

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

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17th 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)

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.' In himself, Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but these words of his from today's Gospel remind us that division will nonetheless arise, because of those who refuse his divine teaching and claims.

This was seen, for example, in the controversy that erupted in 2000 when the Holy See under St John Paul II issued the Declaration 'Dominus Iesus' [DI] - 25 years ago this month. People were surprised to be reminded: no, the Catholic Church does not consider all religions as equal.

Last week we looked at quotes from its first part, reaffirming that Jesus Christ, and he alone, is the Incarnate Word, definitive and complete Revelation, the world's one and universal Saviour. Today we look at its teaching focused on the uniqueness of the Church: Christ founded one only Church, the necessary channel of all salvation, which exists in its fullness only in the Catholic Church:

'The Lord Jesus, the only Saviour, did not only establish a simple community of disciples, but constituted the Church as a *salvific mystery:* he himself is in the Church and the Church is in him. (cf. *Jn* 15:1ff; *Gal* 3:28; *Eph* 4:15-16; *Acts* 9:5)...'

'Therefore, in connection with the unicity and universality of the salvific mediation of Jesus Christ, the unicity of the Church founded by him must be *firmly believed* as a truth of Catholic faith. Just as there is one Christ, so there exists a single body of Christ, a single Bride of Christ: "a single Catholic and apostolic Church". (Cf. Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* (1964) 8)'

'The promises of the Lord that he would not abandon his

Church (cf. *Mt* 16:18; 28:20) and that he would guide her by his Spirit (cf. *Jn* 16:13) mean, according to Catholic faith, that the unicity and the unity of the Church – like everything that belongs to the Church's integrity – will never be lacking. (cf. Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis redintegratio* (1964); John Paul II, Encyclical on Commitment to Ecumenism *Ut unum sint* (1995) 11)' [*DI* 16]

'The Catholic faithful are required to profess that there is an historical continuity — rooted in the apostolic succession — between the Church founded by Christ and the Catholic Church: "This is the single Church of Christ... which our Saviour, after his resurrection, entrusted to Peter's pastoral care (cf. Jn 21:17), commissioning him and the other Apostles to extend and rule her (cf. Mt 28:18ff.), erected for all ages as 'the pillar and mainstay of the truth' (1 Tim 3:15). This Church, constituted and organised as a society in the present world, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and by the Bishops in communion with him". (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium 8)'

With the expression "subsists in", the Second Vatican Council sought to harmonise two doctrinal statements: on the one hand, that the Church of Christ, despite the divisions which exist among Christians, continues to exist fully only in the Catholic Church, and on the other hand, that "outside of her structure, many elements can be found of sanctification and truth" (Lumen Gentium 8), that is, in those Churches and ecclesial communities which are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. But with respect to these, it needs to be stated that "they derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Catholic Church" (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism Unitatis redintegratio 3). [DI 16] [continued p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 18th August NO MONDAY MASS THIS WEEK

Tue 19th August 9:15am (Mentone)

Wed 20th August Memorial: St Bernard

9:15am (Mentone & Black Rock)

Thu 21st August Memorial: St Pius X, pope

9:15am (Mentone)

9:15am (Beaumaris) (Class Mass)

Fri 22nd August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15am (Mentone & Black Rock)

Sat 23rd 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: Ligia Roskam

Anniversaries: Vera Harris, Fred Steinfort, Eric Newman, Geoffrey Ford, Jennifer Ford

We pray for those who are sick: Patricia Hood, Val Phelan, Janis Williams, Alan Laver, Ching Price, Max Byers, Jim Lacey, John Nicholson, Delia Fisher, Mirella Townsend, Margaret Rose Durston, Carol Camerino, Michael Papworth

No Monday Mass at St Patrick's this week

Due to Bishop Elliott's Funeral Mass at the Cathedral on Monday 18th August, there will be no 11am Monday Mass at St Patrick's this week.

You can still make donations until 20 August to <u>Kilbreda</u> students' fundraising initiative for Kildare Ministries.

Donate by cash at St Patrick's or Stella Maris Parish Offices, **OR: by bank transfer to** —

Mentone-Parkdale Church account: 083347 6815 62913 (mark donation with reference KILBREDA)

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 23/24 August 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone
6:00pm Commentator/Reader K Ady
Extraordinary Minister J Stoppa
11:00am Commentator/Reader K Mooney
Extraordinary Minister A Earle
5:00pm Commentator/Reader J Hughes
Extraordinary Minister A Moore

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am Reader J Shannon
Commentator L Brick
Extraordinary Minister M Shannon

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

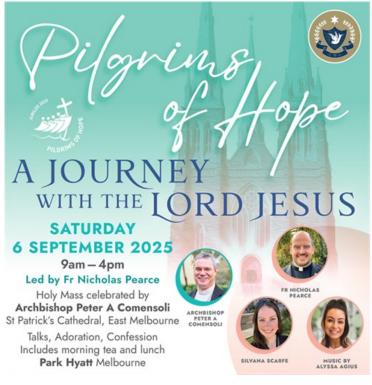
9:00am Reader M Webster
Commentator C Beck
Extraordinary Minister R Tregonning
Extraordinary Minister to the sick N Perazzo
Flowers J Brantner
Pilgrim Statue J Alford

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30amReaderG BlackmanCommentatorM KhongExtraordinary MinisterH Grahame

Readings next week: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Isaiah: 66: 18-21 Hebrews: 12: 5-7, 11-13 Luke: 13: 22-30



A special league event for the Jubilee Year at St Patrick's Cathedral - a Pilgrim place.

TICKETS: \$60, lunch and morning tea included.

Special offer - 2 for 1 deal exclusively for those under 35! www.trybooking.com/DCBKR

INFO: info@cwlvicww.org.au

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"The Christian faithful are therefore not permitted to imagine that the Church of Christ is nothing more than a collection — divided, yet in some way one — of Churches and ecclesial communities; nor are they free to hold that today the Church of Christ nowhere really exists, and must be considered only as a goal which all Churches and ecclesial communities must strive to reach" (Holy See, Declaration Mysterium Ecclesiae (1973)). In fact, "the elements of this already-given Church exist, joined together in their fullness in the Catholic Church and, without this fullness, in the other communities" (John Paul II, Encyclical Letter on Commitment to Ecumenism Ut unum sint 14).'

"Therefore, these separated Churches and communities as such, though we believe they suffer from defects, have by no means been deprived of significance and importance in the mystery of salvation. For the spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as means of salvation which derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Catholic Church" (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism Unitatis redintegratio 3).'

'The mission of the Church is "to proclaim and establish among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is on earth, the seed and the beginning of that kingdom" (Lumen Gentium 5) ... The kingdom of God which we know from revelation, "cannot be detached either from Christ or from the Church... If the kingdom is separated from Jesus, it is no longer the kingdom of God which he revealed. The result is a distortion of the meaning of the kingdom, which runs the risk of being transformed into a purely human or ideological goal and a distortion of the identity of Christ, who no longer appears as the Lord to whom everything must one day be subjected.

"Likewise, one may not separate the kingdom from the Church. It is true that the Church is not an end unto herself, since she is ordered toward the kingdom of God, of which she is the seed, sign and instrument. Yet, while remaining distinct from Christ and the kingdom, the Church is indissolubly united to both". (John Paul II, Encyclical Letter on the permanent validity of the Church's missionary mandate *Redemptoris Missio* (1990) 18)"

'In treating the question of the true religion, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught: "We believe that this one true religion subsists in the Catholic and Apostolic Church, to which the Lord Jesus entrusted the task of spreading it among all people...Especially in those things that concern God and his Church, all persons are required to seek the truth, and when they come to know it, to embrace it and hold fast to it". (Vatican II, Declaration on Religious Liberty Dignitatis Humanae (1965) 1)'

'The Christian mystery, in fact, overcomes all barriers of time and space, and accomplishes the unity of the human family: "From their different locations and traditions all are called in Christ to share in the unity of the family of God's children... Jesus destroys the walls of division and creates unity in a new and unsurpassed way through our sharing in his mystery. This unity is so deep that the Church can say with Saint Paul: 'You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are saints and members of the household of God' (*Eph* 2:19)". (John Paul II, Encyclical on Faith and Reason *Fides et Ratio* (1998) 70)'

[Next time we will conclude our marking of the 25th anniversary of 'Dominus lesus' with its teachings on the Church and the other religions in relation to salvation.]

Many thanks again to all who assisted with and joined in my birthday celebrations in these weeks. It has been a very joyful occasion for me, and I am deeply grateful. God bless you all!

Fr Justin



pilgrims!



Hey we are the Legion of Mary

We do all kinds of service work in our community – visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, adult faith formation and OCIA, catechetical work with children.

But above all – we pray! We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Mary to give us courage and perseverance in our work.

Our ACYF pilgrims have chosen us as their **prayer warriors**, a dedicated group focusing on the prayer intentions of our pilgrims as they prepare for ACYF – we would love you to join us!

We're praying for our pilgrims, will YOU pray with us?

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HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians Entrance: 500 God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Offertory: Ave Maria - Arcadelt/F. Liszt

Communion: 638 Where There is Charity and Love **Recessional**: 614 The Church's One Foundation

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting:Mass of Our Lady, Help of ChristiansEntrance:500 God, Whose Purpose is to KindleOffertory:Motet: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets

of our hearts - Purcell

Communion: Motet: Ubi Caritas - M. Durufle

638 Where There is Charity and Love

Recessional: 614 The Church's One Foundation

Postlude: Fantasia in G major BWV 572 - J. S. Bach

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 611 All The Earth Proclaim the Lord

Offertory: 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

Communion: 595 Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

Recessional: 705 Holy Father, God of Might

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: Glory and Praise to our God

Offertory: The Summons Communion: Seek Ye First

Recessional: Holy Father, God of Might



We pray for **Archbishop Tony Ireland**, formerly Assistant Priest at Mentone, and more recently Auxiliary Bishop with responsibility for our Southern Region, installed as Archbishop of

Hobart last Tuesday, 12 August.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord,

I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

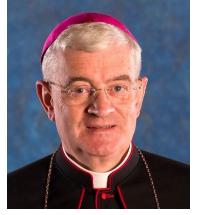
Melbourne Catholic has written an article on St Patrick's Church, in its series on Pilgrim Places. Read it here:

www.melbournecatholic.org/news/st-patricks-mentone-a-pilgrim-place-of-architectural-and-spiritual-significance



The **2025 Archbishop's Campaign** is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which will be available in the pews and in the foyers **next weekend** Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards will also be available in all churches. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.

This campaign consolidates the collections for Corpus Christi Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Missions, University of Divinity Building Fund and Annual Grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations. These gifts over \$2 are tax-deductible.



You are warmly invited to pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Peter Elliott

Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 August, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Church
St P

(10 Rogers St, Mentone)

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass Monday 18 August, 10.30am

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Peter A Comensoli DD

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.