

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

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd August 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 (Ordinariate Mass) (Mentone)

Sunday: 10:30am (Beaumaris)
Sunday: 11:00am (Mentone)
Sunday: 5:00pm (Mentone)

Our readings today teach us to 'know the shortness of our life' (Ps 89). We must not set our hearts on our brief life in this world: rather, we make our choices and set our priorities in perspective of eternity, always ready for the moment when God calls us to himself, when our whole lives will be judged in the light of divine truth. If we live in this readiness, then we can face death itself with confident hope, not fear.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church Dying in Christ Jesus

1005 To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must 'be away from the body and at home with the Lord.' (2 Cor 5:8) In that 'departure' which is death the soul is separated from the body. (Cf. Phil 1:23) It will be reunited with the body on the day of resurrection of the dead. (Cf. Pope St Paul VI, Credo of the People of God (1968) 28)

'It is in regard to death that man's condition is most shrouded in doubt.' (Vatican II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et spes* (1965) 18) In a sense bodily death is natural, but for faith it is in fact 'the wages of sin.' (*Rom* 6:23; cf. *Gen* 2:17) For those who die in Christ's grace it is a participation in the death of the Lord, so that they can also share his Resurrection. (*Cf. Rom* 6:3-9; *Phil* 3:10-11)

Death is the end of earthly life. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realise that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfilment:

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, ...before the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. (*Eccl* 12:1, 7)

Death is a consequence of sin. The Church's Magisterium, as authentic interpreter of the affirmations of Scripture and Tradition, teaches that death entered the world on account of man's sin. (Cf. Gen 2:17; 3:3; 3:19; Wis 1:13; Rom 5:12; 6:23; Council of Trent Decree on Original Sin (1546) DS 1511) Even though man's nature is mortal God had destined him not to die. Death was therefore contrary to the plans of God the Creator and entered the world as a consequence of sin. (Cf. Wis 2:23-24) 'Bodily death, from which man would have been immune had he not sinned' is thus 'the last enemy' of man left to be conquered. (Vatican II Gaudium et spes 18; cf. 1 Cor 15:26)

Death is transformed by Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, also himself suffered the death that is part of the human condition. Yet, despite his anguish as he faced death, he accepted it in an act of complete and free submission to his Father's will. (Cf. Mk14:33-34; Heb 5:7-8) The obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing. (Cf. Rom 5:19-21)

meaning: 'For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.' (*Phil* 1:21) 'The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him.' (2 Tim 2:11) What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through Baptism, the Christian has already 'died with Christ' sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this 'dying with Christ' and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act:

It is better for me to die in Christ Jesus than to reign over the ends of the earth. Him it is I seek — who died for us. Him it is I desire — who rose for us. I am on the point of giving birth... Let me receive pure light; when I shall have arrived there, then shall I be a man. (St Ignatius of Antioch)

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 4th August Memorial: St John Vianney, priest

11:00am (Mentone)

Tue 5th August 9:15am (Mentone)

Wed 6th August Feast: The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:15am (Mentone & Black Rock)

Thu 7th August 9:15am (Mentone)

9:15am (Beaumaris) (Class Mass)

Solemnity: St Mary of the Cross Fri 8th August

9:15am (Mentone & Black Rock)

Sat 9th August 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.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Wednesdays following 9:15am Mass (Mentone), Saturdays following 9:15am Mass (Mentone & Beaumaris) and at 5:15pm (Mentone).

Baptisms:

For bookings and enquiries please phone the Parish office 9583 2103 or email mentoneparkdaleeast@cam.org.au



Recently Deceased:

Carmen Campuspos, David Hannan

Anniversaries:

Wilma Farrington, Don Zuccala, Phil Curry

We pray for those who are sick:

Patricia Hood, Val Phelan, Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Ching Price, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, John Nicholson, John O'Donoghue, Mirella Townsend, Delia Fisher, Margaret Rose Durston, Carol Camerino, Michael Papworth

*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.

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 9/10 August 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone 6:00pm Commentator/Reader J Hughes **Extraordinary Minister** J Stoppa 11:00am Commentator/Reader S Medeira **Extraordinary Minister S Mathias** 5:00pm Commentator/Reader J Renden **Extraordinary Minister** C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am Reader J Short Commentator T Warnock **Extraordinary Minister** M Lindstrom

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am Reader C Beck Commentator K Lowe **Extraordinary Minister** B Fitchet Extraordinary Minister to the sick B Fitchet **Flowers** B McCann **Pilgrim Statue** J Dunstan

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am Reader G Lynch Commentator G Blackman **Extraordinary Minister** D Lynch

Readings next week: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Wisdom: 18: 6-9 Hebrews: 11: 1-2, 8-19 Luke: 12: 32-48

Knights of the Southern Cross Mentone **Monthly Meetings**

7pm on the first Monday of each month in St Patrick's Parish Centre, next meeting 4th August. Catholic men who are interested in the work of the Knights are most welcome to attend.

MenALIVE Mentone—Monthly meetings

6:30pm on the 1st Wednesday monthly in the Parish Centre at Mentone. Next meeting 6th August. Catholic men interested in scripture most welcome.

> Morning Teas after Masses this weekend **Sunday 3rd August** 9:00am St John Vianney's 10:30am Stella Maris 11:00am St Patrick's All welcome!

Volunteers are also needed to assist - speak with one of today's helpers. Many hands make light work!

BANKING DETAILS

For direct credit to Parish accounts-

083347 6808 76937 **Presbytery** account: Mentone-Parkdale - Church account: 083347 6815 62913 Nazareth Parish - Church account: 083347 6864 78067

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1011 In death, God calls man to himself. Therefore the Christian can experience a desire for death like St Paul's: 'My desire is to depart and be with Christ.' (*Phil* 1:23) He can transform his own death into an act of obedience and love towards the Father, after the example of Christ: (Cf. Lk 23:46)

My earthly desire has been crucified; ...there is living water in me, water that murmurs and says within me: Come to the Father.

(St Ignatius of Antioch)

I want to see God and, in order to see him, I must die. (St Teresa of Avila, *Life*, chap. 1)

I am not dying; I am entering life. (St Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Last Conversations*)

1012 The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: (Cf. 1 Thess 4:13-14)

Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

(Roman Missal, Preface of Christian Death I)

1013 Death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to

decide his ultimate destiny. When 'the single course of our earthly life' is completed, (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen gentium (1964) 48) we shall not return to other earthly lives: 'It is appointed for men to die once.' (Heb 9:27) There is no 'reincarnation' after death.

The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the litany of the saints, for instance, she has us pray: 'From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord'; (Roman Missal, Litany of the Saints) to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us 'at the hour of our death' in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St Joseph, the patron of a happy death.

Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience...Then why not keep clear of sin instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow...

(The Imitation of Christ, 1, 23, 1)

Praised are you, my Lord, for our sister bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape.

Woe on those who will die in mortal sin! Blessed are they who will be found in your most holy will, for the second death will not harm them.

(St Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Creatures)

Kilbreda College—Fundraising initiative for Kildare ministries

Kilbreda College is conducting a special fundraising initiative for Kildare Ministries from **28 July to 20 August**. Our Partnered Parishes are happy to support the students in this campaign.

Kildare Ministries Community Works supports those in our community who are experiencing hardship, marginalisation or exclusion. Rooted in the Brigidine tradition, these works include three key organisations:

Wellsprings for Women: offers education, support and community programs for women, especially those from migrant and refugee backgrounds, to help them build independence and confidence.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP): provides housing, food, financial support and advocacy for people seeking asylum in Australia.

Saltbush Balnarring: offers a welcoming space for reflection, healing, and spiritual connection for refugees, asylum seekers, and those needing rest and renewal.

'Every donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We thank you for your generous support of our shared mission of compassion and service.'

Kilbreda College SRC Leaders

DONATE BY: - Cash donations can be left at the St Patrick's or Stella Maris Parish Offices; *OR*- Bank transfer to the Mentone-Parkdale Church account (mark donation with reference KILBREDA): 083347 6815 62913

Fr Justin will be celebrating a special birthday in August. Please join us for morning tea in the narthex at Stella Maris today, Sunday 3rd August following 10:30 am Mass; and morning tea at St Patrick's Parish Centre on next Sunday 10th August following 11:00 am Mass, to celebrate this occasion.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd August 2025

We pray for Confirmation candidates from our Primary Schools, who will make a commitment at weekend Masses to prepare for the reception in August of the Gift of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament.

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians Entrance: 568 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Offertory: Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I call to you,

Lord Jesus Christ) BWV639 J.S. Bach

Communion: 553 Love is His Word **Recessional**: 455 Be Thou My Vision

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549 J.S. Bach

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Plainsong Mass

Entrance: 568 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Offertory: Motet: If Ye Love Me - Tallis

Communion: Motet: O salutaris hostia - D.L. Perosi

533 Love is His Word

Recessional: 455 Be Thou my Vision

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549 J.S. Bach

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 802 Seek, O Seek the Lord
Offertory: 739 Lord of Creation
Communion: 743 Love is His Word

Recessional: 755 Now Thank We All Our God

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Seek, O Seek the Lord
Offertory: Come to the Water
Communion: Lord, Be My Vision

Recessional: Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

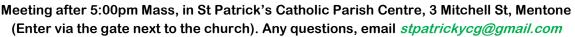


Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia! **Memorial Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.



St Patrick's Young Catholics Gathering - next Sunday 10th August





Come along to support our Youth at the Sausage Sizzle after 11am Mass today. Behind St Patrick's Church ↓





ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

As our 2025 Winter Appeal comes to its conclusion, we would like to thank you all for your amazing support and donations. Across the three parish conferences close to \$5000 was raised.....an unbelievable achievement!

Thank you to Fr Justin and Fr Joe for helping with the co-ordination of the Appeal. We are truly grateful for the support of EVERYONE across our parish and school communities. Together, we have made a difference!

Hey we are the Serra Australia Foundation



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pilgrims!

The Serra Australia Foundation has a long history of supporting vocations in the Catholic Church. Our Foundation has, among other things, supported seminarians and seminaries, helped discernment activities, assisted with retreats and education & training.

We also love supporting young pilgrims! Our Foundation has generously provided funds to help our ACYF pilgrims get to ACYF.

To find out more about the Foundation and Serra International, please contact John Short at <u>johnashort3@gmail.com</u> or on 0488 663 762.

We're supporting our pilgrims, will YOU support them too?