103, to add your name to the roster.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for Brooklyn making her First Holy Communion on Sunday 24th November at the 11:00am Mass at St Patrick's Mentone; and for Elise, Ryan, Eden, Anaya, Emma, Manuel and Archer, who have been preparing for the last six months through our Parish Catechesis Program and will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass at Mentone on Sunday 8th December.

New Auxiliary Bishops to be ordained for Melbourne

We pray for Fr Thinh Nguyen and Fr Rene Ramirez, named by Pope Francis to be new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne. The Bishops Elect will be ordained to the episcopate on 1 February 2025.