



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

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

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2nd Feb 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 (Ordinarie Mass) (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 10:30am (*Beaumaris*)

Sunday: 11:00am (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 5:00pm (*Mentone*)

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

Canticle of Simeon, 'Nunc Dimittis', Luke 2:29-32

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. According to the Law of Moses, a mother would be ritually purified forty days after the birth of a son by having the priest offer a sacrifice (*Lev 12:2-8*). Also, a first-born son belonged especially to the Lord, and was to be 'bought back' by offering a sacrifice (*Num 18:15*); this was in acknowledgement and commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from the plague of the death of the first-born in Egypt (*Ex 13:11-16*). Accordingly, as faithful Jews fully obedient to the law of the Old Covenant, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem when he was forty days old.

Simeon and Anna who meet them show us God's faithful people Israel awaiting the Saviour. The prayer of Simeon from today's gospel quoted above, known as the *Nunc Dimittis* from its opening words in Latin, is prayed every night at Compline (Night Prayer) (the last of the parts of the 'Liturgy of the Hours' (Divine Office) prayed daily by priests and religious, as well as by many laity).

His words express the meaning of this feast of the Presentation as the proclamation of Christ as Light of the World. Christ brings the light of divine truth, goodness and beauty to all humanity, first to Israel but ultimately to all the nations. As God made man, he reveals to us the true face of

God, and also reveals to human beings the fullness of what we ourselves are called to be.

Yet often we feel threatened by his light, and even flee from it: Jesus 'is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected', Simeon prophesies. Our call is to trust that following the Light is always ultimately the path of true salvation, freedom and joy, even if that path must sometimes pass also by the way of the Cross. Mary herself would share in the Cross, Simeon tells her, in the 'sword' that would pierce her own soul.

As the great feast of 'light', the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated especially in the Blessing of Candles liturgically laid down for the start of Mass. For this reason it has traditionally been known as 'Candlemas'. (As it is always celebrated on 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas, this blessing falls on Sunday only once in about seven years; otherwise it is done at weekday Mass.)

A feast on the fortieth day from the Lord's birth was celebrated in the Church from at least the fourth century; by the eleventh century the custom of blessing candles on the day had developed in the western Church.

Blessing of Candles

Please take candles from near the church doors for their blessing at the start of Mass. The larger white candles provided are intended to be taken home and used for devotional purposes (one per family). As there is a limited number of larger candles, if it is not your intention to take them home and use them, please simply take one of the narrower yellow tapers for lighting and carrying during the opening part of the Mass.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 3rd Feb	Memorial: St Blaise 11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>) - Annual blessing of throats (<i>Mass ad orientem</i>)
Tue 4th Feb	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) (School Mass)
Wed 5th Feb	Memorial: St Agatha 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Black Rock</i>)
Thu 6th Feb	Memorial: St Paul Miki & companions 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Parkdale</i>) (School Mass) No Mass at Beaumaris today
Fri 7th Feb	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Black Rock</i>)
Sat 8th Feb	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>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*).

Recently Deceased:

Ned Walsh, Peggy Wellington

Anniversaries:

Wallace Stevens

We pray for those who are sick:

Ching Price, Jenny Jacobson, Dorothy Ritchie,
Tim Noonan, Janis Williams, Marie Friedlander,
John O'Donoghue, John Burke, Mirella Townsend

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For Catholic children in our partnered parishes attending non-Catholic schools.

Final registrations 9th February, **10:30am - 12:30pm**
in the **Parish Centre**, 3 Mitchell Street, Mentone.

Lessons are for children (from Grades 3-6) to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2025 and will commence late Feb 2025.

For further details please ring **9583 2103**
or email mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au

ROSTERS 8/9 February 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone		
6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	K Ady
	Extraordinary Minister	J Stoppa
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	R Smith
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	S Henning
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis
St Joseph's - Black Rock		
8:00am	Reader	J Shannon
	Commentator	L Brick
	Extraordinary Minister	M Shannon
St John Vianney's - Parkdale		
9:00am	Reader	B Fitchet
	Commentator	C Beck
	Extraordinary Minister	D Kidner
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	D Kidner
	Flowers	K Lowe
	Pilgrim Statue	P Edkins
Stella Maris - Beaumaris		
10:30am	Reader	E Moews
	Commentator	G Stockdale
	Extraordinary Minister	Sr Patricia
Readings next week: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C		
	Isaiah:	6:1-8
	1 Corinthians:	15:1-11
	Luke:	5:1-11

Morning Teas - Sunday 2nd February

The St Vincent de Paul Parkdale conference invites you to join them for Morning Tea at **St John Vianney's** following 9:00am Mass today. All welcome!

There will also be morning tea at **Stella Maris** today following 10:30am Mass. All invited! We especially welcome today our Year Prep and Year Six families from Stella Maris Primary School.

And our weekly Cuppa & Chat recommences today at **St Patrick's** after 11:00am Mass in the Parish Community Centre. Please join with your fellow parishioners!

More volunteers are also needed to assist at our St Patrick's Cuppa & Chat. Please ring the Parish office 9583 2103 or speak to one of today's helpers.

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



THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025

6pm – 9.30pm

Cathedral Hall, ACU, 22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

TICKETS & DETAILS:

Godandbeer.com.au

ADULTS \$30-\$45

(see further details on website)

U18 \$20

U10 FREE

Includes BBQ
& live music
with Olivia
Chamoun
Canavan



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Bayside Atrium

Enrolments Now Open: Children 3 – 6 y.o.

Term 1 Start date – Saturday 15th February

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (COGS) is an internationally acclaimed children’s program and is now taking for enrolments for 2025.

The COGS program develops a child’s physical skills through carefully developed works that open them to the life of Jesus and the faith we practise. A perfect program to enhance their faith education at home.

Stella Maris Church, 2 Charlotte Rd, Beaumaris, Atrium Room. Saturday Mornings 9.30am - 11.30am.

If you would like a visit or for more information, please feel free to contact us: baysideatrium@gmail.com or phone Lisa - 0402 480 224.

STELLA MARIS TENNIS CLUB - OPEN DAY

Sunday 9th February 2025 - 11:00am - 1:00pm
Carpark entrance via Charlotte Road, Beaumaris.

Meet our coaches and free tennis & BBQ

Everyone welcome!

Register your interest: contact Ashling
0450 711 524 ashling@stellatennis.com.au

Mercy Place Mentone - OPEN DAY

Come and experience first-hand the modern facilities and see why **Mercy Place Mentone** would be perfect for you or your loved one.

Saturday 15th February, 101 Collins Street Mentone 10:00am - 2:00pm Coffee, gelato and nibbles provided.

Register your interest at mercyhealth.com.au/mentone

This week only, no 9:15 Thursday Mass at Stella Maris

Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Presentation

529 The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. (Cf. Lk 2:22-39; Ex 13:2, 12-13) With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Saviour - the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognised as the long-expected Messiah, the ‘light to the nations’ and the ‘glory of Israel’, but also ‘a sign that is spoken against’. The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had ‘prepared in the presence of all peoples’.

SAINT OF THE WEEK 3 February: St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

St Blaise (d. c. 316) was from Sebaste in Lesser Armenia [*the western part of historical Armenia*] – in Blaise’s time in the Roman Empire, today the city of Sivas, central Turkey.

According to the legendary *Acts of St Blaise* written 400 years after his death, ‘Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing. In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the emperor Licinius [*co-emperor of Constantine the Great*] to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.’ (*Grande Encyclopédie*)

The veneration of St Blaise became very popular in the Middle Ages from the 11th century, and he was one of the ‘fourteen holy helpers’ especially invoked onwards from the time of the Black Death pandemic in the 1340s [*St Acacius, St Blaise, St Barbara, St Catherine of Alexandria, St Christopher, St Cyriacus, St Denis, St Elmo, St Eustace, St George, St Giles, St Margaret of Antioch, St Pantaleon and St Vitus (Vito)*]. Because of the miracle of the fish-bone, he is invoked (as attested from c. 500) especially against illnesses or injuries of the throat. On his feast a blessing of throats is customary, using two candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) the day before.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Sherwin Mass

Entrance: 427 In His Temple Now Behold Him

Offertory: 467 Christ Is The World's Light

Communion: 227 My Master, See, The Time Has Come

Recessional: Jubilee Hymn (Love Came Down) *words below*

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Plainsong Mass + Credo

Procession: *Nunc dimittis* - Byrd

Offertory: Motet: *Hodie beata virgo Maria* -
Antiphonal chant

Communion: Motet: *Alma redemptoris mater* - Palestrina
227 My Master, See, The Time Has Come

Recessional: Jubilee Hymn (Love Came Down) *words below*

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 710 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Offertory: Jubilee Hymn (Love Came Down) *words below*

Communion: 643 Christ is the World's Light

Recessional: 740 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light

Offertory: Jubilee Hymn (Love Came Down)

Communion: Christ is the World's Light

Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

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

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS GATHERING 2025

Open to young adults 18 & over, Catholics from other parishes most welcome!

Faith discussions, Rosary and Supper, following the **5:00pm Sunday Mass** at St Patrick's Mentone,
on the second Sunday of the month.

Our first gathering for 2025 will be next **Sunday 9th February, 6-8pm**,
in the **Parish Centre**, behind the church, entrance 3 Mitchell Street Mentone.

Enquiries: stpatrickycg@gmail.com

JUBILEE HYMN (Love Came Down)

1. Love came down from highest heaven,
God-with-us, in time and space,
so that sins might be forgiven,
to redeem our fallen race.
God broke into human history,
humbly born at Bethlehem,
Mary's Son in David's city,
born that we might live again.

2. God's eternal word revealing,
through a servant ministry,
Jesus brought his love and healing,
freedom and new dignity.
Then, by nature's bounds defying,
he gave life and hope to all,
in his dying and his rising,
saving us from Adam's fall.

3. Now he gives himself to others,
in his Word and Sacrament,
through our sisters and our brothers,
by the Spirit he has sent.
Lord of time and all creation:
Saviour, universal King;
throughout every generation,
all the saints his praises sing.

4. At this time of celebration,
in this year of Jubilee,
and in trial and tribulation,
may we always faithful be:
loyal to the Lord of ages,
full of hope, untouched by fear,
knowing that his love sustains us:
never failing, ever near.

5. Though two thousand years are merely
but a moment in God's plans,
still we share Christ's endless victory,
place our future in his hands;
nations shall his reign acknowledge,
love will triumph, hatred cease;
everyone will pay him homage:
Shepherd-King and Prince of Peace.

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This hymn won a national hymn competition to mark the Great Jubilee in AD 2000 of Christ's birth; it was also sung in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, at Westminster Abbey, at a service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 2001; and in the presence of Her Majesty, in St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, in 2002, at a service to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Her Accession.