

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrA 15 January 2023

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.

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/2775796>

Or go to website to copy link:

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ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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

Upcoming Holy days:

- Tue 17th: St Anthony, Abbot
- Fri 20th: St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

THE CHURCH CHOIR WILL RECOMMENCE ON 2 FEB 2023. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE LOVELY TEAM THIS YEAR.

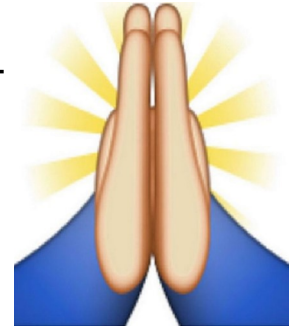
WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: 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, Geoffrey Lane, Patricia Morecroft, Terry Said and Frances Spencer.

Death Anniversaries: Maria Louisa DiRosato.

Recently Deceased: Alison Moore.

Funeral service: St Macartan's Parish on 17th of January 2023 at 11.30am.



First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

Scriptural context – Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

Pope at Audience: Benedict XVI was 'great master' of catechesis

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis recalls the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI as a "great master" of catechesis, who always sought to help others encounter the Lord, and concludes his catechesis series on the theme of discernment.

By Vatican News staff reporter

At the beginning of his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis paid tribute to his predecessor, the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, whose funeral will be held on Thursday.

Thousand of pilgrims gathered in the Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican to hear the Pope and pay their respects to the Pope Emeritus lying in state in Saint Peter's Basilica. On Monday and Tuesday alone, over 135,000 people visited the Basilica.

"I would like us to join with those here beside us who are paying their respects to Benedict XVI, and to turn my thoughts to him, a great master of catechesis. His acute and gentle thought was not self-referential, but ecclesial, because he always wanted to accompany us in the encounter with Jesus. Jesus, Crucified and Risen, the Living One and the Lord, was the destination to which Pope Benedict led us, taking us by the hand. May he help us rediscover in Christ the joy of believing and the hope of living."



Spiritual accompaniment

Turning to his catechesis, Pope Francis concluded his teaching series on the theme of discernment as the process of gaining a "sound understanding of the Lord's will for our lives." One of the elements that can help each of us in this process is spiritual accompaniment, which the Pope said is important in deepening self-knowledge, and essential for discernment. The Pope explained that God's grace in us always works on our nature, so we should not hold back in sharing our most fragile or sensitive aspects of who we are for fear of being judged. He said in some ways our own fragility can, in reality, be our "true richness" because when offered to God, it can make us capable of tenderness, mercy, and love.

God's grace at work

The Pope explained how spiritual direction, in which we share with another person the movements of the Spirit in our heart and thus confront our own frailty, helps draw us closer to the Lord, who took upon Himself and redeemed the weakness of our humanity. He said we can often discern more clearly the true direction of our lives and the quiet working of God's grace in our hearts with spiritual direction. He noted how we read in the Gospels of Jesus' many encounters with persons who opened their hearts to Him and experienced His mercy and forgiveness.

Journeying together

In conclusion, the Pope described how spiritual accompaniment can also reflect "the communitarian nature of our journey to perfection," since we are "members of Christ's body, sons and daughters of the Father and sharers in the life of the Spirit." He noted that it is essential therefore to be part of a journeying community and not try to go it on our own. And as our teacher in the art of discernment, "we can look to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who leads us to Jesus, who urges us not to fear, but to trust in Him and in His words of eternal life."

VALE - Cardinal George Pell

Good afternoon Friends,

Earlier today, I heard the sad news of the death of Cardinal George Pell, overnight from heart complications following hip surgery in Rome.

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship. The seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, he led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this time, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, and we unite with all the people of God in Melbourne in praying for the repose of his soul. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+Peter



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St Mac's Café - Food Donations

Dear Generous Volunteers,

The first St Mac's Café for 2023 will be Wednesday 18th January.

Could you please begin to think about your food donations, could we have a special effort for the first week to give us a strong start to the year.

Anyone wanting to be added to the list for donating food or any new volunteers who would like to be on the roster in helping at the café, please contact the office 59752200 we are looking at getting a new roster started.

It is also being trialled that the café will now begin at 6pm instead of 6:30pm.

This seems to be the consensus of those that attend.

I would also like to thank Mike & Barbara Ensil who have filled in until Xmas in supervising the Café on Wednesday nights. Their ideas and leadership was very much needed after Bernard retired. I thank them for their valuable contribution.

A St Mac's Café committee has now been formed, made up of volunteers and Fr Geoff & Fr Jude. This committee will look at how best we can improve our support to the regular guests at the café and how we can improve and grow the café in the future. We welcome more support please.

Thank you

Fr Geoff & Fr Jude

ST MAC'S GIFT SHOP

I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and loved ones. It is such a special time, firstly to celebrate the birth of Christ and then to enjoy special time with family and friends.

I would like to shout out a big ****Thank You**** to all who supported the Gift Shop over the past few months. It is so rewarding to see so many purchasing religious goods as gifts.

Due to lack of storage space, all Christmas stock has been marked down to clear, so come and see if there is something you have had your eye on, but avoided the temptation.

We also have only 6 Columban Calendars so if you haven't yet purchased yours, now is the time.

The Gift Shop Staff would like to wish you all the best of health and happiness for 2023.

CHILD SAFETY

Happy New Year & Welcome to St Macartan's .

Our Parish is very proud & extremely grateful to the number of volunteers who give of their time, energy, skills & love.

In 2023, as we introduce & invite new groups to become part of our community, there will be dates available for new volunteers & our current volunteers to update their details and to apply for the necessary checks & training.

These dates will be advertised in the bulletin and the Child Safety Notice Board in the church foyer.

The parish office is available to check your current details.

If you would prefer to make an appointment with me in person please ring the parish office, 59752200 or email on Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au.

Kind regards

Carmel McGrath

Safeguarding Officer





Jokes of the Week



1) **Pastor joke:** My neighbouring pastor put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his Church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there, he saw a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

2) **"The future son-in-law:** The rich businessman Raymond goes to meet his new son-in-law to be, Ben. He says to Ben, "So, tell me Ben, my boy, what you do?" "I study the Theology," he replies. "But Ben, you are going to marry my daughter! How are going to feed and house her?" "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." "But you will have children! How will you educate them?" asks Raymond. "No problem," says Ben, "I study Theology, and it says God will provide." When Raymond returns home, his wife anxiously asks him what Ben is like. "Well," says Raymond, "he's a lovely boy. I only just met him, and he already thinks I'm God."

3) **Lamb of God:** If Mary is the mother of Jesus and Jesus is the lamb of God Does that mean that Mary had a little lamb?

Return dates 2023

- Parish Office Tuesday 10th Jan
- The Prayer Cenical: Tuesday 17th Jan
- St Macs Café: Wednesday 18th Jan
- Encounter Junior Youth Group: Sunday 22nd Jan
- Quinn's Place senior youth group: Friday 27th Jan
- Legion of Mary: Monday 30th Jan
- Baptism Information sessions Wednesday 1st Feb
- Gatherings prayer group: Thursday 9th Feb
- Minister Unto God: Tuesday 14th Feb
- Men's Night: Thursday 16th Feb
- The Meeting Room community café will contact us in the new year if they intent to use our Hall.
- Monday night rosary at 8pm will continue throughout the holidays.

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14th & 15th January 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 21st & 22nd January 2023

6.00pm Readers: Carmel Coles, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kesik, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina DiPetta, Bridie Sexton

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28th & 29th January 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Judy Holloway

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Sheila Goddard

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