

# ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

## STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 26<sup>th</sup> May 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)

*On this Trinity Sunday, we reflect  
on what the Catholic Faith tells us  
about the mystery of God himself.*

The First Vatican Council in 1870 proclaimed perennial Catholic teaching on the attributes of God:

'The holy, catholic, apostolic Roman Church believes and confesses there is one God, true and living, Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, almighty, eternal, immense, incomprehensible, infinite in his intellect and will and in all perfection. As He is one, unique, and spiritual substance, entirely simple [*i.e. not divided into parts*] and unchangeable, we must proclaim him distinct from the world in existence and essence, all blissful in himself and from himself, and ineffably exalted above all things that exist or can be conceived besides him.' (DS 3001)

Vatican I then affirmed that 'this one and only true God' created all things 'out of nothing', 'by an act of will free from all necessity' – 'not for the increase of his own happiness or for the acquirement of his perfection, but in order to manifest his perfection through the benefits that he bestows on creatures'. 'The world was made for the glory of God.' (cf. DS 3002; DS 3025)

After Vatican II, Pope St Paul VI again solemnly professed the divine attributes in his *Credo of the People of God* (1968), integrating this with the Church's Trinitarian faith:

'We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creator of things visible such as this world in which our brief life runs its course – and of things invisible – such as the pure spirits which are also called angels – and creator in each man of his spiritual and immortal soul.

'We believe that this only God is as absolutely one in his infinitely holy essence as in his other perfections: in his almighty power, his infinite knowledge, his providence, his will and his love. He is "He who is" as he revealed to Moses (cf. *Ex* 3:14); He is "Love", as the apostle John has taught us (cf. *1 Jn* 4:8); so that these two names, Being and Love, express ineffably the same divine essence of him who has wished to make himself manifest to us, and who, "dwelling in unapproachable light" (*1 Tim* 6:16), is in himself above every name and every created thing and every created intellect.

'God alone can give us right and full knowledge of himself, by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose eternal life we are by grace called to share, here on earth in the obscurity of faith and after death in eternal light. The mutual bonds which from all eternity constitute the three persons, each of whom is one and the same divine Being, constitute the blessed inmost life of the most holy God, infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand.'

Such then is the Church's faith in God, One and Three. Yet even before having faith, human beings can (in principle) already know that the one Creator God exists, just from their God-given reason. Vatican I declared infallibly: 'the one true God, our Creator and Lord, [can] be known with certainty with the natural light of human reason through the things that are created.' (DS 3026) Vatican II repeated the teaching. (*Dei Verbum* (1965) 6, DS 4206)

This doctrine is from Scripture. St Paul wrote, 'What can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things [*cont. p. 3*]

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> ) 10:30am ( <i>Parkdale</i> ) 11:00am <b>Funeral:</b> Helen Foley ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Thu 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone</i> ) 9:15am ( <i>Beaumaris</i> ) ( <i>School Mass</i> ) 10:30am Ordinarariate Mass ( <i>Mentone</i> )
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; Black Rock</i> ) 5:15pm ( <i>Parkdale</i> )
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	9:15am ( <i>Mentone &amp; 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*)

## **Recently Deceased:**

John Greenwell, Terry Fisher

## **Anniversaries:**

Anne Morton, Vena Kelly

## **We pray for those who are sick:**

Janis Williams, Jim Wells, Phillip Connors,  
Glenda Sabang, Sebastian Wolfenden, Alan Laver,  
Anne Bevis, Rita Crispin, John O'Donoghue, Christina  
Fox, Donald McDonald, Lucy McDonald, Paul Aalbers,  
Leticia Veridiano, Lucy Menezes, Aliai Coyle-Madut,  
Teresa Wright, Benita Case, Linda Wheatley

*\*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

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083347 6815 62913

**Nazareth Parish - Church** account:  
083347 6864 78067

## **ROSTERS 1/2 June**

<b><u>St Patrick's - Mentone</u></b>		
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Ady
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	B Razga
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	S Medeira
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	S Mathias
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Commentator/Reader</b>	K Cooling
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	A Moore

<b><u>St Joseph's - Black Rock</u></b>		
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	W Maher
	<b>Commentator</b>	A Traeger
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	D Jones

<b><u>St John Vianney's - Parkdale</u></b>		
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	K Swadling
	<b>Commentator</b>	N Perazzo
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	G Sullivan
	<b>Minister to the sick</b>	B Fitchet
	<b>Flowers</b>	K Lowe
	<b>Pilgrim Statue</b>	P Edkins

<b><u>Stella Maris - Beaumaris</u></b>		
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Reader</b>	E Meows
	<b>Commentator</b>	M Staunton
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Sr Patricia

**Readings next week** The Most Holy Body and Blood  
of Christ - Year B

Exodus: 24: 3-8

Hebrews: 9: 11-15

Mark: 14: 12-16, 22-26

## **First Communion Commitment Masses**

With First Communion approaching for Year 3 children at St Patrick's and St John Vianney's Primary Schools, at different Masses this weekend in Mentone-Parkdale candidates will make a commitment to prepare for the Sacrament. We keep them in our prayers.

## **First Communion at Parkdale next Sunday**

Next Sunday 2nd June, 9:00 am Mass at St John Vianney's will be First Communion Mass for children from St John Vianney's Primary School. (As always, a plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, for the first communicants and for those devoutly taking part.)

## **Baptisms**

Please pray for Hazel and Leah, baptised at Mentone on Sunday 12th May.

## **Mass Count**

As always in May, for four weeks the diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be carried out at each weekend Mass.

## **Cuppa & Chat - St Patrick's**

Please join with your fellow parishioners in the Parish Community Centre for a social cuppa, today and each week, following Sunday 11:00am Mass at St Patrick's.

*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](http://www.sspjv.org)*

## Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE

St Patrick's Cathedral, in collaboration with Corpus Christi College Seminary, warmly invites you to participate in the **Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 2nd June 2024.**

- 1:00pm** Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Rathdowne St & Pelham St, Carlton
- 2:30pm** Procession from Sacred Heart church towards St Patrick's Cathedral
- 4:00pm** Arrive St Patrick's Cathedral for Vespers and Benediction



Over 110 people took part in our **Rosary Procession** honouring **Our Lady of Fatima** on 11th May. The Wolfenden family crowned Our Lady Queen of the Angels following the procession.

## Knights of the Southern Cross

Fr Robert McCulloch, a Columban missionary and former student of St Bede's College in Mentone, will give a talk on his overseas work on Monday 3rd June, 7pm in the Parish Centre, 3 Mitchell Street Mentone. Supper to follow. To assist with catering please contact [johnberuldsen@gmail.com](mailto:johnberuldsen@gmail.com) 0429 693 030.

## Women's Retreat - *The Seeker of Souls*

### UNDERSTANDING GOD'S INTENSE SEARCH FOR YOU

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga invites you to a Women's Retreat, led by Rev Fr Trevor Tibbertsma. Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession and an inspiring talk and Q & A session.

**Date:** Saturday 1st June 2024  
**Time:** 9am - 12:15pm  
**Venue:** St Peter's Catholic Church, 581 Toorak Rd, Toorak.  
**Registration:** (RSVP For catering purposes) [www.trybooking.com/CQACG](http://www.trybooking.com/CQACG)  
[info@cwlvicww.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicww.org.au)  
[www.cwlvicww.org.au](http://www.cwlvicww.org.au)

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that have been made.' (Rom 1:19-20; cf. Wis 13:1-9)

True, this knowledge of God possible to *natural reason* differs from the saving knowledge of *supernatural faith*. Faith gives total personal trust to God in his act of speaking to humanity, and is possible only by divine grace; it is the free choice to allow God to lift us to a new and steadfast certainty, beyond dependence on reason and motivated instead by God's absolute truthfulness. But as the 1992 *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, 'the proofs of God's existence ...can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.' (35)

The Church's greatest thinker, St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), famously set forth 'five ways' of proving God's existence. (*Summa Theologiae* 1a, 2, 3) The *Catechism* encapsulates the core of his logic thus: 'The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end...the first cause and final end of all things, a reality that everyone calls God.' (34)

Reflecting on the universe, its beauty and order; on the human person, the moral law, the voice of conscience; – we seek the deepest source of such realities. Above all, we perceive that they need an explanation for their very existence. Everything we see might just as easily not have existed at all. But then, why is there something rather than nothing? What causes things to have being?

St Thomas reasons to a *First Cause*, which is not just another thing that 'has' being (that would need, for *its* explanation, to receive its being from yet another being). Rather, the First Cause *is* Being, pure and unlimited (who can thus give created things their own *limited share* of being). Thus God told Moses at the burning bush: 'I Am Who Am'. (Ex 3:14)

His very nature is *to be*, uniting in himself all perfections of being. A bit like a square is unable not to have four sides – it would no longer be a square – the One who is Being is *unable not to be*. He is the Necessary Being. (So asking 'Who made God?' makes no sense. It is asking, 'Who gave being to the One who *is* Being?' God doesn't need anyone to do that, or need to *receive* existence at all.)

Yet what it means to say 'God is Being' we hardly know. That is ultimate Mystery. To know this would be to 'see the face' of God – and that is heaven.

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## HYMNS:

**Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday**

**Parkdale 9:00am Sunday**

**Mentone 5:00pm Sunday**

**Mass Setting:** St Anne Mass

**Entrance:** 394 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Offertory:** 392 I Believe in God the Father

**Communion:** 486 Firmly I Believe and Truly

**Recessional:** 504 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass**

**Mass Setting:** St Anne Mass

**Entrance:** 394 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Offertory:** Motet: *Tibi laus* - O. di Lasso (1530-96)

**Communion:** Motet: *Cherubic Hymn no 1* - P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-93)

**Recessional:** 504 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**Black Rock 8:00am Sunday**

**Entrance:** 710 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**Offertory:** 670 Father of Mercy

**Communion:** 753 Now Let Us From This Table Rise

**Recessional:** 705 Holy Father, God of Might

**Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday**

**Entrance:** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**Offertory:** Father of Mercy

**Communion:** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

**Recessional:** Holy Father, God of Might

*'Now this is the Catholic faith:  
We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity,  
without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance;  
for the person of the Father is one,  
the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another;  
but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one,  
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.'*

*Athanasian Creed (c. 5th cent.) (DS 75) (quoted in 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' 266)*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

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

## **Year of Prayer 2024 — Fiat Weekend, Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June**

In this year leading up to the Jubilee Year of 2025, Pope Francis has named 2024 a 'Year of Prayer'. A particular way in which our Archdiocese is living this is by our 'Fiat' weekend from this coming Friday 31st May (Feast of the Visitation) to Sunday 2nd June (Corpus Christi) - following the initiative of the first Fiat weekend last year.

'Fiat' is Latin for 'Let it be done'. Mary responds to the Angel at the Annunciation: 'Ecce ancilla Domini; fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum' – 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word.' (Lk 1:38) The word 'fiat' is also in the Lord's Prayer itself: 'Fiat voluntas tua' – 'Your will be done.' (Mt 6:10) And in Gethsemane, the night before he will be crucified, Jesus speaks these same words to the Father (Mt 26:42). This expresses the spirit of our prayer weekend.

**You are invited to commit to at least one hour of prayer across the weekend (in addition to Sunday Mass).**

This might include joining Eucharistic Adoration at St Patrick's Church on Friday (9:45am-4:30pm) or at Stella Maris Church on Saturday (9:45-10:15am). You might conclude with the Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession in the city (see p.3).

## **Prayer in Parliament**

In response to a push by some parliamentarians to end the recitation of prayer in the Victorian Parliament, together with other religious leaders Archbishop Comensoli has written to all Members of Parliament about the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer. The letter can be found at: [www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer](http://www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer).

There are two simple ways you can support the continuation of prayer in parliament:

1. Sign this petition to the Legislative Council: [www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer](http://www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer)
2. Write to your local state members of parliament to respectfully let them know your views. You can find out who your local MPs are at: [findexelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au](http://findexelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au). Writing to both your Legislative Assembly member and to some or all of your five Legislative Council members is recommended.

## *Partnered Parishes Luncheon*

**Today - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 12:30 pm, St Patrick's Primary School Hall**

**Looking forward to the social event of the year! Don't forget, BYO drinks.  
Please everyone, introduce yourselves and enjoy a delicious lunch together.**

**With thanks to the organisers, caterers, clergy and staff.**