

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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(9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday)**



**THE FEAST DAY OF
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Friday 8th December

**Mass: 9.15am and
7.00pm**

**Hour of Grace:
12 noon - 1:00pm**

**St Macartan's Parish
Church**

Lord, show us your mercy and love



Monday 4th December

1pm Canasta Cards (CC)

Tuesday 5th December

**10am-3pm Prayer Group & Christmas
Break-up (CC)**

5:30pm Social Group (CC)

7pm-9pm Parish Thank you Christmas Party (PH)

Wednesday 6th December

10am Legion of Mary (CC)

7pm-9pm St Mac's Café (CC)

8pm Baptismal Meeting (CC)

Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th December

9:15am-10am Mass & Benediction

10am-10pm Adoration

1pm Solo Cards (CC)

1.30pm-2.30pm Immaculate Heart Cenacle

7.00pm Mass

Saturday 9th December

7:30am Men's Breakfast (CC)

Sunday 10th December

**REFLECTION: To you O Lord we lift up
our hearts and hands in prayer.
May this Advent Season of *Hope*
open our hearts to the wonders
of the world,
and enable us to discover
anew the many
blessings we have received.**

Recently Deceased: Sr Genevieve Fitzpatrick,

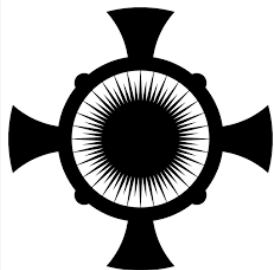
Anniversaries: Janina Muzyk, Anna Zagalska, Teresa O'Brien,
Nellie & Jack Emerton, Selena Bonnette, Don Castelow,

November Intentions for the Family, Friends, Relatives and

Benefactors of: John & Margaret Pingiaro

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Ilma Cody,
Kevin O'Brien, Bernadette Robertson, Carmel Drake, Elizabeth Brennan, Louisa Gopalan, Robert
Willey, Myna Barlow, Lorelle Maree Said, Bob Barrett, Terry Roberts, Madeline Allen, Tony
Maynard, Jeanette Devon, Molly Garrett, Ally Roe, Michael Renwick, Colleen & Jim Husin, Mar-
yanne Husin, *(The sick and their carers will be on the list for three consecutive weekends, please contact the
Parish Office if you wish to have a loved one's name included)*

Mass Intentions



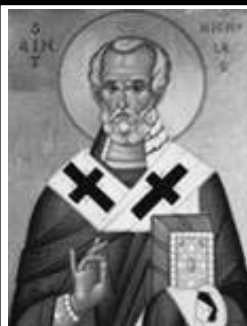
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each Friday from 10am-6pm in Church (unless advise)

**PRAYER MOVES MOUNTAINS - BE WITH THE LORD ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH
FOR ADORATION! PLEASE COME!**

**The Legion of Mary will be on behalf of the Parish stays with the Lord
between 12 noon - 3.00pm**

A priest is available for Reconciliation 5pm-6pm Evening Prayers at 6pm



St Macartan's Parish Prayer: Heavenly Father, Creator and giver of all good things, Pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish of Saint Macartan and the community that worships here. Father, make us holy, inspire us to work together to spread your Gospel, strengthen our Faith and grant us the spirit of service, so that, with your grace and the help of our Lady Mary and St Macartan, we may glorify you and provide for the needs of our wider community. We ask You this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful. *The Word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cock-crow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!' *The Gospel of the Lord*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



The parish wishes to extend its deepest sympathies to the Fitzpatrick family, Sr. Margaret, and to all of Sr. Gen's Sister's of Mercy family. She was our earthly treasure, and is now our heavenly treasure. We thank God for her love and service to all within our parish and to all whom she met in her walk of life.

May the Lord have mercy on her soul.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Advent Rite of Forgiveness: 7:30pm Tuesday 12th December

Mass for the Anointing: 9:15am Friday 15th December

*** * * CHRISTMAS MASSES * * ***

Children's Mass: 5pm Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Family Mass: 7:30pm Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Late Evening Vigil Mass: Carols commence at 10:30pm, Mass begins at 11pm, Sunday 24th December

Christmas Day: 9:00am and 10:30am, Monday 25th December

Please note: there will be **NO** 5pm Mass on 25th December.

From The Presbytery To The Parish



The Advent banner in the church urges us to "Prepare". Each year as we enter Advent I find myself not only preparing for the miracle of Christmas, but automatically reviewing the year that has past; looking for signs as to where we are as a Parish, where we are as individuals and, most importantly, where I am as a Parish Priest.

My message last year centred on how all the elements of our community were working towards Parish goals through co-operation and procedures.

When I review the last twelve months, I believe it can be best described as a period of consolidation. That does not mean that there were no improvements nor hiccups along the way. Such things are natural. What I believe is that we have continued along our desired course without any major deviations and are well set up and prepared for what 2018 may bring.

There has been growth in our Parish. One sign has been the number of ceremonies and events that have been initiated by groups and individuals during 2017. On the other hand our need for volunteers also continues. Between the steady growth of our outreach works and the loss of long term volunteers through age, illness and death, we simply must have new readers, counters, visitors to the sick, cleaners and any other job that you see other parishioners doing. Please think about joining at least one of our groups of wonderful helpers.

Again, on behalf of Fr Joel and myself, thank you for your continued prayers and support. It is wonderful to be a Pastor to this Parish and we both look forward to serving you through 2018. May God bless and protect you, my dear friends, as you continue to show your faith by your actions.

Fr Joe

It is my sad task to have to tell you that Sr. Gen died at the Alfred Hospital in the early hours of Wednesday morning. As you know Gen had a serious car accident about five and a half weeks ago and did not recover from her injuries.

Gen was a dearly loved and treasured member of the Sisters of Mercy for over sixty three years and her death will leave a very big hole. During those years Gen was involved in Primary Education, Special Ed. Childcare, Aged Care, and Parish Pastoral work here, at St. Mac's.

Gen's heart was always centred in God and whatever she did she did it wholeheartedly. Gen loved people and she loved the people here at St. Mac's and beyond.

Gen was gifted with a keen intellect, a wonderful memory, a quick wit, a sense of humour and a beautiful warmth. She was fun-loving and great company and it was never difficult to touch Gen's heart. She was also a great storyteller and I loved to listen to the stories she shared with me from the treasury of her memory.

She used to say to me, "Don't think you'll be resting in heaven, you'll be busy working."

I would like to acknowledge that each of you whose lives were touched by Gen will have your own grief and I pray that her goodness will live on in the way we care for one another.

May God bless and keep you.

Sr. Margaret



It was with great sadness that we heard of Sr Gen's passing on Wednesday morning. Funeral details are yet to be made but as soon as they are, notices with all details will be put up in both foyers. Bus transportation will be organised by the parish for parishioners who would like to attend her funeral. Booking forms will be available in both foyers once a date and time has been confirmed.



YOUTH YEAR 2018—This first weekend of Advent is the official launch of Youth Year 2018 in the Melbourne Archdiocese. A three minute “**Youthtube**” clip will be viewed on screen after the final prayer at each Mass. Thank you for your attention.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU PARTY!

An invitation is extended to all who have assisted within the parish this past year to say thank you for your contribution to parish life. Wine, soft drink and finger food will be provided, BYO other drinks.

Tuesday 5th December, 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. Look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Joe, Fr Joel, and the PPC



Marie Slattery is Retiring!

Come and celebrate an amazing professional career. You are invited to join St Macartan's Parish Primary School community on Monday 11th December at 9.30pm in the School Hall, 97 Bungower Road, Mornington, followed by light refreshments. Please RSVP to the school on 5979 9200 or at office@mornington.catholic.edu.au. If anyone would like to contribute to a gift for Marie please contact the Parish Office.



COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS FOR 2018...If you run a Parish Group in the Community Centre or Parish Hall on a regular basis and would like to continue doing so in 2018, please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200 to confirm dates and times for next year (*even if your dates are remaining the same, please re-confirm*). Thank you.



Rosters for Sunday Ministers— The next two rosters for readers/commentators and Extraordinary ministers of Communion will be drawn up soon. These will cover from Christmas to the end of May. If you want to vary your preferred time or you know you will be away during that time, please leave a note for me in the parish office by the 11th December.

New volunteers always very welcome. To allow each volunteer to have one turn per month requires a minimum of 8 readers and 12 extraordinary ministers for each Mass. As some are inevitably away or unwell, we need a small reserve to cover a fifth Sunday and absences. The current availability is:

6.00pm Mass 12 readers 21 ministers (includes 6 in both categories)

9.00am Mass 8 readers 9 ministers

11.00am Mass 10 readers 14 ministers (includes 2 in both)

The reality of these figures is that—6pm Mass is fine, 11am Mass needs a few more in each group, *9am Mass is in dire straits!* I remain in cheerful hope! Thanks, *Chris Smyth*

YEAR OF YOUTH...The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd Dec 2017), as a national Year of Youth. We would like to invite all parishioners to become involved in this special year. The parish is in the process of hiring a Youth Worker to work with the youth in our parish for this special year. More details to follow.

Please spread the word so we can all work together for our Youth.

**YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!!!

CHURCH CLEANERS: We desperately need volunteers to clean the church. You will only be required to help 4 or 5 times a year and will work as part of a small team for a couple of hours, usually on a Thursday.

FLOWER ROSTER: Help is needed with the flower arranging in the church—assisting once a week on a two week roster, approximately 4 times a year. All flowers provided. **Please contact the Parish Office 5975 2200.**



PLEASE NOTE: THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT... *Normally, each year at this time we invite our parishioners to generously donate non-perishable goods & Christmas presents for the St Vincent de Paul Society to compile Christmas Hampers. These hampers are usually delivered in early December so...this year, if you would kindly place your gifts in the boxes near the Confessional from w/e December 2/3, continuing through to once the 'Giving Tree' is in position. There will be much rejoicing & happiness in the homes of our less fortunate families—"who is my neighbour?" As our Mission Boxes said, "Blessed are they with generous hearts."*

How quickly the year is passing, Advent & Christmas will soon be upon us.

In both porches, you will see volunteer for assisting sheets—these are for collectors, readers, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Servers, Christmas Cake organising and any other duties which occur at this time. If you know your Christmas plans, we would be grateful if you could please complete the sheets on the clipboards provided. Once completed, these sheets will be collected, collated and your preferred date, if possible, notified to you.

Thank you for your support and co-operation, The Liturgy Group.

PIETY STALL—The Piety Stall is now fully stocked for Christmas - please support the Parish and check out the array of Nativity sets and Christmas decorations, plus gifts for children and adults. ALSO, we have a marked down table this week-end with various items. Come along and pick up a bargain! St Macartan's School Community have produced a Cook Book, cost \$30.00, which is available for sale in the Piety Stall. A great gift idea for Christmas.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM MALTA!

Dear parishioners, We are in desperate need of any Catholic Magazines, Newspapers, Books and any other printed material together with your full name and address so your mail will be acknowledged. Whatever you send will go for people that can make use of them in their home or in our church. If you be so kind and send any, that you need no longer to the following address we shall appreciate them very much. May God bless you for your help. Post to:

**LINO CAMILLERI, 66 MARY HOUSE, Flat No 1, TRIEQ IL- QALIET, MARSASKALA
MALTA, MSK 3311**

ROSTERS!

Readers	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	J Capan, K Duyvestyn	J Raccanello, A Winter
9am	P Girolami, M McHugh	J de Koning, D Ziino
11am	B Butler, J Clements	I Hackett, B McLean
5pm	B O'Donnell, D Jolly, H O'Donnell	Z Warmbrunn, D Warmbrunn
Ex. Mnstrs	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	F Raccanello, J Raccanello, L Thorpe	M Fletcher, S Fletcher, F Murphy
9am	P Girolami, A Hancock, Z Krause	F Crea, J Lewis, M Lewis
11am	R di Petta, J Spaziani, E Spaziani	M de Jong , A Flood, S Goddard
5pm	J Sayah, M Sayah	R Jolly
Music	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	Veronica & Co	TBA
9am	Adriana & Choir	TBA
11am	Chris & Singers	TBA
5pm	J Melhem	J Melhem
AV Ops	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	J&B Barrett	TBA
9am	M&T Said	TBA
11am	C Curtain	TBA
5pm	P Toohey	P Toohey
P'point Prs	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	Vron	TBA
9am	Terry	TBA
11am	Wendy	TBA
5pm	Peter	Peter
Altar Svrs	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
6pm	S Bath	L Demo
9am	P&T McKenzie-Mcharg	S Passmore, T Donnelly
11am	A&A Banks, K Pancha	L Huynh, S Prabawo
5pm	O Jolly, K Nugent	M Sayah, J Melhem
Count. Tm	4th December	11th December
	A Azzopardi, T Walker	B Shannon, J Wallace, N Houniet, D Frank
Cleaning	7th December	14th December
	A Barnard, E George	R Di Petta, M Di Petta
Flowers	30th November-7th December	14th December
	C Noble, N Vanek	M Arter
Piety Stall	2nd-3rd December	9th-10th December
Sat 6pm	Sr Gen, L Thorpe	A Anderson
Sun 9am	R D'Silva, M Picton	A McKenna
Sun 11am	P Harper, S Taylor	A Wilson, S Goddard
C Liturgy	3rd December	10th December
Sun 9am	M Tessman, S Nugent	J Jolly, C McLean
Sun 11am	D Burns, G Burns	S Nugent, K Raccanello
Tea Trolley	3rd December	10th December
	R Mahony, C&K McLean, D McMahon	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>

NEW PARISHIONERS

The St Macartan's community would like to welcome all new parishioners.

Please fill in a slip (available in both foyers) and place in box provided; a member of the Welcome Committee will call and see you.



The Parish Welcome Group is currently looking for new members to assist this small team; support is provided.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office on 5975 2200

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP IS HELD ON THE 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 3.45PM—5PM IN THE PARISH HALL. LAST SESSION IS ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2017.

All children in Grades 4—6 are welcome.



PARISH INFORMATION

St Macartan's Primary School Ph: 5979 9200

Padua College Ph: 5976 0100

Maintenance Co-Ordinator

Max Fletcher (0417 307 845) /

Terry Walker (0412 661 123)

Parish Pastoral Council

Mark O'Donnell (0422 955 861)

Email: mark_p_odonnell@hotmail.com

High Spirits Co-Ord. Dorinnia Burns

Email: highspiritsmornington@gmail.com

Macartan Club - John Azzopardi (5975 2289)

Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator

Sonia Nugent (0418 949 806)

Email: sonianugent@live.com.au

Youth Group

Jacinta Jolly (0400 791 971) /

Email: jacintajolly@outlook.com

Little Macs Playgroup

Email: littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com

Justine 0448 679 461 / Sarah 0402 493 680

November Church Caretaker : John Spaziani

Parish Care Contacts

Leonie Purcell (5975 0514)

Music Co-Ordinator-

Veronica Ryan (5975 6981/ 0418 358 213)



Room for Rent — A parishioner in the Mornington area has a room available and is looking for a boarder. Looking for a quiet lady to rent a room, own bathroom & toilet, very quiet. Any interest, please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200. References required.

MACARTAN CLUB

A Club for Retirees and Senior Parishioners.

General Meeting held on the 4th Friday of each month in Community Centre after 9:15 am Mass. Parishioners and Potential New Members always welcome to attend meetings and events.

Monday 4th December

Christmas Lunch: 12pm for 12.30pm @ Norwood House, Nepean Hwy, Mt Eliza

Thursday 7th December

Golf: 12.30pm - Contact: Dermot 5988 4076

Friday 8th December

Golf: 12.30pm - Contact: Dermot 5988 4076

Solo: 1pm - Contact: Elaine 5977 1334

SACRIFIAL GIVING

(2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$5478

Average p/w: \$4003

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

(1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$1960

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

Weekdays: Mon-Sat :9:15am

Vespers: Fridays 6pm in the Church

1st Sunday of the Month: 4pm Filipino Mass.

RECONCILIATION: After 9:15am Mass on

Wednesdays & Saturdays; Fridays 5 - 6pm

(Our Lady's Novena during 9.15am Sat. Mass)

BAPTISMS : After 11am Mass on the **1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.**

Please contact Parish Office

Next Baptismal Meeting—

8pm Wednesday 6th December 2017

Weddings— By appointment only, please contact the Parish Office.