

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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



My soul rejoices in my God.



Monday 18th December

1pm Canasta Cards (CC)

4pm St Vinnies Conference (CC)

Tuesday 19th December

10am-12 noon Prayer Group (CC)

5:00pm Social Group (CC)

Wednesday 20th December

10am Legion of Mary (CC)

St Mac's Café will resume in the new year
(CC)

Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December

9:15am-10am Mass & Benediction

10am-10pm Adoration

1pm Solo Cards (CC)

1.30pm-2.30pm Immaculate Heart Cenacle

Saturday 23rd December

7:30am Men's Breakfast (CC)

Sunday 24th December

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: David Church, Alexander Watt, Laurie Drake, Alexandra Presniakovas. **Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Il-

ma Cody, Kevin O'Brien, Bernadette Robertson, Carmel Drake, Elizabeth Brennan, Robert Willey, Myna Barlow, Lorelle Maree Said, Bob Barrett, Madeline Allen, Tony Maynard, Jeanette Devon, Molly Garrett, Ally Roe, Michael Renwick, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Leonnie Purcell
(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

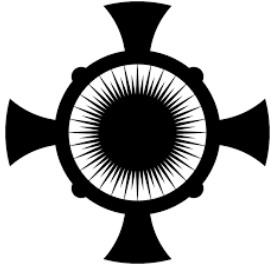
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading Is 61:1-2. 10-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **(R.)**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what

God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. *The Word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:6-8. 19-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

*** * * 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.



THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOIN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

Ella Trotter, Matilda Trotter

THIS WEEKEND'S LEAVING COLLECTION will be for the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. In addition, please continue to donate gifts to be included in the Christmas Hampers for our less fortunate families.



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



Development of St Macartan's Site

Following a meeting on Tuesday 5th December, Villa Maria Catholic Homes have decided to withdraw from the St Macartan's project and the Parish now has to re-consider it's options.

Reappointment of St Macartan's Priests

The Archdiocese has advised that, both Fr Joe and Fr Joel have been appointed to other parishes in the New Year. Fr Joel will move to St Peter's, Epping **after Sunday 7th January**. Fr Joe is to be the Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish, Preston East and is to move **after 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 7th March**.

We may know about the new appointment to pastoral care of our parish very soon.



PARISH YOUTH WORKER

We are very pleased to announce that the Parish has employed a Youth Worker. Bridie Kelly will commence work in late January and will be working with the young in our Parish community through Padua College and St Mac's Primary School.

Bridie lives locally and has worked at John Paul College where she was educated. She has also been employed by Don Bosco Youth Camps and has just returned from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney.

We will be presenting Bridie at each of the Masses this weekend. Please give her a warm welcome into our community and stay for a cuppa after Mass to meet and greet with her.



HOLIDAY ROSTERS

The holiday rosters cover the weekends between Christmas and the end of January. If you are going to be away, please use your 2017 master list to find a replacement. This roster will be on the church noticeboards and printed in The Bulletin.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND READERS/COMMENTATORS

Three weekends – 30/31 December, 13/14 January, 27/28 January

6.00pm Readers: Jane Capan, Brian Scantlebury

Special Ministers: Max Fletcher, Sue Fletcher, Judy Holloway

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Special Ministers: Frank Crea, John Lewis, Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Bernard Butler, Myra de Jong

Special Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Rosina di Petta, Bridie Sexton

Two weekends – 6/7 January, 20/21 January

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Anne Winter

Special Ministers: Mairie Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Paul Girolami, Michael Kesik

Special Ministers: Delina Frank, Pat Giralami, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Siobhan Moon

Special Ministers: Julie Seal, Elvira Spaziani, John Spaziani

YEAR OF YOUTH...The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3/12/17), as a national Year of Youth. We would like to invite all parishioners to become involved in this special year. The parish has employed a Youth Worker, Bridie Kelly, 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**

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.

THANKS to the Macartan Club...

This year the members of the Macartan Club have again been most generous in putting their small (and not so small) coins in their East Timor jar. Their donation of more than \$340 will make a real difference to the medicines available at the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. On behalf of Sr Yasintha and her staff, **THANKS & CHRISTMAS BLESSING TO YOU ALL.** *Chris Smyth*

THINK ABOUT IT..... John the Baptist called on all to prepare the way for the Lord. How are we doing so this Advent? *Social Justice Group*

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018

The 16-day pilgrimage is led by Fr Joby Jose CFIC, departing on 16th May 2018, featuring Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,890. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500. This offer ends on 31st January 2018. For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

ROSTERS!

Readers	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	B Dakin, B Scantlebury	T Maynard, F Murphy
9am	K Ronchi, K Morley	M Kesik, S Meier
11am	C Chiezey, U Chiezey	C Holmes, S Moon
5pm	G Failla, O Jolly, D Jolly	O Jolly, G Failla
Ex. Mnstrs	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	K Raccanello, A Redmond, R Shaw	B Limpens, M Turner, C Williams
9am	D Frank, P Girolami, T Thomas	M Azzopardi, F Crea, M Land
11am	G Lane, M Lane, T Roberts	J Seal, B Sexton, E Virgona
5pm	F Melhem	M Casamento
Music	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	Veronica & Co	Veronica & Justin
9am	Chris & Singers	Adriana & Choir
11am	Billie & Singers	Billie & Singers
5pm	J Melhem	J Melhem
AV Ops	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	J Barrett & Co	T Ryan
9am	T Matthews	T&M Said
11am	G Michel	B Handasyde
5pm	P Toohey	P Toohey
P'point Prs	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Wendy	Terry
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Peter	Peter
Altar Svrs	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
6pm	L Luppino	C McNeice Harper
9am	C&J Strawbridge	G LeMiere, O Cook
11am	R&S Cheevers, C Surace	U&C Chiezey
5pm	W Nugent, A Rosbrook	L&E Kiernan, D&X Warmbrunn
Count. Tm	18th December	25th December
	A Burr, S&M Fletcher, K Martin	<i>No Counting</i>
Cleaning	21st December	28th December
	T Disney, J Little, M Booth	M Kiernan, L Guest, J Ward
Flowers	21st-28th December	21st-28th December
	A Redmond, M Barlow	A Redmond, M Barlow
Piety Stall	16th-17th December	23rd-24th December
Sat 6pm	A Gregg, G McDonagh	A Doran
Sun 9am	T Thomas	D Wooding, G Scott
Sun 11am	M Lane, G Lane	B Sexton
C Liturgy	17th December	24th December
Sun 9am	R Buckley, S Nugent	<i>Children's Liturgy will return in the New Year</i>
Sun 11am	M Casamento, R Stocks	
Tea Trolley	17th December	24th DecemberJ
	C Donovan, B Scantlebury, R&C Scantlebury	J Chandler, M McDonnell

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



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

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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)

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 18th December

Walkers: 9:00am – Contact: Mary 5975 5764

Golf: 12:30pm – Contact: Dermot 5988 4076

Canasta: 1:00pm – Contact: Betty 5975 8497

Friday 22nd December

Cards Solo: 1.00pm Contact: Elaine 5977 1334

There are no programmed activities for the rest of the year.

The executive take this opportunity to wish all members a very Holy, Happy and Safe Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

SACRIFIAL GIVING

(2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$5478

Average p/w: \$4003

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

(1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$2000



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 7th February 2018

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