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PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish

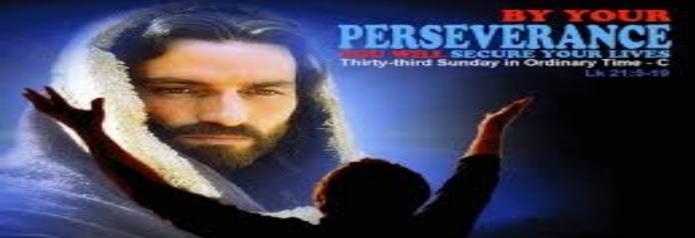


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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 915am
 [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. NOW BACK!

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM Link:

https://vimeo.com/event/2590713

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:

 Thu 17th: St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES WILL BE LEFT IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

PLEASE CHECK THE LIST FOR YOUR NUMBER AND COLLECT THE RIGHT ENVELOPE.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>Pray for the sick and their Carers:</u> Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Cinzia Coboche, Leo Falzon and Geoffrey Lane.



Recently Deceased: Michele Morrison, Moira Walsh and Caterina Galati.

First Reading

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

- (R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
 - Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
 - 2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

 Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
 - 3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text must be read from the viewpoint of Luke's community, who knew of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem and the socalled Jewish Wars that lead to this act. Christians were being persecuted by both Rome and the Jewish people. It must have seemed that the end was near. But Luke places these words on the lips of Jesus. words designed to comfort his community and give them hope. Jesus warns his followers not to place their trust in those who purport to know God's plan for the end of time. Rather they should know that God is with them no matter what happens. In the meantime, the Church must journey on, just as Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem and to his ul-

timate fate. But God vindicated Jesus through the resurrection, and Christian believers will also be vindicated by God with the gift of eternal life. Their endurance will win their lives.

- If you knew that tomorrow would be your last day, what would you do?
- In the face of adversity, what is the source of your strength?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Have you had to bear any ridicule or derision because of your decision to seek baptism?
- Describe a time of chaos or turmoil in your life. What sustained you or gave you strength through this difficult time? Share your reflections with others.
- Have you had to face a great challenge that you feared you may not be able to endure?
- This week, accept those things that you cannot change and change for the better those things that you can.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The temple in Jerusalem was totally destroyed by the Romans in ad 70.
 Luke's Gospel was written after this event, so his readers would have known of its annihilation.
- Early Christian communities faced persecution both by the Jews, when they
 were expelled from the synagogues for their faith in Jesus as Messiah, and by
 the secular authorities for their refusal to worship the emperor as a god. Luke
 is clearly aware of the tribulations facing his community and seeks to allay
 their fears in this text.

SHARING THE TRADITION

There have been numerous sects that attempt to predict the end of the world and prepare for it. Such literalism really misses the point. The Church believes that the 'last day' will come and in fact longs for the triumph of God and the victory over the forces of evil, including death. The 'Day of the Lord', which was inaugurated at the resurrection of Jesus, will be completed with his final coming in glory. Each Eucharist that we celebrate looks back to the death and resurrection, making it present again for us, and also looks forward to the coming of God's kingdom. Christians are people who wait in joyful hope, but while we wait, we live in the reality of the present and try to build God's kingdom on earth.

- Share stories of some of the strange sects that seek to predict the end. Why
 do you think people are attracted to these? Are they providing a simple answer
 with no personal responsibility?
- Explore the sections of the Catechism that deal with the Church's understanding of end times and judgment (CCC, §§668–682, 1038–1050).
- Emphasise the importance of building the kingdom of God on earth in the present age.
- How are we called to do this in practical ways each day?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

To describe the end of time, this gospel uses a kind of language commonly used in this period and known as 'apocalyptic' language. The language is symbolic and should not be read literally. Ultimately, this text is designed to give faith and hope to those who were suffering persecution. God will protect and sustain them.



Pope at Bahrain Dialogue Forum: Religious leaders have duty to help humanity

At the closing ceremony of the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue, Pope Francis speaks out against war and on behalf of true religious freedom, recognition of women, protection of children's fundamental rights, and the concept of citizenship.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

In a world run by narrow interests and war, the Pope says religious leaders must set a good example, and commit themselves to encouraging and assisting our wounded human family.

This theme was at the heart of Pope Francis' address at the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue on 4 November in the Al-Fida' Square of the Sakhir Royal Palace in Bahrain's capital of Manama, during the Pope's second day of his Apostolic Journey to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Pope is making his 39th Apostolic Journey outside of Italy, having accepted the invitation to visit the country extended by the King of Bahrain, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and by the local Church. He visits the archipelago to participate in this Forum and to bring his closeness to the country's small Catholic flock, who make up about 4 percent of the population and is comprised primarily of immigrants.

Urgent appeals

During the Pope's address in the Middle Eastern Gulf nation, Pope Francis condemned war, made strong ap-

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Rejecting 'isolationist' mentality

"After two terrible world wars, a cold war that for decades kept the world in suspense, catastrophic conflicts taking place in every part of the globe, and in the midst of accusations, threats, and condemnations," Pope Francis said, "we continue to find ourselves on the brink of a delicate precipice and we do not want to fall." He deplored the dramatic, even "childlike," scenario around us where we play with fire, missiles and bombs, spreading death and hatred, and warned against bitter consequences "if we continue to accentuate conflict instead of understanding," and "persist in stubbornly imposing our own models and despotic, imperialist, nationalist, and populist visions." He called for listening to the voice of the poor and for everyone to come together. As men and women who believe in God, the Pope said those gathered must reject "an isolationist" mentality.

Religious leaders must set a good example

The emergence of conflicts, he insisted, should not cause us to lose sight of the "less evident tragedies in our human family," such as "the catastrophic inequality whereby the majority of people on our planet experience unprecedented injustice, the shameful scourge of hunger and the calamity of climate change, a sign of our lack of care for the common home." The Pope underscored the important role and responsibilities of religious leaders. When it comes to such issues, the Pope said, "religious leaders must surely commit themselves and set a good example. "We have a specific role to play," he said, noting, "It is our duty to encourage and assist our human family."

Recognition of women

The Pope emphasized three urgent educational priorities. First, he called for the recognition of women in the public sphere, namely, their right "to education, to employment, and their freedom to exercise their social and political rights."

Re: MUSIC IN THE PARK - MORNINGTON CAROLS

Dear Mornington Resident and Business,

We are writing to inform our community about the upcoming MUSIC IN THE PARK – MORNINGTON CAROLS event that will be held in Mornington Park on Thursday 22nd December 2022. Please find event details below:

EVENT:

Music in the Park - Mornington Carols

LOCATION:

Mornington Park, Schnapper Point Dr, Mornington

DATE:

Thursday 22 December 2022

TIME:

1.30pm to 9.30pm

This family friendly, ticketed event is expecting to attract 7000 people and includes 2 stages, food stalls and community stalls, along with kids entertainment such as Face painting, Santa and an NBL Basketball set-up. The Mornington Chamber of Commerce is working with Tones & I to bring this event to Mornington each Christmas. The park will be fenced a day before the event, but access won't be closed until the morning of the 22nd. Security and First Aid will be employed along with All Roads providing traffic management. The Esplanade between Main Street and Vancouver Rd will be closed just prior and during to the event. There will be two sound checks scheduled prior and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Please visit our socials closer to the event for more details and ticket information:

https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetMornington

https://www.facebook.com/MorningtonWinterMusicFestival

The event is Funded by Tones Touring and tickets are released to our local community first. Please feel free to contact me anytime should you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Bec Davis Event Manager

Mornington Chamber of Commerce

MORNINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

"With mixed emotions we announce that the next Men's Night will be on Thursday, 17th November, at 5.00pm, at the Community Centre.

While this is the last hurrah for 2022, do not be alarmed, as there will be a special surprise. Members who attended the October meeting

are reminded to bring a small plate, as well as the normal refreshments, and of course the \$2.00 donation.

Till then travel safely. The three Amigos"



TEDDY BEAR BLESSING

When God made Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden, he put them in charge of taking good care of the earth. They named the animals and began to work with the

land. Ever since then, girls and enjoyed not only work but also to make games and invent toys and enjoy growing in our love us hold up our Teddy Bear Toys children hold up their toys) Let made us, and gave us hearts fun, to share and to grow as Lord. Help us be truly grateful play. Help all of our play to be through Christ our Lord.



boys, women and men have play. God gave us the ability to help us enjoy ourselves for each other. So today, let and hold them high. (The 's remember the one who and minds that love to have we play. Bless our toys, Dear for the time you give us to holy play. We ask this

St. Corbinian, Patron Saint of the Bears......Pray for us.

SAINT CORBINIAN (670-730) - Bishop of Freising in Bavaria

St Corbinian has as a symbol a saddled bear. It is reported that a bear killed Corbinian's pack horse on the way to Rome and so the saint commanded it to carry his load. Once he arrived in Rome he let the bear go and it lumbered back to its forest.

Saint Day September 8th

REMEMBERANCE IN NOVEMBER



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

My brother/sister in faith, I entrust you to God Who created you. May you return to the One Who formed you from the dust of this earth. May Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ Who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ, the Son of God, Who died for you take you into His kingdom. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, give you a place within His flock. May He forgive your sins and keep you among His people. May you see your Redeemer face to face and bask in the light of God forever.

Amen.



ADVENT - LET US PREPARE!

As we approach Advent, we are reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. Advent invites us to stop, reflect and consider ways that we can become Christ for others in our lives.

I have invited Maria Forde to open up our Advent season. Maria is a singer, songwriter, presenter, teacher and spiritual director working in Catholic Education. Maria is passionate about using music, scripture, story, prayer and conversation to engage parish communities in dialogue, particularly during the Holy Season of Advent.

The reflection will take place in the church and is approximately 60 minutes long, and we will have an afternoon tea afterwards in the Parish Hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a Parish to come together and enjoy a reflective and social occasion.

(No cost & no bookings needed, just turn up)

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 2PM ST MACARTAN'S CHURCH



Maria Forde is a fine singer and a gifted songwriter. Like all good songwriters her lyrics often reflect an understanding of, and compassion for the human condition, with all it's triumphs and disasters, all it's bright peaks and dark corners. At her live performances she presents her songs with sincerity, passion and more than a dash of humour, and these very human attributes, along with her fine singing voice, is why she invariably establishes such a seemingly effortless rapport with her audiences....

Eric Bogle

http://www.mariaforde.com



Jokes of the Week



1) Judgment Day, Second Coming, WHAT A PHONE BILL! After finishing his homily on the Judgment Day, the preacher started the prayer of mercy. "Oh Lord," he began. "One of these days we are going to wake up, and it's going to be DARK everywhere! Deliver us, O Lord." "Lord, have mercy on us!" responded the congregation. The preacher continued: "Then we are going to pick up the telephone and call Canberra, and they are going to say, 'It's DARK over here too!" "Lord, have mercy on us!" responded the congregation." Then we're going to pick up the phone and call London, and they are going to say, 'It's DARK over here!' "Lord, have mercy on us!" responded the congregation. "Again, we're going to pick up the phone and call Moscow, and they are going to say, 'It's DARK over here too!" "Lord, have mercy on us!" responded the congregation." "Then we're going to pick up the phone.... At this juncture, the church treasurer, who had also been caught up in the fervour of the preacher's prayer, cried out uncontrollably: "Lord, Lord! What a PHONE BILL!"

2) **Teeth will be provided in hell: Grandma told her little grandson:** "Be a good boy. At the end of the world all the disobedient and bad people will be cast

into fiery hell where there will teeth." The little boy raised an you don't have any teeth and others. How would you gnash into hell?" Grandma replied: know that teeth will be



be weeping and gnashing of intelligent doubt. "Grandma, you always quarrel with your teeth when you are cast "You naughty boy, don't you provided in hell."

3) End time humour: Humourist Lewis Grizzard writes about a man in his hometown named Luther Gilroy. Luther claimed he was out ploughing his field and saw a sign in the sky that said THE END IS NEAR. So, Luther let his mule and his cow out of their pens, gave all his chickens away, and climbed on top of his house to await the end. When it didn't come, he pouted and refused to come down from the roof. Finally, his wife called the deputy sheriff, who came over and said, "Luther, you idiot, I saw that same sign. It didn't say, 'The end is near.' It said, 'Go drink a beer.' Now come down off that roof before you fall off and break your neck."

Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029 11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Faye Murphy, Michael Turner Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Sandra Barrett

Feast of Christ the King – 19th & 20th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Britton, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Failla Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

1st Sunday of Advent – 26th & 27th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Faye Murphy Eucharistic Ministers: Kees and Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Michael Harrison Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Evelyn Atkins

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