

Nineteenth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 7 August 2022

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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### **Mass Times:**

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

**YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday** each Month 5pm.

### **HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:**

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

### **RECONCILIATION:**

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

**YOUTH GROUPS:** QUINN'S PLACE:  
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church

**TO START SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST:**  
SMYM Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

### **Video Sunday Mass**

#### **NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS**

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2327425>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: Recorded/watch later Mass at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

### **Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Mon 8th: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Virgin
- Wed 10th: St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Thu 11th: St Clare, Virgin

### **Next School Grade Mass:**

- Friday 19th of August 9.15 (Yr. 6)

**PLEASE COMPLETE CENSUS CARD AND TIME & TALENT SHEET. RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE.**

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Anthony Turner, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill and Lauren Evans.



**Death Anniversaries:** Denise Pyndiah and Virginia Speirani.

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Elrington and John Linton.

### ***First Reading***

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,  
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

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. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

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 seashore.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Answer the Question!

*Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.*

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The longer version of today's gospel opens with a sublime promise: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' There is such intimacy in these words, not only in the relationship of Jesus to his 'little flock' but in the promise of the kingdom given by the Father. This intimate relationship and promise do not take away our responsibility, however. On the contrary! Our response to this promise—whether we put our faith in it or whether we doubt it—will determine our response to the demands that Jesus makes of us: detachment from possessions, readiness for the Lord when he comes, and integrity of life. To us has been given a great deal, and

a great deal will be demanded in return. We must be attentive to the requirements of the Master.

- What are some of the good things that you have been given in your life?
- In what concrete ways can you make yourself ready for the Lord?

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Do you know what the Master wants but have difficulty carrying it out?
- Recall an occasion when you were found to be completely unprepared. What were the circumstances? What did you do? What was the outcome? Share your stories.
- At the end of each day, take some time to reflect on how well you lived the Gospel call. Resolve to be more attentive to preparing for what is to come, if that is necessary.
- Use an adaptation of a verse from today's psalm as your prayer this week:

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is my help and my shield.

May your love be upon me, O Lord, as I place all my hope in you.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- According to Roman custom, a day was reckoned from midnight to midnight, and the night divided into four watches. Jewish custom was to reckon a day from sunset to sunset, and the night was divided into three watches.
- A Jewish wedding consisted of the groom going in procession to the home of the bride, where the wedding took place and a feast was held. After this celebration, the groom returned to his own home with his bride to begin their life together.

### **SHARING THE TRADITION**

Jesus promised that he would come again at the end of time and bring into being the new creation of God's reign. The earliest church communities believed that the Second Coming would occur very soon, but as time passed, they modified this belief with the realisation that while they awaited Christ's return in glory, they had to live the life of discipleship in the here and now. The Church today still holds this belief, and it is at the heart of our Creed: 'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.' This expectation requires that we remain ready.

- Explore the idea of God's reign already present through the death and resurrection of Jesus but not yet completed (see CCC §668ff).
- Link the idea of making oneself 'ready for the Lord' to the catechumens' approach to baptism. In what ways is their RCIA journey making them 'ready for the Lord'?

### **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

The imagery in this text of the vigilant servants who remain ready for their master's return at any hour of the night reminds us to live expectantly and to be prepared for what is to come. Reflect on your journey towards Jesus so far. Are you now living expectantly as you prepare for what is to come?

## Pope: 'If I were to resign, I would remain in Rome as bishop emeritus'

*In an interview with Televisa Univision's streaming service ViX, Pope Francis discusses his health and the possibility of resigning, as well as the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the fight against abuse of minors.*

*By Vatican News*

"I have no intention of resigning, not for the moment."

Pope Francis gave that assurance in a wide-ranging interview granted to Mexican journalists Maria Antonieta Collins and Valentina Alazraki with Televisa Univision's ViX streaming service.

In an excerpt of the interview Noticias' YouTube channel, health and rumors circulating would renounce the Petrine

"At the moment, I don't feel of me," said Pope Francis. "If me, then yes." He then called will go to the Italian city of estine V is buried, during the nals in late August.



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### Health situation

Regarding the condition of his knee, the Pope stressed that, although he feels "limited", he also thinks it "is improving." However, he added, the trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo "certainly" could not have been made. "I did not have the strength," he explained. "Now, 20 days later, progress has been made." He then reiterated the "great example given by Benedict XVI" which he said will help him "make a decision" should it be necessary to resign. Pope Francis also spoke of his "great appreciation" for the Pope Emeritus, saying he is "a man who is sustaining the Church with his goodness and his retreat" of prayer. And he shared that he feels joy every time he visits the Pope Emeritus at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery.

### Resignation conjectures

Responding to a question about the possibility of setting out rules regarding the figure of a Pope Emeritus, Pope Francis noted that "history itself will help to regulate better." "The first experience went very well," he said, because Benedict XVI "is a holy and discreet man." For the future, however, he added, "it would be better to define things or explain them better." Talking about his own possible resignation, Pope Francis replied that he would not return to Argentina. "I am the Bishop of Rome. In that case I would be the bishop emeritus of Rome," he said, adding that he could stay at St. John Lateran. The Pope recalled that, ahead of the Conclave, he had already prepared his retirement as Archbishop Emeritus of Buenos Aires. He said it would have been important for him to "hear confessions and visit the sick." This would have been his "apostolate", his "work," he said. "To be at the service of the people where you can," he said, "this is what I was thinking about in Buenos Aires." He added that he would enjoy doing the same now if he were to ever resign the papacy.



## Parish Footy Tipping Round 20



After the 1st six games, it seemed at least 20 tippers were heading for 9/9. Unfortunately the Blues ruined their dream and the favourite lost... a real "Blue"! However, Jackson the One, one of our younger tipsters, was not worried about Carlton and he chose 9 and earned the bonus point. Well done Jackson! With only 3 Home and away games to be played and so many possible outcomes there could be a real challenge to make the top 10 Tipsters. There was only one Away team that won this round. Let us hope we can finish the season with some 9's. There will be the usual Finals' Competition

**HISTORY:** Part 3. On the 4th October 1924, 50,000 turned out to see the VFL Premiers, Essendon play the VFA Premiers Tricolours (Footscray). Essendon were the favourites and led at 1/4 time. However Footscray started slowly but carried the day by 28 points, almost doubling the Dons' score. Footscray became the champions of Victoria. A local paper joked that no Footscray player would ever again need to wear shoes, as they were carried everywhere shoulder-high. At Windy Hill the mood was poisonous at every level. By the following Friday invitations were sent to Footscray, Hawthorn and North Melbourne to join the VFL to make a 12 Team Competition. The Tricolours became the Bulldogs in 1938.

**VALE:** William Picken (Collingwood 1974-83 and 86, Syd 84-85). His first two kicks in VFL were goals. Then he played at CHB and became a champion in that position. From a personal experience coaching CBC W' Bool against Monivae College, my boys had difficulty getting the ball past him at CHB. He was a champion at 17.

## National Vocations Awareness Week



National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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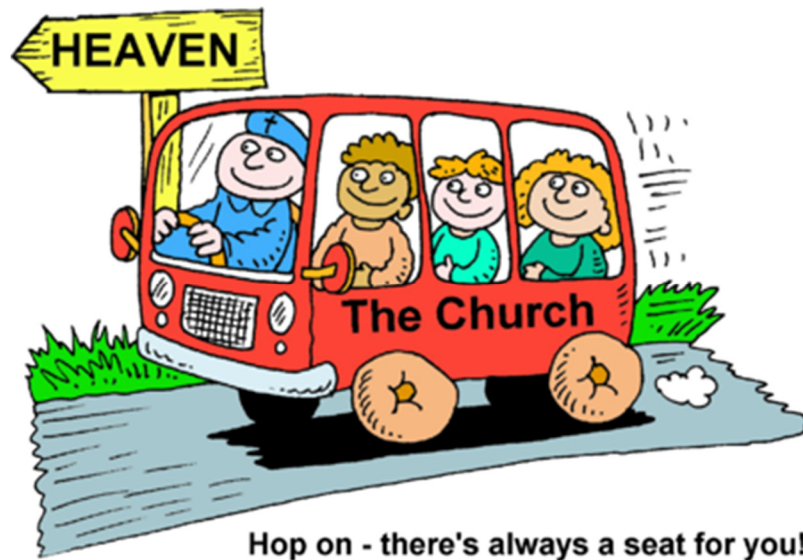
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# Jokes of the Week



1) **Get ready for the Heavenly trip.** During his sermon, an evangelist asked all who wanted to go to Heaven to raise their hands. Everyone in the audience did so—except for one elderly man sitting near the front of the auditorium. The preacher pointed his finger at him and said, “Sir, do you mean to tell us that you don’t want to go to Heaven?” “Sure, I do,” the old man answered, “but the way you put the question, I figured you were getting up a busload for tonight!”



2) **“Who is in the Penthouse?”** A holy pastor of a very large parish died and went to Heaven. He was convinced that he would get the penthouse in Heaven. “If not I, then who?” he thought, not so humbly, to himself. Instead, he was given a tiny one-bedroom apartment. Disappointed and not a little angry, the preacher asked St. Peter why he couldn’t have the penthouse. St. Peter replied, “We have lots of pastors and preachers like you here in Heaven, and the conveniences in your apartment surpass everything available to the rich and famous people on earth.” “Then who is in the penthouse?” the pastor demanded. “It’s a lawyer,” replied St. Peter. “What?! Why?!” Peter replied, “Until now, we haven’t had one here!”

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Tricia Hird

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Michael Kesik, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Gabrielle Fialla

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Julie Seal

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