

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

## STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29th September 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*)

### **FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

**Today, 29<sup>th</sup> September, is the feast of the Archangels: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Since our church of Mentone is named 'St Patrick and the Holy Angels', liturgically we can celebrate their feast in that church as a Solemnity - the highest of the three classes of feast day, outranking a Sunday of Ordinary Time. So at 11am Mass, the readings and prayers today are those of the Archangels, not of the 26th Sunday. At our other Masses we will celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time as normal. However, it is a good occasion for all of us to reflect on the role of the Angels in our life of faith.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that 'the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.' (n.328) The Nicene Creed that we pray each Sunday refers to the Angels when it calls God 'maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible *and invisible*.' And the Creed of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) infallibly proclaimed that God 'from the beginning of time made at once out of nothing both orders of creatures, the spiritual and corporeal, that is, the angelic and the earthly, and then the human creature...The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing.' (DS 800)

The *Catechism* adds: 'As purely *spiritual* creatures Angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and

immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendour of their glory bears witness.' (n. 330) So they are not 'cuddly and cute' – they are of great power, intelligence and glory. Being spirits without bodies, Angels by their nature do not, of course, literally have wings and so forth. However, when they act as God's messengers to humanity, Scripture reports them assuming a physical appearance, as artists depict.

Very often we pray to God directly, but it also pleases him to sometimes especially answer prayers made through the intercession of some specific saint or angel – so as to encourage our awareness of them and devotion to them. Likewise, although God is our ultimate protector, it pleases him to give his Angels the dignity of often being his *instruments* in providing this care.

In particular, as the *Catechism* reminds us, each of us has a Guardian Angel as protector and shepherd. (n.336) (The feast of the Guardian Angels this Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> October - will again be a special celebration in Mentone.) Although doubtless every Guardian Angel greatly helps the person under their care, we can well think that it pleases God to make the power of their ministrations conditional to some extent upon whether we do explicitly pray to them.

So for all these reasons it makes very good sense to frequently ask the specific help of the Angels, in particular the Archangels and our Angel Guardian. We could simply pray daily, for example, the prayer we might have learnt as children, but which is equally valid for adults: [*cont. p. 3*]

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mon 30th September** No Mass

**Tue 1st October** Memorial: St Therese of the Child Jesus  
9:15am (Mentone)

**Wed 2nd October** The Holy Guardian Angels  
9:15am (Black Rock & Mentone)  
10:30am (Parkdale)

**Thu 3rd October** 9:15am (Mentone)  
**No Mass at Beaumaris today**  
10:30am Ordinariate Mass (Mentone)

**Fri 4th October** Memorial: St Francis of Assisi  
9:15am (Black Rock & Mentone)  
5:15pm (Parkdale)

**Sat 5th October** 9:15am (Mentone & Beaumaris)

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:** Mary Catherine Bowler

**Anniversaries:** Bill Wilson, Carmela Monelli,  
Paolo Monelli, Patrick McCarthy, Peg McNamara,  
Marisa Berretti



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

Peter Short, Sheilah Ross, Anne Martin, Earlene Granger,  
Joe & Vicki Iacuccio, Reg Farnell, Jim Wells, Alan Laver,  
Glenda Sabang, John O'Donoghue, Christina Fox,  
Paul Aalbers, Benita Case, Leticia Veridiano, Lucy Menezes,  
Aliai Coyle-Madut, Teresa Wright, Bernadette Chaplin

*With Fr Ford on annual leave, we welcome  
Fr Daryl Montecillo, who will again celebrate  
our Masses at St Joseph's and Stella Maris today.*

**No Thursday Mass at Beaumaris this week**

With school holidays, there will be no 9:15 am Thursday  
Mass at Stella Maris this week (3rd October).

**March for the Babies** Come and show your support  
for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on Saturday  
12 October, 12:30 pm in the Treasury Gardens, cnr Spring St  
& Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to  
Parliament and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

*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)*

## ROSTERS 5/6 OCTOBER 2024

### St Patrick's - Mentone

<b>6:00pm</b>	Commentator/Reader	J Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	T Dillon
<b>11:00am</b>	Commentator/Reader	S Mathias
	Extraordinary Minister	M Ly
<b>5:00pm</b>	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	A Moore

### St Joseph's - Black Rock

<b>8:00am</b>	Reader	R Papworth
	Commentator	D Mowat
	Extraordinary Minister	J Short

### St John Vianney's - Parkdale

<b>9:00am</b>	Reader	B Atherton
	Commentator	C Beck
	Extraordinary Minister	B John
	Minister to the sick	K Lowe
	Flowers	G Costanzo
	Pilgrim Statue	S Stewart

### Stella Maris - Beaumaris

<b>10:30am</b>	Reader	M Droege
	Commentator	L Beech
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

**Readings next week:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B  
Genesis: 2: 18-24  
Hebrews: 2: 9-11  
Mark: 10: 2-16

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Term 4 Enrolments**

The **Bayside Atrium** is open for term 4 enrolments. Children  
aged 3-6 explore the Catholic faith, Scripture and Liturgy,  
based on the Montessori method of hands-on learning.

**Atrium, Stella Maris Church, Saturdays 9.30am – 11.30am.**  
\$100/term, concessions available. Parish website [sspjv.org](http://sspjv.org)  
or Australian website: [cgsaust.org.au](http://cgsaust.org.au). Enrolments or info:  
[baysideatrium@gmail.com](mailto:baysideatrium@gmail.com) or phone Lisa, 0402 480 224.

### **Morning Tea at Stella Maris next Sunday; Atrium display**

All welcome to join in morning tea at Stella Maris, Sunday 6  
October, after 10:30 am Mass. **Some of our activities of the  
Bayside Atrium will be on display** and you can speak to one  
of our Catechist Team members. Hope to see you there.

### **St Vincent De Paul - Parkdale Conference, hosting cuppa**

Please join your fellow parishioners for a social cuppa after  
9:00 am Mass at St John Vianney's, **next Sunday 6 October.**

### **Daylight Saving starts next weekend, 6 October**

Daylight Saving begins next weekend, with our clocks being  
moved forward an hour at 2:00 am on Sunday morning. We  
thus lose an hour - risk of being late for Mass if we forget!

**Thank you** Sister Mary Joseph SZE wishes to express her deep  
gratitude to Fr Justin, Fr Ramsay, Fr Andrew and parishioners for  
their condolences, prayers and Masses offered for the repose of  
the soul of her deceased sister Shiu Man SZE who passed away  
on 10th September 2024.

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**Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.**

The Holy See's *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* (2001) encouraged 'an attitude of devotion deriving from the knowledge of living constantly in the presence of the Holy Angels of God'; and 'serenity and confidence in facing difficult situations, since the Lord guides and protects the faithful in the way of justice through the ministry of His Holy Angels.' (216)

The *Directory* did also caution about 'possible deviations...when the daily events of life...are read schematically or simplistically, indeed childish, so as to ascribe all setbacks to the Devil and all success to the Guardian Angels. The practice of assigning names to the

Holy Angels should be discouraged, except in the cases of Gabriel, Raphael and Michael whose names are contained in Holy Scripture.' (217)

In 'New Age' materials there is often a certain attention to angels. (cf. Pontifical Council for Culture, *Jesus Christ, the Bearer of the Water of Life: A Christian reflection on the "New Age"* 2.2.1) However, the *Catechism* reminds us that 'Christ is the centre of the angelic world. They are *his* angels.' (n. 331) So discernment is called for if focus on Christ seems lacking, recalling that 'Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light.' (2 Cor 11:14)

At the Sanctus in each Mass, we join with the Angels in adoration: 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts'. (*Hosts* here translates the Hebrew *Sabaoth*, meaning *armies*: Scripture presents the Angels in military imagery, fighting for God against the forces of evil.) So we venerate all the Holy Angels, and pray for their aid.

**St Michael** appears in scripture especially in his captaincy of the Holy Angels in their combat against the Devil and his angels (*Rev* 12:7-9; cf. *Dan* 10:13, 21; *Jude* 9) What this combat really involves for spiritual beings is hidden from us, but we should certainly pray to St Michael for protection against our spiritual enemies, the demons. From 1886, by order of Pope Leo XIII, a Prayer to St Michael was prayed at the end of Mass:

**St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

After 1965, this prayer was no longer part of the liturgy (and some Catholics may have concluded in those times that we no longer needed to be concerned about demonic attack).

However, Pope St John Paul II encouraged us to keep using it as a non-liturgical prayer: 'Although today this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it, and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world.' (*Regina Caeli address*, 24/4/1994) And in October 2018, when Pope Francis invited the faithful throughout the world to pray the Rosary every day for that month, he asked that we conclude our Rosaries 'with the prayer written by Leo XIII: "Sancte Michael Archángele..."'

In this spirit, we have the practice of many parishioners reciting this prayer together as one of their regular prayers on weekdays. (The prayer is kept separate from the Mass - it is not in our authority to liturgically reinstate what the Church has chosen to remove as part of the liturgical reform.) St Michael is patron of the entire People of God; (cf. *Dan* 12:1; Pope Francis *Address* 5/7/2013) so when Catholics use this prayer, much-needed protection is given, not only to them as individuals, but to the whole Church.

**St Gabriel's** role in the Annunciation is well-known (*Lk* 1:26-38; cf. *Lk* 1:11-20; *Dan* 8:15-17; 9:21), and every time we pray the opening of the *Hail Mary* it is his words we repeat: 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee'. And somewhat as Mary's own 'yes' on behalf of humanity opened the way to the Incarnation and to salvation, St Gabriel's faithful communication of God's message itself opened the way for this assent of Mary. He is the Angel chosen by God to draw forth the obedient reply of Mary, the Second Eve – thus reversing the evil angel's seduction of the First Eve.

**St Raphael** appears in the Old Testament *Book of Tobit*. Sent by God in answer to the prayers of Tobit and of Sarah, St Raphael, disguised in human form, accompanies Tobit's son Tobias on his journeys; encourages him to marry Sarah; delivers Sarah from a demon's affliction; and finally heals Tobit's blindness, before revealing his identity: 'I am Raphael, one of the seven holy Angels who present the prayers of the saints and enter into the presence of the glory of the Lord.' (*Tb* 12:15) Drawing from the biblical story, he is invoked for healing, for travellers and for the blind.

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## HYMNS:

**Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday**

**Parkdale 9:00am Sunday**

**Mentone 5:00pm Sunday**

**Mass Setting:** Connolly Mass

**Entrance:** 497 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

**Offertory:** 112 The Gift of the Holy Spirit

**Communion:** 506 How Blessed is This Place

**Recessional:** 489 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

**Mentone 11:00am Solemnity of the Archangels**

**Mass Setting:** Connolly Mass

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

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

**Communion:** 506 How Blessed is This Place

**Recessional:** 489 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

**Black Rock 8:00am Sunday**

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

**Offertory:** 218 Let My Tongue Be Silenced

**Communion:** 620 An Upper Room

**Recessional:** 755 Now Thank We All Our God

**Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday**

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

**Offertory:** O Bread of Life

**Communion:** One Bread, One Body

**Recessional:** On Eagles Wings

**Rosary Procession, St Patrick's, 5 pm Saturday 12 October**

in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. Starts in school grounds, returning to the church in time for 6 pm Mass. Please join in this beautiful tribute to Our Blessed Lady.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (11am only) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel Acclamation:** (11am only) Alleluia, alleluia! Bless the Lord, all you angels, his ministers who do his will. Alleluia!

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

## **Legion of Mary - Pray the Angelus and the Rosary with us today**

The Legion of Mary invites you to join us in praying the Angelus and the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, at St Patrick's Church Mentone, today, 29th September after 11.00 am Mass - beginning at 12.00 noon with the Angelus, followed by the Rosary, and concluding at 12.30 pm. Let us come together as a parish community to honour Our Lady as we reflect on the Resurrection, Ascension and the eternal glory of Christ.

We also invite you to join the Legion of Mary. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Praesidium - St Patrick's Mentone - meets every Tuesday, 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm, in the Parish Centre. Please contact the parish office - 9583 2103 - and ask to leave a message for Marissa, President of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

***The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff in Dublin in 1921. Its object is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. Now a worldwide organisation with several million members, the Legion came to Australia in 1932, and has spread to parishes around the country.***

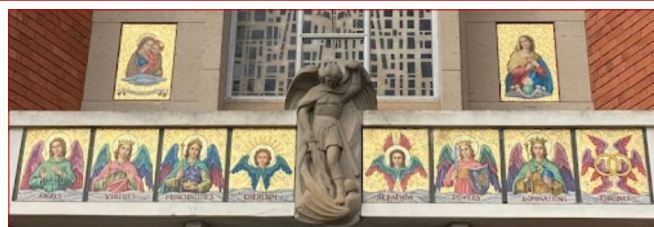
***The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus. The essential means is personal service acting under grace of the Holy Spirit, with God's glory and the salvation of souls as its ultimate purpose.***

***The basic unit is a praesidium, normally based in a parish. Mentone has Australia's longest continuously existing praesidium, founded at St Patrick's in 1933.***

***Each praesidium holds a weekly meeting, including prayer and discussion. Members undertake a weekly apostolic task, sometimes in pairs. After a period of probation members are called to make the Legionary Promise.***

***Members participate in parish life through works such as visitation of families and of the sick, in homes and hospitals. The Legion's apostolate is a wonderful way of fulfilling, in an organised and supported way, our basic obligation of 'bringing Christ to all people and all people to Christ'.***

***Realising the necessity for a strong support of prayer, the Legion has Auxiliary members, who associate themselves with the Legion by undertaking a specific service of prayer.***



The Angels are traditionally understood as ordered in nine 'Choirs': **Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and [regular] Angels.** These terms reflect scriptural language, and are mentioned in the Liturgy. The nine Choirs are represented across the front of our Church of St Patrick and the Holy Angels: four either side, with St Michael in the centre.