

ST PATRICK'S, ST JOHN VIANNEY'S,

STELLA MARIS & ST JOSEPH'S

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8th 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*)

In infant baptism there is a ritual called the 'Ephphatha' ceremony, named from today's gospel, when Jesus, healing the deaf and dumb man, says to him, 'Ephphatha, be opened.' The priest touches the baby's ears and mouth, and prays: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.'

The ceremony draws on the interpretation that like Jesus' miracles in general, the real *physical* miracle also symbolises something more: here, a *spiritual* opening up. From Baptism we are all called to have ears open to receive God's word, and tongue loosened to 'proclaim his faith', to share with others the gift that we have received.

True, we share our faith not only by speaking but by action. 'Above all, the witness of holiness is necessary... However, even witness by itself is not enough because even the finest witness will prove ineffective in the long run, if it is not explained, justified – what Peter called "giving a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Pet 3:15) – and made explicit by a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the Lord Jesus' (Holy See, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith *Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelisation* (2007) 11).

Often enough we are comfortable with 'giving a good example', but balk at actually *saying something* about our faith. We become like the dumb man in the gospel, unable to say the words we would like. So maybe we need to learn more about our faith so that we can speak

about it more confidently. Above all we need to pray to the Holy Spirit – for the opportunity, the words, the wisdom, maybe the tiniest bit of courage to honestly express ourselves (as non-believers seem to have no fear in doing). After all, why be afraid to share with others what is truly a precious gift, a healing medicine?

Maybe we are afraid of being one of 'those people' always ear-bashing others about their beliefs. Yet perhaps the idea of 'open ears' in our Gospel also suggests the path for us here. If we are going to open our lips to speak, we hope people will listen to us. But they are more ready to do that when *our* ears are also open to genuinely listen to them and learn from *them*. In other words – not monologue but dialogue; growing together deeper into truth; finding common ground and building on it.

As Christians we have received from God the supreme truth of Christ. But non-Christians also receive truth from the 'seeds of the Word', reflections of Christ that the Holy Spirit has scattered in the world in preparation for the Gospel. Obviously, not every religious idea that someone has is true: we need to discern the true and the false. But we approach others expecting that not only do we have gifts to share with them, but that they have gifts to share with us, from which we ourselves might understand facets of Christ's truth more deeply.

Recent Church language has distinguished *evangelising* from *proselytising*: 'The term proselytism was often used

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 9th September	No Mass
Tue 10th September	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 11th September	9:15am (<i>Black Rock & Mentone</i>) 10:30am (<i>Parkdale</i>)
Thu 12th September	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (Class Mass) 10:30am Ordinarate Mass (<i>Mentone</i>)
Fri 13th September	Memorial: St John Chrysostom 9:15am (<i>Black Rock & Mentone</i>) 5:15pm (<i>Parkdale</i>)
Sat 14th September	Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 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 at 5:15pm (*Mentone*)

Baptisms:

Please pray for Max, Oliver, William, Cooper and Zoe, Baptised as children of God last weekend in St Patrick's Mentone.



Recently Deceased:

Fr Des Magennis, John Droege, Patricia Daley, Cecil Friedlander



Anniversaries:

Kyu-Chang (Leo) Lee, James John, John McNamara

We pray for those who are sick:

Christine Cassar, Anne Martin, Earlene Granger, Joe & Vicki Iacuccio, Reg Farnell, Jim Wells, Alan Laver, Glenda Sabang, Sebastian Wolfenden, Anne Bevis, John O'Donoghue, Christina Fox, Donald McDonald, Lucy McDonald, Paul Aalbers, Benita Case, Leticia Veridiano, Lucy Menezes, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Teresa Wright, Bernadette Chaplin

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

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

ROSTERS 14/15 SEPTEMBER 2024

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	T Dillon
	Extraordinary Minister	J Dillon
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	L Freeman
	Extraordinary Minister	M Ly
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	J Hughes
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	A Traeger
	Commentator	W Maher
	Extraordinary Minister	M Shannon

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	D Clifton
	Commentator	R Tregonning
	Extraordinary Minister	N Perazzo
	Minister to the sick	N Perazzo
	Flowers	K Lowe
	Pilgrim Statue	M Webster

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

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

Readings next week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Isaiah:	50: 5-9
James:	2:14-18
Mark:	8:27-35

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.

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

Sunday September 8.

Columban Art Calendar 2025

Now available from the **Piety** stall in **Mentone**, between the church and the school, open 10:30-11:00 and 12-12:30 Sunday mornings. Please note the price increase to **\$11**. All proceeds benefit **St Vincent de Paul Society**.



Donation Point Terminals

Two new terminals installed in the foyer of Stella Maris church. One for the Church and one for the Presbytery account. Thank you for continued support.

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as a synonym for missionary activity. More recently, however, the term has taken on a negative connotation, to mean the promotion of a religion by using means, and for motives, contrary to the spirit of the Gospel; that is, which do not safeguard the freedom and dignity of the human person.' (Holy See, *Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelisation* n. 49)

Pope Benedict XVI said that 'The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead she grows by "attraction": just as Christ "draws all to himself" by the power of his love...' (Homily, 13 May 2007)

Proselytising might include a situation where we *are* just 'earbashing' the other person, or where they are simply thought of as a 'target' of our efforts at increasing the tally of converts – in other words, where we are really treating them as just an object.

Or sometimes, we can find ourselves actually angry at the person we are supposedly trying to convert, for 'daring' to keep disagreeing with us. This can happen if our real motive for trying to 'convert' them is pride – we want to make very sure that they know and acknowledge: 'we are right' and 'they are wrong'. Maybe it is because we cannot tolerate the ongoing tension we might feel at the thought of them looking down on us for our faith. Needless to say, motives like this, as well as being against the spirit of the Gospel, also reduce the likelihood of actually helping to bring the other person to Christ. If this false spirit is in us, we need to ask God to replace it with a spirit of humility, patience and peace.

Evangelising, by contrast, means we are humbly sharing our faith with the other *because we love them as persons*. Even if maybe we have never met them before, we look at them and see Christ's image, and so want to share with them the great blessing of faith in him, that we ourselves have undeservedly received. And we do this by *attracting* their minds and hearts with his truth, goodness and beauty.

But this personal love also means that *we* have to listen, we *want* to listen, to *them*, to learn what God is surely already doing in their lives. It takes more time and patience than simply 'talking at them'. But even in terms of 'results', the other person is likely to find an honest 'dialogue' approach more attractive. It is more in line with the Gospel, and it actually works better.



Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Patronal Festival Celebrations in Melbourne

More than eighty parishioners and supporters attended the celebrations to mark the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Southern Cross last Sunday at St Patrick's Church, Mentone, the Melbourne home of the St Edmund Campion Ordinariate community.

It was only the second time the feast day has occurred on a Sunday since the Australian Ordinariate was established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

A Solemn Mass, with six servers, reader, cantor and organist, was celebrated by the Ordinariate's parish priest, Fr Ramsay Williams.

Gale force winds, the threat of a storm, and a temporary loss of power, failed to dampen spirits. Fortunately, power was restored, and the sun came out, just minutes before the beginning of Mass.

A joyful crowd enjoyed a lavish champagne brunch afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Fr Ford - Annual Leave

Fr Ford will be on annual leave starting this week, until October. Fr Choi will be acting Parish Priest in his absence.

Feast of the Lord of Huanca

The feast of The Lord of Huanca is held on 14th September. It is said that when Jesus appeared in a cave to Diego Quispe, his story inspired one of the best painters of the time to reproduce the image on the wall where the miracle took place. Every year, on September 14th, the faithful arrive by the tens of thousands from all over Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Bolivia in search of cures for their physical and spiritual afflictions. (cf. Pope St John Paul II, *Homily in Cusco, Peru* 3/2/1985)

Nearby, is a small chapel devoted to the **Virgin of the Rosary** situated on the hillside directly across from The Lord of Huanca, celebrated every October 7th.

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 621 The Voice of God

Offertory: 519 In Christ There is no East or West

Communion: 129 Your Hands, O Lord, in days of Old
(Tune 187b)

Recessional: 249 When the King Shall Come Again

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 621 The Voice of God

Offertory: Motet: *Quid retribuam Domino* -
L. Sabbatini

Communion: Motet: *Sicut cervus* - Palestrina
129 Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old
(Tune 187b)

Recessional: 249 When The King Shall Come Again

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 792 Praise to the Lord The Almighty

Offertory: 802 Seek O Seek The Lord

Communion: 664 Create in Me

Recessional: 755 Now Thank We All Our God

Beumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Praise to the Lord The Almighty

Offertory: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Communion: One Bread, One Body

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God



Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

Safeguarding Sunday—National Child Protection Week

Our Partnered Parishes, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne, are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

'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. From this stems the Church's ceaseless efforts to put an end to all kinds of abuse, starting from within.' (Dignitas Infinita 43)

Stella Maris Primary School - Art Show - Tuesday 10 September & Wednesday 11 September

Lisa O'Sullivan, our Art teacher, has done an exceptional job organising the Art Show with the help of some wonderful volunteers from our school community. We are excited for the official opening next Tuesday, 10 September, from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the Narthex at Stella Maris Church. We warmly invite parishioners to attend. Additionally, there will be a viewing on Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Mr Yvan Frederic, Principal

ST PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS GATHERING – Sunday 15th September

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

Faith discussions, Rosary and supper.

Following the 5:00pm Mass at St Patrick's Mentone, 6-8pm in the Parish Centre.

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