



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

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 15th June 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 (Ordinarie Mass) (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 10:30am (*Beaumaris*)

Sunday: 11:00am (*Mentone*)

Sunday: 5:00pm (*Mentone*)

**'When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?'** (Ps 8:3-4)

*The words of our Psalm on this Trinity Sunday evoke
the infinite glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
reflected in the immensity of the universe he created.*

*There is a shallow unbelief, based on emotion rather than on
any genuine rational case, that takes the extent and age of
the universe as somehow an argument against religion.*

*C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), the famous Anglican convert from
atheism to Christianity, examines the argument:*

"Many people say, 'They could believe in miracles in olden times because they had a false conception of the universe. They thought the Earth was the largest thing in it and human beings the most important creatures. It therefore seemed reasonable to suppose that the Creator was specially interested in humanity and might even interrupt the course of nature for our benefit. But now that we know the real immensity of the universe – now that we perceive our own planet and even the whole Solar System to be only a speck – it becomes ludicrous to believe in them any longer. We have discovered our insignificance and can no longer suppose that God is so drastically concerned in our petty affairs.'

"Whatever its value may be as an argument, it may be stated at once that this view is quite wrong about facts. The immensity of the universe is not a recent discovery. More than 1700 years ago Ptolemy taught that in relation to the distance of the fixed stars the whole Earth must be regarded as a point with no magnitude. His astronomical system was universally accepted in the Middle Ages...

"There is no question of religious people fancying that all exists for humanity and scientific people discovering that it does not..... For no one was, I suppose, ever so mad as to think that humanity, or all creation, *filled* the Divine Mind; if we are a small thing to space and time, space and time are a much smaller thing to God.

"It is a profound mistake to imagine that Christianity ever intended to dissipate the bewilderment and even the terror, the sense of our own nothingness, which come upon us when we think about the nature of things. It comes to intensify them. Without such sensations there is no religion. How many people, brought up in the glib profession of some shallow form of Christianity, who come through reading astronomy to realise for the first time how majestically indifferent most of our universe is to humanity... may at that moment be having a first genuinely religious experience.

"The sceptic asks how we can believe that God so 'came down' to this one tiny planet. The question might be embarrassing to us if we knew (1) that there are rational creatures on any of the other bodies that float in space; (2) that they have, like us, fallen and need redemption; (3) that their redemption must be in the same mode as ours... But we know none of them..... If it is maintained that anything so small as the Earth must, in any event, be too unimportant to merit the love of the Creator, we reply that no Christian ever supposed we did merit it. Christ did not die for us because we were intrinsically worth dying for, but because He is intrinsically love, and therefore loves infinitely.

"And what, after all, does the *size* of a world or a creature tell us about its 'importance' or value? There is no doubt that we all *feel* the incongruity of supposing, say, that the [cont. p. 3]

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon 16th June	11:00am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Tue 17th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>)
Wed 18th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Thu 19th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone</i>) 9:15am (<i>Beaumaris</i>) (<i>Class Mass</i>)
Fri 20th June	9:15am (<i>Mentone & Black Rock</i>)
Sat 21st June	Memorial: St Aloysius Gonzaga 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*).

Baptisms:

For bookings and enquiries
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Recently Deceased:

Rocco Maglio, Maria Friedlander

Anniversaries:

Colleen Brereton, John Noonan

We pray for those who are sick:

Patricia Hood, Val Phelan, Janis Williams, Delia Fisher,
Sr Elizabeth Browne-Russell, Ching Price, Tim Noonan,
Max Byers, Jim Lacey, Dorothy Ritchie, John Nicholson
John O'Donoghue, Michael Kuilboer, Mirella Townsend,
Margaret Rose Durston, Alan Laver, Carol Camerino,
Michael Papworth, Leticia Veridiano

**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.*

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

ROSTERS 21/22 June 2025

St Patrick's - Mentone

6:00pm	Commentator/Reader	B Cooling
	Extraordinary Minister	B Razga
11:00am	Commentator/Reader	A Earle
	Extraordinary Minister	S Mathias
5:00pm	Commentator/Reader	N Sedich
	Extraordinary Minister	C Giosis

St Joseph's - Black Rock

8:00am	Reader	A Traeger
	Commentator	W Maher
	Extraordinary Minister	T Papworth

St John Vianney's - Parkdale

9:00am	Reader	T Busuttill
	Commentator	P Edkins
	Extraordinary Minister	G Sullivan
	Extraordinary Minister to the sick	B Fitchet
	Flowers	B John
	Pilgrim Statue	B McCann

Stella Maris - Beaumaris

10:30am	Reader	F Yu
	Commentator	M Chenhall
	Extraordinary Minister	F Winkelmann

Readings next week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year C

Genesis:	14: 18-20
1 Corinthians:	11: 23-26
Luke :	9: 11-17

First Holy Communion



Please pray for the children from our parish primary schools receiving First Holy Communion at this time - at St Patrick's on 3rd June and 10th June; at St John Vianney's at 9am Mass today; and at Stella Maris this Thursday 19th June.

As always, a plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, for the First Communicants and for those devoutly taking part in the celebration.

With Fr Justin absent from the parish on the Legion of Mary Jubilee Pilgrimage, Fr Trevor Tibbertsma, Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College, will celebrate our 8:00 Mass at St Joseph's and our 10:30 Mass at Stella Maris today.

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

[continued from p. 1] planet Earth might be more important than the Andromeda Galaxy. On the other hand, we are all equally certain that only someone insane would think a person 6 feet high necessarily more important than someone 5 feet high, or a horse necessarily more important than a human being, or our legs than our brains. In other words this supposed ratio of size to importance feels plausible only when one of the sizes involved is very great.

“And that betrays the true basis of this type of thought. When a relation is perceived by reason, it is perceived to hold good universally.

“If our reason told us that size was proportional to importance, then small differences in size would be accompanied by small differences in importance just as surely as great differences in size were accompanied by great differences in importance. The 6-foot person would have to be slightly more valuable than the person of 5 feet, and your leg slightly more important than your brain – which everyone knows to be nonsense.

“The conclusion is inevitable: the importance we attach to great differences of size is an affair not of reason but of emotion – of that peculiar emotion which superiorities in size begin to produce in us only after a certain point of absolute size has been reached.

“We are inveterate poets. When a quantity is very great we cease to regard it as a mere quantity. Our imaginations awake. Instead of mere quantity, we now have a quality – the Sublime. But for this, the merely arithmetical greatness of the Galaxy would be no more impressive than the figures in an account book.

“To a mind which did not share our emotions and lacked our imaginative energies, the argument against Christianity from the size of the universe would be simply unintelligible. It is therefore from ourselves that the material universe derives its power to overawe us...

“When the silence of the eternal spaces terrified Pascal, it was Pascal’s own greatness that enabled them to do so; to be frightened by the bigness of the nebulae is, almost literally, to be frightened at our own shadow. For light years and geological periods are mere arithmetic until the shadow of the human spirit, of the poet, the maker of myths, falls upon them.

“As a Christian I do not say we are wrong to tremble at that shadow, for I believe it to be the shadow of an image of God. But if the vastness of nature ever threatens to overcrow our spirits, we must remember that it is only nature spiritualised by human imagination which does so.”

C. S. Lewis, *Miracles* (1947) (adapted)

Faith and Science: The Beginning of the Universe—the ‘Big Bang’

Scientists today calculate that our universe began (along with time and space themselves) 13.8 billion years ago, in what is called the ‘Big Bang’. In simplified terms: from an extremely hot and densely concentrated point, the universe ‘exploded’ out, expanding and eventually forming into galaxies, stars and planets.

The first scientist to propose this was the Belgian Catholic priest-physicist Fr Georges Lemaître in 1931. Most scientists at that time believed that the universe had always been there, and had no beginning. However, the faith of the Catholic Church had long been that the universe did indeed have a beginning, and maybe that helped open Fr Lemaître’s mind to his new idea.

Some scientists were against Fr Lemaître’s theory – and some said it was wrongly trying to bring religion into science. The most prominent scientist of the time, Albert Einstein, first disagreed with the ‘Big Bang Theory’ but was soon a supporter. And over the years, the Big Bang Theory has gradually been shown to be correct.

In 1936 Fr Lemaître was made a member (and eventually president) of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican. Pope Pius XII, in 1951, spoke about the Big Bang Theory as supporting Catholic beliefs about the beginning of the universe.

Sometimes an unbeliever, oblivious to Fr Lemaître’s role and making the presumption that the Big Bang Theory must be ‘against religion’, naïvely tells us ‘God didn’t create the universe – the Big Bang did!’ The obvious question of what caused the Big Bang itself is not asked: of how the universe could just ‘pop into existence’ without a cause. The proofs for God’s existence show how any finite being can, in the end, only come from God – who is beyond time and space, and is infinite Being itself, and so does not need to *receive* being from any further cause.

Long before science discovered in the last 200 years the great age of the universe, saints and writers in the Church already thought that the early part of *Genesis* was not necessarily meant literally. St Augustine, perhaps the greatest thinker in the early Church, proposed (*De Genesi ad Litteram* AD 415) that the ‘six days’ of creation were symbolic, and that everything was actually created by God all at once (though the plants and animals only in seed-form). St Thomas Aquinas, writing in the 1200s, thought St Augustine’s view and a more literal view were both possible.

“In his encyclical *Humani Generis* (1950), my predecessor Pius XII has already affirmed that there is no conflict between evolution and the doctrine of the faith regarding man and his vocation, provided that we do not lose sight of certain fixed points... It is by virtue of his eternal soul that the whole person, including his body, possesses such great dignity... If the origin of the human body comes through living matter which existed previously, the spiritual soul is created directly by God.”

Pope St John Paul II (1996)

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We pray for the children of St John Vianney's receiving their First Holy Communion at 9:00am Mass today.

HYMNS:

Mentone 6:00pm Vigil Saturday

Parkdale 9:00am Sunday

Mentone 5:00pm Sunday

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 394 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory: 486 Firmly I Believe and Truly

Communion: 463 Christ Be Beside Me

Recessional: 504 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Mentone 11:00am Sunday Choral Mass

Mass Setting: Connolly Mass

Entrance: 394 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory: Motet: *Tibi laus* - O. di Lasso

Communion: Motet: *Ave verum* - C. Saint-Saens
463 Christ Be Beside Me

Recessional: 504 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Black Rock 8:00am Sunday

Entrance: 710 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Offertory: 670 Father of Mercy

Communion: 739 Lord of Creation

Recessional: 755 Now Thank We All Our God

Beaumaris 10:30am Sunday

Entrance: The Love of God

Offertory: Father of Mercy

Communion: Eternal God In Trinity

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God



Responsorial Psalm: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

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



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

2025 WINTER APPEAL June 21st - 22nd

Our 2025 St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be held on **Saturday 21st June and Sunday 22nd June** across the Parish.

This year, the spotlight is on "breaking the cycle of homelessness". Despite having jobs, many Australians can't afford housing due to rising costs and limited affordable rentals. Shockingly, the percentage of affordable rentals for a person on minimum wage has dropped to below 1% in Australia.

The Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

DONATION OPTIONS

1) Via the THIRD COLLECTION at Masses on the 21st and 22nd of June. Envelopes may be available at Masses. You can write Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference on the envelope to direct your donation.

2) Online at donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal and selecting the Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference.

3) By calling 13 18 12 and selecting the Beaumaris/Black Rock, Parkdale East or Mentone Conference.

Our three local Conferences thank each and every one of our wonderful parishioners for your ongoing support and prayers. Together we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE and help those in need in OUR COMMUNITY.

BIBLE STUDY

*Unlocking the
Mystery of the Bible*



Do you find it difficult to read the Bible and long to truly know who God is?

The Bible may feel like a mystery, but with the right keys, you can unlock its meaning and discover the heart of its divine Author. Through our group study, we will uncover God's marvelous plan of salvation as it unfolds through the "big picture" of Sacred Scripture.

Join us on a journey through salvation history to discover a newfound understanding of God's Word.



Where: Parish Centre, behind the church, entrance 3 Mitchell St, Mentone

When: 6:30PM to 7:30PM Fridays from July 4th

How often? Every fortnight for 8 sessions until October 10th

How much? Free – BYO snacks (optional)

How to Join? You may use the QR code or contact Casey/Emily on stpatrickbsg@gmail.com or 04 2439 7022