

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrA 22 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. **Returns Fri 27th**

**ENCOUNTER Youth Group:** Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House. **Returns Sun 22nd**

### Video Sunday Mass

#### NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2796920>

Or go to website to copy link:

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

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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

### Upcoming Holy days:

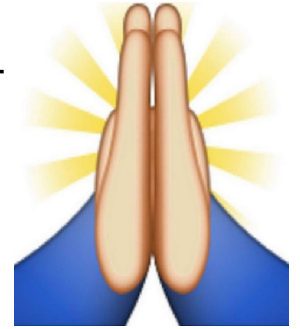
- Tue 24th: St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
- Wed 25th: The Conversation of St Paul, Apostle
- Sat 28th: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

### **Friday 27th 9:15am Mass**

St Macartan's will welcome 200+ teachers from Padua College, for their start of school year Mass.

## **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.



**Recently Deceased:** Mark Sturma.

### ***First Reading***

Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## **Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

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

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

# **Historical**

## **Context**

### **Repent**

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with God was strong, they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

#### **The Voice of Jesus**

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God. Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'

\* Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have

their souls contoured along the same lines. The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community. We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Living the Gospel**

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus. There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.



## Pope: In face of nuclear threat and risks to freedom, let us build peace together

*In his address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, Pope Francis calls for an "immediate end to this senseless conflict" in Ukraine and the abolition of the death penalty, reiterates the two-state solution in the Holy Land, underscores the threat of nuclear war*

*By Salvatore Cernuzio*

Pope Francis addressed a host of international themes in his annual new year's meeting with the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See. He highlighted key challenges facing our world and affecting everyone, such as the war in Ukraine and the "wake of death and destruction" it leaves behind, with people dying not only from bombs but also from hunger and cold. He mentioned the political and social tensions in Brazil, but also in Peru and Haiti, the violence between Israelis and Palestinians, the death penalty in Iran, and the exclusion of women from education in Afghanistan. He devoted attention to crises around the world: war-torn Syria and Yemen with populations dealing with deadly landmines; terrorism in Africa; the conflicts in the South



### World War III

In his extensive address to traditionally at the beginning of gave an overview of the ing the troubled areas where taking place today on the

ty that emerges is one of a "third world war", truly global in nature, "where conflicts involve only certain areas of the planet directly, but in fact involve them all." He then reaffirmed that "the possession of atomic weapons is immoral" because, as Pope John XXIII observed, "there is no denying that the conflagration could be started by some chance and unforeseen circumstance." He underscored the risks nuclear weapons pose and "the appalling slaughter and destruction that war would bring in its wake."

### Democracy weakening

Faced with this world scene, the Pope called on everyone to build peace together and reinvigorate democracy which, due to "heightened political and social polarization," is weakening in various countries, along with "the breadth of freedom that it enables, albeit with all the limitations of any human system." Peru, Haiti and in recent hours Brazil, as seen with yesterday's assault on institutional buildings, are examples of situations "laden with tensions and forms of violence" that such polarization brings.

"There is a constant need to overcome partisan ways of thinking and to work for the promotion of the common good."

### Ending war in Ukraine

The Pope then focused his thoughts on Ukraine and condemned attacks on civilian infrastructure that "that cause lives to be lost not only from gunfire and acts of violence, but also from hunger and freezing cold." "Today, I feel bound to renew my appeal for an immediate end to this senseless conflict, whose effects are felt in entire regions, also outside of Europe, due to its repercussions in the areas of energy and food production, above all in Africa and in the Middle East."

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# ST MAC'S GIFT SHOP

Hello All,

Wow!!! We certainly had a great start to 2023 last Sunday, selling 2-11 piece Nativity Sets, the last of the large All-In-One Nativity and a couple of the beautiful lanterns. We only now have left 2- 11 piece nativities and 2 lanterns so don't wait too long if you intend on purchasing one because at the price they are, I am expecting to clear them all this week-end.

Christmas cards have just about finished, 1 box of 18 cards and 4 packets of 8, all reduced. The inspirational books were a tremendous success. I would estimate that we sold approximately 25 of them and have received great feed back on those who gave them as gifts. We only have 4 left.

The sale finishes on 28<sup>th</sup> January, so please pop in and check out what Christmas goods you can purchase at a great price to put away for next Christmas.

Thank You all again for your continued support.

Trish, Graham and Ann.

God Bless you all.

## 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.



# Jokes of the Week



**1) Teaching ministry:** A pastor told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

**2) God's Chosen People absent in China?** Two Jews Sid and Al were sitting in a Chinese restaurant. "Sid," asked Al, "Are there any Jews in China?" "I don't know," Sid replied. "Why don't we ask the waiter?" When the waiter came by, Al said, "Do you have any Chinese Jews?" "I don't know sir, let me ask," the waiter replied, and he went into the kitchen. He quickly returned and said, "No, sir. No Chinese Jews." "Are you sure?" Al asked. "I will check with our manager, sir," the waiter replied and went back to the kitchen. While he was still gone, Sid said, "I cannot believe there are no Jews in China. Our people are scattered everywhere." When the waiter returned, he said, "Sir, no Chinese Jews." "Are you really sure?" Al asked again. "I cannot believe you have no Chinese Jews." "Sir, I asked everyone," the waiter replied exasperated. "We have orange juice, prune juice, tomato juice and grape juice, but no one ever heard of Chinese juice!"

**3) "Think about your face and cut the homily."** The story is told about a pastor that got up in the pulpit and apologized for the Band-Aid on his face. He said, "I was thinking about my homily while shaving and cut my face." Afterward the trustee found a note in the collection plate, "Next time, think about your face and cut the homily."



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## **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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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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