

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1st December 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)

Advent means 'coming'. In our Gospel, Jesus speaks of the dramatic events that will occur leading up his Second Coming and the Last Judgement. But Jesus reassures us that whatever apparently fearful events take place, we can have confidence that we are safely in the hands of God. We present here teachings from the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' on the loving providence of God amidst tribulations, in this time of the 'Pilgrim Church' between the first coming of Christ and his final coming in glory.

HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY

Christ already reigns through the Church. . .

668 "Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." (Rom 14:9) Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion", for the Father "has put all things under his feet." (Eph 1:20-22) Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendently fulfilled. (Eph 1:10; cf. Eph 4:10; 1 Cor 15:24, 27-28)

669 As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body. (cf. Eph 1:22) Taken up to heaven and glorified after he had thus fully accomplished his mission, Christ dwells on earth in his Church. The redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ [is] already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the

beginning of the kingdom". (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* (1964) 3; 5; cf. Eph 4:11-13)

670 Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfilment. We are already at "the last hour". (1 Jn 2:18; cf. 1 Pet 4:7) "Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect." (*Lumen Gentium* 48 § 3; cf. 1 Cor 10:11) Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church. (cf. Mk 16:17-18, 20)

. . .until all things are subjected to him

671 Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. (Lk 21:27; cf. Mt 25:31) This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. (cf. 2 Thess 2:7) Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realised new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." (*Lumen Gentium* 48 § 3; cf. 2 Pet 3:13; Rom 8:19-22; 1 Cor 15:28) That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: (cf. 1 Cor 11:26; 2 Pet 3:11-12) *Marana tha!* "Our Lord, come!" (1 Cor 16:22; Rev 22:17, 20)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 2nd Dec	No Mass
Tue 3rd Dec	Memorial: St Francis Xavier 9:15am (<i>Mentone, School Mass</i>)
Wed 4th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Black Rock</i>) 10:30am (<i>Parkdale</i>)
Thu 5th Dec	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) 10:30am Ordinariate Mass (<i>Mentone</i>)
Fri 6th Dec	Today only: No Mass at Black Rock 9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 5:15pm (<i>Parkdale</i>)
Sat 7th Dec	Memorial: St Ambrose 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*)

Recently Deceased:

Annette Tevlin

Anniversaries:

Claude Callegher

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,
Glenda Sabang, Joe & Vicki Iacuccio, Reg Farnell,
John O'Donoghue, Christina Fox, Benita Case, Alan Laver,
Leticia Veridiano, Lucy Menezes, Teresa Wright,
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Bernadette Chaplin, Peter Walsh

St Vincent De Paul – Parkdale Conference

Please join with your fellow parishioners for a social
cuppa following 9:00am Mass at St John Vianney's
TODAY – December 1, hosted by St Vincent de Paul.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES - MENTONE-PARKDALE

Please collect your new set of envelopes from
St Patrick's and St John Vianney's churches.

ROSTERS 7/8 Dec 2024

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Marshall
	Extraordinary Minister	P Mount
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	S Medeira
	Extraordinary Minister	A Earle
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	J Brick
	Commentator	B Richardson
	Extraordinary Minister	M Lindstrom

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	N Perazzo
	Commentator	M Webster
	Extraordinary Minister	B John
	Minister to the sick	B Fitchett
	Pilgrim Statue	S Lavery

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	E Wolfenden
	Commentator	L Beech
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: Second Sunday of Advent, Yr C

Baruch: 5: 1-9

Philippians: 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke: 3: 1-6

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please continue to pray 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 **11am Mass at Mentone** on
Sunday 8th December.

Nazareth, Ricketts Point - St Vincent de Paul -

Soup Van Christmas Hampers 2024

This is the final week for hamper donations before packing
on Saturday 7th December in the Narthex. Donations can
also be made directly to: Nazareth Catholic Parish Ricketts Point
Christmas Hamper Account: **BSB 083 347 A/c 24967 2590.**
Please ring the parish, 9583 2103, to add your name to the
roster. All help greatly appreciated!

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 leave your contact details at
the Parish Office, 9583 2103. It will involve a rehearsal
and Ann Earle will contact you with more information.

*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*

WHAT IS THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

In the parish bulletin we frequently use excerpts from the 1992 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' to present official Catholic teachings, and to give us the assurance of being in accord with the faith of the universal Church - not part of some 'bubble' out of touch with the mainstream, as can too easily happen when priests or communities get caught up in their own personal positions rather than the Catholic Faith.

Here are some words of recent Popes about the 'Catechism':

'The project was the object of extensive consultation among all Catholic Bishops...It can be said that this catechism is the result of the collaboration of the whole Episcopate of the Catholic Church, who generously accepted my invitation to share responsibility for an enterprise which directly concerns the life of the Church...'

'The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which I approved 25 June last and the publication of which I today order by virtue of my Apostolic Authority, is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith...'

'Therefore, I ask the Church's Pastors and the Christian faithful to receive this catechism in a spirit of communion and to use it assiduously in fulfilling their mission of proclaiming the faith and calling people to the Gospel life. This catechism is given to them that it may be a sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine and particularly for preparing local catechisms. It is also offered to all the faithful who wish to deepen their knowledge of the unfathomable riches of salvation...The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, lastly, is offered to every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes.'

Pope St John Paul II, *Fidei Depositum* (11 October 1992)

'Twenty years ago, work began on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that had been requested by the extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops held on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council. I am filled with heartfelt thanks to the Lord God for having given the Church this *Catechism*, promulgated in 1992 by my venerated and beloved Predecessor, Pope John Paul II.'

'The great value and beauty of this gift are confirmed above all by the extensive and positive reception of the *Catechism* among Bishops...But it was also confirmed by its vast favourable reception in all segments of the People of God...'

Pope Benedict XVI, *Motu Proprio* (28 June 2005)

'These, then, are the four elements which comprise the storehouse of memory which the Church hands down:

the profession of faith, the celebration of the sacraments, the path of the ten commandments, and prayer. The Church's catechesis has traditionally been structured around these four elements; this includes the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which is a fundamental aid for that unitary act with which the Church communicates the entire content of her faith: "all that she herself is, and all that she believes".'

Pope Francis, Encyclical *Lumen Fidei* (29 June 2013) 46

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree – Christmas 2024.



Once again, this year, **Christmas Giving Tree** will be in the foyer at **St John Vianney's Parkdale.**

Please peg a gift card from any store, for any amount, to the tree from **1.12.2024 to 15.12.2024.**

All donations from the Giving Tree will be distributed to needy families, commencing 16.12.2024.

Hour of Grace – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 8 December, 12 noon to 1 pm—Stella Maris, Beaumaris (after 10.30 am Mass, 2nd Sunday of Advent)

Monday 9 December, 12 noon to 1 pm—St Patrick's Mentone (after 11:00 am Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, transferred from 8 December)

MENTONE-PARKDALE PARISH Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — training session

Fr Justin will lead a training update for current Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of Mentone-Parkdale in **St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 3rd December at 7:30 pm.** Attendance is highly encouraged as he will be introducing some updates to our current practices. Please contact either Scott or Kristen if you are unable to attend.

(A similar training update session will be held for ministers of Nazareth Parish early in 2025.)

Stella Maris - Morning Tea today

Sunday 1st December: Please join us for morning tea today at Beaumaris, following 10:30am Mass.

No Mass this Friday at Black Rock

For this week only, there will be no 9:15 am Friday Mass at St Joseph's.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1st December 2024

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Missa Emmanuel - Proulx

Entrance: 248 The Coming of the Lord

Offertory: 232 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Communion: 252 Wake, O Wake

Recessional: 621 The Voice of God

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Missa Emmanuel - Proulx

Entrance: 248 The Coming of the Lord

Offertory: Motet: *Veni, Jesu* - Cherubini

Communion: Motet: *Zion hears her watchmen's voices* - J. S. Bach

252 Wake, O Wake

Recessional: 621 The Voice of God

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 763 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Offertory: 853 Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying

Communion: 176 Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Recessional: 657 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Offertory: Unto You, O Lord

Communion: Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Recessional: Come O Long Expected Jesus



Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS GATHERING Sunday 8th December, 6-8pm

Open to young adults 18 & over, Catholics from other parishes most welcome! Faith discussions, Rosary, supper.

Following 5:00pm Mass, 6 - 8pm in the Parish Centre. Enquiries: stpatrickycg@gmail.com

25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT—THANK YOU!

Last Sunday we had a great celebration of 25 years of the installation of the Nicholson Organ at St Patrick's. Many thanks to our guest organist, Thomas Heywood, for a wonderful performance; to our Director of Music, Dr Alan Cook, for organising this event; to all who assisted; and to all who came along to be part of the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER 2024

6:00pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas, Stella Maris Beaumaris
(Preceded by carols from 5:45pm)

6:00pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas, St Patrick's Mentone

8:00pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas, St John Vianney's Parkdale
(Preceded by carols from 7:30pm)

8:30pm - Vigil Mass of Christmas, St Joseph's Black Rock
(Preceded by carols from 8:15pm)

12:00 Midnight - Solemn Mass of Christmas, St Patrick's Mentone
(Preceded by Carols from 11:15pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER 2024

10.00am: Mass of the Nativity of the Lord, St Patrick's Mentone

10:30am: Mass of the Nativity of the Lord, Stella Maris, Beaumaris
(Preceded by Carols from 10:15am)