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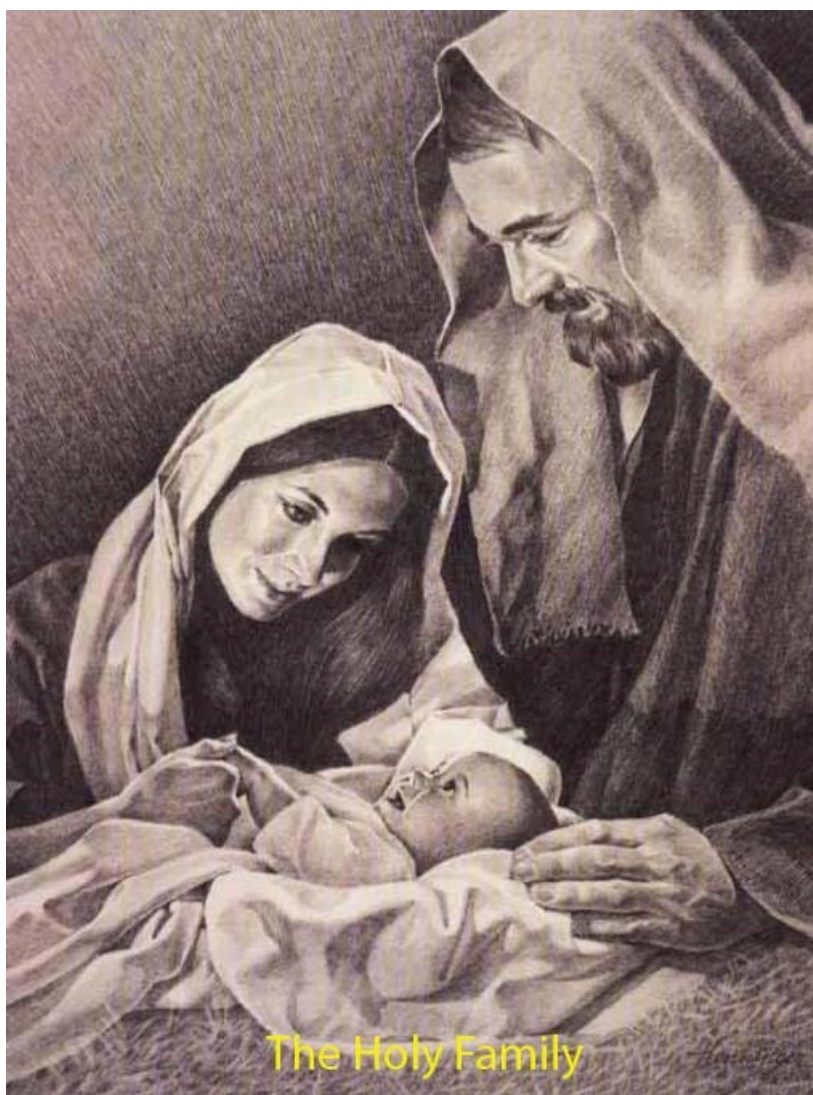
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Secretaries: Francesca McLoughlin, Marie Mills, Catherine Larken
(9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us



The Holy Family



Recently Deceased: Fr Timothy O'Toole cp

Anniversaries:

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Ilma Cody, Kevin O'Brien, Bernadette Robertson, Carmel Drake, Elizabeth Brennan, Robert Willey, Myna Barlow, Lorelle Maree Said, Bob Barrett, Made-line Allen, Tony Maynard, Jeanette Devon, Molly Garrett, Ally Roe, Michael Renwick, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Leonie 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

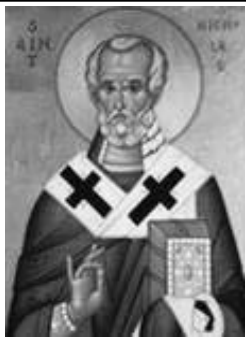
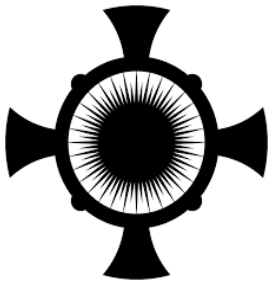
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3 A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **(R.)**
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **(R.)**

3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R.)**

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the sea-shore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:22. 39-40 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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 Keily, 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**



THANKSGIVING DONATION

Over the last few weeks we have received a couple of Thanksgiving donations in an unidentified yellow envelope.

If this is you, could you please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200. Thank you.

SACRIFIAL GIVING

(2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$5478

Average p/w: \$4003

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

(1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$1910



FAREWELL TO FR JOEL

farewell

As next weekend will be Fr Joel's last one at St Macartan's, there will be a farewell Morning Tea after 11am Mass and a BBQ following the 5pm Mass. All parishioners are welcome to both. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries, please call Melissa 0416 060 373



CLASSICAL MUSIC THE WORLD OVER!

THE COLOGNE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA is coming back to Australia and will be playing at St Macartan's Church on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 8pm. They regularly tour New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland, Germany and many other countries. The permanently expanding repertoire of this Orchestra consists primarily of hand-picked pieces and includes familiar greats such as Mozart, Vivaldi and Paganini.

Tickets also available at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM...

St Macartan's Parish Office, 4 Drake Street, Mornington — cash sales only!

Mornington Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, 359B Point Nepean Road, Dromana, or call 1800 804 009 / (03) 5987 3078 or at www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org

Tickets also available at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert.

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.



Breakfast



THE SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL RESUME AT 7:30AM NEXT SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2018.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

A young lady called Deb is in need of a couple of strong men and a trailer to get rid of two old recliners (tip tickets included). There will be a couple of ice cold beers at the end to say 'thank you'. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office on 5975 2200



HOLY FAMILY: Pope Francis' Christmas message was about Mary, Joseph, and migration



Baby Jesus was born in a manger because his parents were strangers in a strange land who had to rely on the kindness of strangers, according to Pope Francis, leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

The plight of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, before Christianity officially began, is a lesson to everyone about migration today, Pope Francis said on Dec. 24. Addressing attendees at the Christmas Mass in the Roman Basilica in Vatican City, he began his reflections on Christmas 2017 by talking about the days that preceded Jesus's birth.

In biblical accounts, citizens of the Roman Empire were forced to register in a census, and so Joseph and Mary set out from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Joseph's family was from originally, in order to follow the rule. "They had to leave their people, their home and their land, and to undertake a journey in order to be registered in the census," the Pope explained to the 10,000 Catholics who attended mass in person last night. "This was no comfortable or easy journey for a young couple about to have a child...their steps were weighed down by the uncertainties and dangers that attend those who have to leave their home behind."

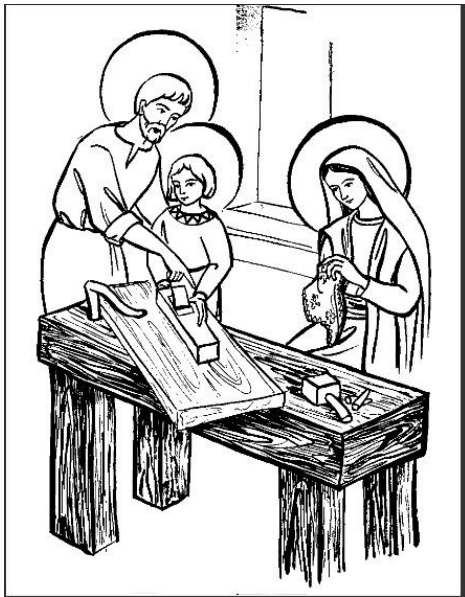
The child of immigrants himself, Pope Francis was born in Argentina in 1936 to Italian parents and understands displacement is difficult even under the best conditions. He called on Catholics to remember Mary and Joseph's journey, and the difficulties they faced, when considering the treatment of migrants today.

In Bethlehem of yore, Mary and Joseph found themselves in very difficult situation. "It was a land that was not expecting them. A land where there was no place for them," the Pope said. He explained that the journey of that family is similar in spirit to the treacherous paths migrants must take when politics or economics displace them, saying:

So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival.

Helping people fleeing home for a better life, or just to survive, is a Christian imperative, according to the Catholic leader. After all, the Pope reminded followers, Jesus taught that "true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail."





HAPPY NEW YEAR

ATTENTION - PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS!

The 2018 Piety Stall roster is now ready for collection.
Please collect your copy from the Piety Stall.

Thank you.



Music Liturgy – Thank you.

On behalf of Fathers Joe & Joel and all at St Macartan's, I wish to extend a huge thankyou to everyone involved in the music liturgy at St Macartan's during 2017. Your commitment, generosity and efforts are greatly appreciated.

May you and your families all enjoy a very happy, healthy and safe 2018.

Veronica Ryan, Music Co-ordinator

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 Girolami, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Siobhan Moon

Special Ministers: Julie Seal, Elvira Spaziani, John Spaziani

ROSTERS!

Readers	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	J Capan, B Scantlebury	K Duyvestyn, A Winter
9am	S Meier, D Ziino	P Girolami, M Kesik
11am	B Butler, M de Jong	J Clements, S Moon
5pm	Z Warmbrunn, B&H O'Donnell	Z&D Warmbrunn, G Failla
Ex.Ministers	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	M&S Fletcher, J Holloway	M Duyvestyn, A Fisher, M Turner
9am	F Crea, J&M Lewis	D Frank, P Girolami, T THomas
11am	S Goddard, R di Petta, B Sexton	J Seal, E&J Spaziani
5pm	C Warmbrunn	J&M Sayah
Music	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	Veronica & Co	Justin & Veronica
9am	Adriana & Choir	Choir
11am	Chris & Singers	Chris & Singers
5pm	J Melham	J Melham
AV Ops	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	G Michel,	TBA
9am	M&T Said	TBA
11am	T Matthews	TBA
5pm	P Toohey	P Toohey
P'point Prs	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Terry	Terry
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Peter	Peter
Altar Svrs	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
6pm	S Bath	L Demo
9am	<i>Altar Servers Needed!!</i>	S Passmore, T Donnelly
11am	A&A Banks, K Pancha	L Huynh, S Prabawo
5pm	O Jolly, K Nugent	M Sayah, J Melham
Count. Tm	1st January 2018	8th January 2018
	-	J Azzopardi, B Murphy, M Andrew
Cleaning	4th January 2018	11th January 2018
	E Hallett, M Sarpa, T Richards	B Butler, T Holt, T McKenzie, J Nguyen
Flowers	4th-11th January 2018	4th-11th January 2018
	C Scantlebury, A Nguyen	C Scantlebury, A Nguyen
Piety Stall	30th-31st December	6th-7th January 2018
Sat 6pm Sun 9am Sun 11am	S Williams L Keightley J Rooney	L Thorpe M Picton, R D'Silva P Harper, S Taylor
C Liturgy	31st December	7th January 2018
Sun 9am Sun 11am	<i>Children's Liturgy will return in Term 1 2018</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy will return in Term 1 2018</i>
Tea Trolley	31st December	7th January 2018
	J Chandler, M McDonnell	R Mahoney, D McMahon

NEW PARISHIONERS

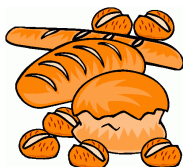


The St Macartan's community would like to welcome all new parishioners. Please fill in a slip (available in both foyers) and place in box provided; a member of the Welcome Committee will call and see you.

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

BREAD DONATIONS... We are fortunate to receive bread donations every Thursday evening from a local bakery, which is then freely available to all parishioners from the main foyer. We are currently looking for volunteers to collect the bread from the bakery and bring it to the main foyer at about 6pm on a Thursday. You would only be required to do this on a monthly basis on a rostered system. **We also need** a volunteer to co-ordinate the pick-ups. You will not be required to collect the bread yourself, only to oversee the roster and help out when a volunteer is unavailable. Please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200



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.



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 Lisa Chiezey

Email: lisachiezey@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

Little Macs Playgroup

Email: littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com

Justine 0448 679 461 / Sarah 0402 493 680

December Church Caretaker : John Spaziani

Parish Care Contacts

Parish Office (5975 2200)

Music Co-Ordinator-

Veronica Ryan (5975 6981/ 0418 358 213)

Finance Committee

Frank Crea (0417 104 041)



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.