

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - April 21st 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*)

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Always we pray for vocations, and in Australia, we highlight this at two special times. In August we have the Week of Prayer for Vocations, when we consider all different callings in the Church; and today on Good Shepherd Sunday we especially pray for vocations to the Priesthood, that Christ will call and form shepherds of his People after his own heart.

Every vocation images Christ, but the 'imaging' specific and unique to the Priesthood is to be an icon of Christ in his role as Head, Shepherd and Bridegroom of the Church (cf. St John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis* 'I will give you Shepherds').

Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

- Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.
- You might know of a particular young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday, and in your heart, place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.
- On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

DECLARATION 'DIGNITAS INFINITA' ON HUMAN DIGNITY

We continue from last week looking at the new document from the Holy See, 'Dignitas Infinita'.

First, we reflect again on its words: we 'believe in a Father who loves all men and women with an infinite love, realising that "he thereby confers upon them an infinite dignity"' (DI 6) That last phrase is drawn from Pope St John Paul II (Address, 16/11/1980). St Thomas Aquinas, the Church's foremost theologian, explains that God alone is absolutely infinite in his essence and nature; but that other things, in various ways, can have a 'relative' infinity. (*Summa Theologiae* Ia, 7, 2)

So, St Thomas says, the humanity of Christ, from its union with the Godhead; or the happiness of heaven, which is the vision of God; or the Blessed Virgin Mary, because she is the Mother of God, all have 'a certain infinite dignity from the infinite good, which is God.' (ST Ia, 25, 6 ad 4) And created in the image of God, human beings have the power to know and love God - unlike the lower animals, that do not possess spiritual souls. No matter how many merely material beings we added together, they would not equal the value of a human person - which is of another order, due to the spirit.

The human body, however, *shares* in the dignity of the soul, due to their intimate unity. 'Accordingly, dignity is also inherent in each person's body, which participates in its own way in being in the image of God.' (DI 18) Body and soul are not two distinct beings merely 'juxtaposed' - as if 'a ghost hovering inside a machine'. Rather, the spirit imparts life and unity to the body; they form one substance. We are, John Paul II explained, *spiritualised bodies* and *embodied spirits*. (*Letter to Families*, 1994) So to disrespect the human body, in its God-given nature, is to dishonour the image of God.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

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| Mon 22nd April | No Mass |
| Tue 23rd April | 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) |
| Wed 24th April | 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>) 10:30am (<i>Parkdale</i>) |
| Thu 25th April | Anzac Day 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Beaumaris</i>) 10:30am Ordinariate Mass (<i>Mentone</i>) |
| Fri 26th April | Feast: St Mark, evangelist 9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>) 5:15pm (<i>Parkdale</i>) |
| Sat 27th April | 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 5:15pm (*Mentone*)



We warmly welcome Cecilia, Emilio and Sebastian, baptised at Mentone on Sunday 14th April.
May God bless them and their families.

Anniversaries:

Jean Snowden, Percival Lacey, Bert Lucas

We pray for those who are sick:

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,
Glenda Sabang

**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

ROSTERS 27/28 April

St Patrick's - Mentone

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

St Joseph's - Black Rock

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| 8:00am | Reader | A Traeger |
| | Commentator | W Maher |
| | Extraordinary Minister | J Short |

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

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| 9:00am | Reader | B Atherton |
| | Commentator | C Beck |
| | Extraordinary Minister | B Fitchet |
| | Minister to the sick | B Fitchet |
| | Flowers | K Lowe |
| | Pilgrim Statue | G Costanzo |

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

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| 10:30am | Reader | M Link |
| | Commentator | Sr Patricia |
| | Extraordinary Minister | F Winkelmann |

Readings next week

5th Sunday of Easter

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| Acts of the Apostles: | 9: 26-31 |
| 1 John: | 3: 18-24 |
| John: | 15: 1-8 |

Apostles' Creed for the Easter Season

For the Easter Season we will pray the Apostles' Creed from our Mass cards in place of the Nicene Creed. Liturgically, this is permitted on any Sunday, and - since we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter - it is especially appropriate in the Easter season, being the ancient Baptismal Creed of the Roman Church.

Morning Tea at Stella Maris Today

Today we have our regular morning tea at Stella Maris following 10:30am Mass (held on the third Sunday of every month). All welcome!

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

[from p. 1] **DECLARATION 'DIGNITAS INFINITA'** - further quotes:

The final section of the Declaration (33-62) applies its teaching on human dignity to various specific contemporary realities - poverty, war, mistreatment of migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia, marginalisation of people with disabilities, gender theory, sex change, and misuse of digital technologies. We continue to look at some quotes:

'In addressing some of the many grave violations of human dignity today, we can draw upon the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, which emphasised that "all offenses against life itself, such as murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, and wilful suicide" must be recognised as contrary to human dignity. Furthermore, the Council affirmed that "all violations of the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, physical and mental torture, undue psychological pressures," also infringe upon our dignity.' (Vatican II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes* 27)' (DI 34)

'One of the phenomena that contributes significantly to denying the dignity of so many human beings is extreme poverty, linked as it is to the unequal distribution of wealth. As Pope St John Paul II emphasised, "One of the greatest injustices in the contemporary world consists precisely in this: that the ones who possess much are relatively few and those who possess almost nothing are many. It is the injustice of the poor distribution of the goods and services originally intended for all." (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* 28)' (DI 36)

"While reaffirming the inalienable right to self-defence and the responsibility to protect those whose lives are threatened, we must acknowledge that war is always a 'defeat of humanity'..." (DI 38, quoting Pope Francis, 10/11/2023)

'The Church pleads "in the name of God and in the name of man: Do not kill! Do not prepare destruction and extermination for people! Think of your brothers and sisters who are suffering hunger and misery! Respect each one's dignity and freedom!" (John Paul II *Redemptor Hominis* 16)' (DI 39)

'Human trafficking must also be counted among the grave violations of human dignity...Pope Francis has denounced it in particularly emphatic terms: "I reaffirm here that the 'trade in people' is a vile activity, a disgrace to our societies..." (Pope Francis, Address 24/5/2013)' (DI 41)

'The Church and humanity must not cease fighting against such phenomena as "the marketing of human organs and tissues, the sexual exploitation of boys and girls, slave labour, including prostitution, the drug and weapons trade, terrorism, and international organised crime." (Pope Francis, Address to the United Nations, 25/9/2015)' (DI 42)

'Every effort should be made to encourage the inclusion and active participation of those who are affected by frailty or disability in the life of society and of the Church.' (DI 53)

'Migrants are among the first victims of multiple forms of poverty... "Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance." (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* 62) Receiving migrants is an important and meaningful way of defending "the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion." (Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* 39)' (DI 40)

'The profound dignity inherent in human beings in their entirety of mind and body also allows us to understand why all sexual abuse leaves deep scars in the hearts of those who suffer it. Indeed, those who suffer sexual abuse experience real wounds in their human dignity. These are "sufferings that can last a lifetime and that no repentance can remedy. This phenomenon is widespread in society and it also affects the Church and represents a serious obstacle to her mission." (Synod of Bishops, 2018) From this stems the Church's ceaseless efforts to put an end to all kinds of abuse, starting from within.' (DI 43)

'Violence against women is a global scandal that is gaining increasing recognition. While the equal dignity of women may be recognised in words, the inequalities between women and men in some countries remain very serious.' (DI 44)

'Pope St John Paul II recognised that "much remains to be done to prevent discrimination against those who have chosen to be wives and mothers...There is an urgent need to achieve real equality in every area: equal pay for equal work, protection for working mothers, fairness in career advancements, equality of spouses with regard to family rights and the recognition of everything that is part of the rights and duties of citizens in a democratic State." (*Letter to Women*)' (DI 45)



The Mentone Praesidium of **THE LEGION OF MARY**, invites all parishioners, family and friends to a procession in honour of **Our Lady of Fatima** on **Saturday 11th May**. From 5pm in the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School **Mentone**.

The Parish of the Resurrection, Keysborough

Is celebrating **50 years** of being a Parish with an **Anniversary Dance** at 7:00pm on Friday 10th May, at **VTCC PALMYRA HALL** 44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong. *Details: please contact Hedy Carvalho 0419 534 862*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B - April 21st 2024

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 345 O Flock of Christ (vv, 1,2,6,7)

Offertory: 357 Good Shepherd, You Know Us

Communion: 596 Shepherd of Souls, In Love, Come Feed Us

Recessional: 368 Thine Be The Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 345 O Flock of Christ (vv, 1,2,6,7)

Offertory: Motet: Giovanni Bonaventura Matucci (1712-77)

Communion: Motet: *Ave Maria* - E. Elgar

596 Shepherd of Souls, In Love, Come Feed Us

Recessional: 368 Thine Be The Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 671 Easter Glory Fills The Sky (vs 1,5,6)

Offertory: 830 The Lord Is My Shepherd

Communion: 685 The Gift of Finest Wheat

Recessional: 646 Christ the Lord is Risen Again
(vs 1,2,5)

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: O Flock Of Christ

Offertory: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Communion: Gift Of Finest Wheat

Recessional: Christ The Lord is Risen Again



Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

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

Partnered Parishes Luncheon - Bookings Open!

Sunday 26th May 2024, 12:30 pm — St Patrick's Primary School Hall

Following the partnering of Mentone-Parkdale Parish and Nazareth (Ricketts Point) Parish that took place at the New Year, we are delighted to announce our first **Partnered Parishes Luncheon**, to bring together parishioners from St Joseph's, Stella Maris, St Patrick's and St John Vianney's.



Date: 12:30pm Sunday 26th May, St Patrick's School Hall, 16 Childers St, Mentone (next to St Patrick's Church).

This is a catered and ticketed event, with a sit-down lunch. Main & dessert served buffet-style. (Drinks not provided—please BYO favourite beverage.)

Cost: Adult = \$35.00 pp (including Children aged 11 & over) / Children aged 6-10 = \$12.00 pp / Children aged 5 & under = free.

To book, scan the adjacent QR Code, or go to trybooking.com/CQWVQ

(Those without the facility for this are asked to get a family member or fellow parishioner to do it for them, as the Parish Office is not able to handle the number of manual bookings.)

The size of the Hall will allow for a good number of parishioners to attend; however, numbers are necessarily still limited,

Partnered Parishes Luncheon - call for volunteers

As well as enjoying each other's company, becoming a united community also means working together, and not leaving it all up to a few generous organisers! Many volunteers are needed to assist with things like setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please ring the Parish Office - 9583 2103; or Nina Vucic - 0425 725 909.