

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YrA 5 March 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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*"This is
my beloved
Son...
listen to him."*

-Matthew 17:5

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.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2983830>

Or go to website to copy link:

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

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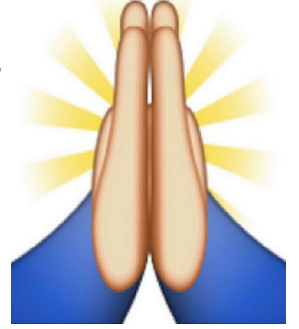
"THE WAY OF THE CROSS" BEGINNING FRIDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7PM FOR 4 WEEKS—STATION PRAYERS

Lenten reflection after 9:15am Mass every Thursday - From the 2nd

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: FRIDAY 10TH MARCH AT 10AM IN PARISH HALL. CALL OFFICE TO BOOK.

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, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said and Joan Watts.



Death Anniversaries: Mark Smyth.

Recently Deceased: Kevin Moran.

First Reading

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (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

2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Living the Gospel

'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

EXPLORING THE WORD

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom,

if only they would listen to Jesus. Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

REFLECTION

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

Pope: The goods of the Holy See have a universal destination

Pope Francis has published a new Apostolic Letter motu proprio, "Il diritto nativo" ("The native right"), clarifying the public ecclesiastical nature of assets acquired by curial institutions and entities linked to the Holy See. They make use of those assets, the Pope writes, "not for their own sakes, as private owners, but, in the name and authority of the Pontiff, for the pursuit of their institutional purposes, the common good, and at the service of the universal Church." By Salvatore Cernuzio

The immovable and movable goods of the Holy See have a "universal destination," writes Pope Francis in a new Apostolic Letter, *Il diritto nativo*, signed on 20 February and published on Thursday. In the document - which was issued "motu proprio," or on the Pope's own initiative - the Holy Father reiterates that the institutions and entities that have acquired such goods or are otherwise responsible for them are "trustees," not "private owners," since they act, and must always act, "in the name and under the authority of the Pope." In the motu proprio, which refers to canons 1254 and 1255 of the Code of Canon Law, the Pope clarifies the ecclesiastical public nature of the goods acquired by curial institutions and entities linked to the Holy See.

The mission of the Church: "The native right, independent the civil power, of the Holy See to acquire temporal goods is one of the instruments which, with the support of the faithful, prudent administration, and appropriate controls, ensure that the Apostolic See can operate in history, in time and places for the purposes proper to the Church and with the independence that is necessary for the fulfilment of its mission," the papal document reads.



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In the name and authority of the Pontiff: "The universal destination of the Holy See's assets confers upon them an ecclesiastical public nature," the text continues. "The entities of the Holy See acquire and use them, not for themselves, like a private proprietor, but, in the name and authority of the Roman Pontiff, for the pursuit of their institutional purposes, which are likewise public; and therefore for the common good and at the service of the universal Church." In other words, entities and institutions that have acquired these goods, registered for the sake of compliance with civil regulations, must administer them "with the prudence that the management of the common good requires and according to the rules and competences that the Holy See has given itself." These include, most recently, the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate evangelium* and, earlier, the "long road" of economic and administrative reforms, in the wake of which Thursday's provisions are also part.

The public nature of goods

The Motu Proprio, therefore, does not change competencies or dictate new rules, but reaffirms a fundamental principle regarding the public nature of goods and the role of curial institutions and related entities: "All goods, movable and immovable, including liquid assets and securities, which have been or will be acquired, in whatever manner, by curial institutions and entities connected to the Holy See, are ecclesiastical public goods and as such are owned, in title or other real right, by the Holy See as a whole and belonging therefore, independently of the civil power, to its unitary, indivisible and sovereign patrimony," the first paragraph of the motu proprio affirms. Therefore, "no institution or entity can claim private and exclusive ownership or title to the goods of the Holy See, as they have always acted and must always act in the name of, on behalf of, and for the purposes of the Holy See as a whole, understood as a unitary moral person, only representing it where required and permitted in civil law." This principle is intended to be a guide for the action of the Holy See as a whole, and recalls everyone to the pursuit of the common good and the responsibility that the administration of ecclesiastical public affairs entails.

Keeping our community safe: Safeguarding Essentials Training

Under the Archdiocese' Safeguarding Framework, all clergy and volunteers are required to complete the ***Safeguarding Essentials*** training module. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to our Parish's commitment to supporting the safety of children, young people and vulnerable persons. The Parish is hosting the **Group Training** for the ***Safeguarding Essentials*** on **10th March, 10.00 am in the Parish Hall**. This training is open to all Parishioners and Volunteers who haven't completed the training.

To register for the training session please RSVP by Tuesday 7th March by contacting the parish office, 5975 2200 or email Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au Your contribution as a volunteer is greatly appreciated at St. Macartan's, we need to continue to be informed and aware of the issues that are continually changing within our community so that we can best serve all the members of St. Macartan's Parish.

Note: For the individual who wants to complete Safeguarding Essentials online, go to <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s>

To login, each volunteer or clergy member will need: Working with Children Check ID and an email address. To register, volunteers will need to select 'St. Macartan's Parish' from the dropdown menu as your Primary Organisation of Service.

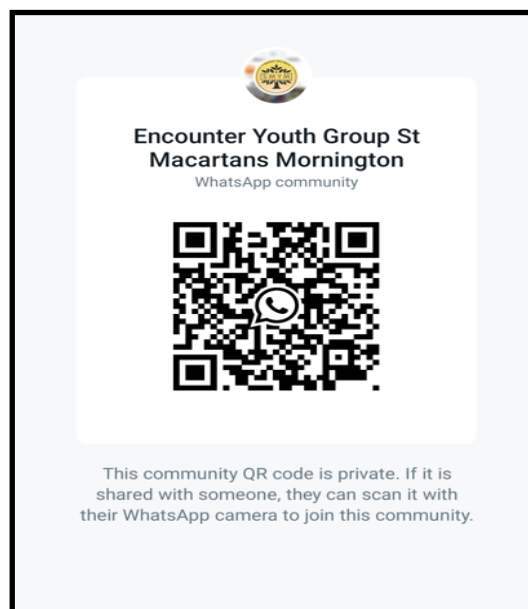
Yours sincerely, Fr Jude & Carmel McGrath on behalf of the Child Safety Committee

ENCOUNTER JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month @ 3pm in Community House

The link is here if you can please also join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lbkvzERHJvc9Y3F0LPVVmg>



New Parishioners Morning Tea

St. Macartan's Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners. If you are new parishioners, we would like to invite you and your family to 'New Parishioners Morning Tea' on 11th March 2023 at 10 am in the Community House. You may also join 9:15 am Mass on that day. 'New Parishioners Morning Tea' is specially designed to welcome every new member to St. Macartan's Parish. This will present a wonderful opportunity for you to 'meet n chat' to priests, ministry leaders and parishioners while enjoying a cuppa and something to eat.

If you have recently moved into the parish and haven't registered as parishioners, we invite you to complete a 'Welcoming Pack' in the holders at the Foyer. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office: 5975 2200 or mornington@cam.org.au.

New Parishioners Morning Tea is a special event held on the second Saturday of each Month.



ST VINNIES de PAUL

Any nonperishable food donations would be much appreciated and will go a long way in supporting the disadvantaged and most vulnerable people who are struggling with the rising costs of living.

Your contributions assist us to ensure that we are always able to help struggling Australian families who can't afford food.





APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT INTO YEAR 7 2025

Applications for Enrolment open on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and close on Friday 12 May 2023. A non-refundable \$100 plus processing fee will be charged at enrolment application. Interviews may be requested from May to July 2023.

ACCEPTING A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD

Letters of Offer and an Enrolment Contract will be forwarded later in the year.

To confirm your acceptance of the place offered to your child, we ask that you complete the Acceptance Form, including a non-refundable commitment fee. This amount will be deducted from your child's Year 7 fees when you are invoiced in December 2024.

Should your child miss out on a first round offer in 2023, you will be notified in writing. Limited offers will be made during 2024 and we will not remove your child's name from our waiting list unless you advise us to do so.

2024 – GRADE 6

Padua College Staff will visit all our Partnership Catholic Parish Primary Schools during the year, and will have close communication with all Grade 6 teachers from both Catholic and other primary schools.

Correspondence will be forwarded to families of enrolled students in mid-2024 regarding dates for:

- **Transition Interviews** - communication and planning for this will occur in 2024 during Terms 2 and 3.
- **Parent Information Evenings** - scheduled in late November 2024 at the relevant campus.
- **Grade 6 Orientation Day** - this date is set by the Department of Education, and is usually the second Tuesday of December.

ACROSS TERMS 2 & 3, 2024

Transition Testing

Conducted in Grade 6 to assist Padua College to ascertain information about a range of abilities so that we can:

- Ensure a smooth and appropriate transition
- Plan our curriculum provision for incoming students
- Arrange mixed ability classes

School Uniform Fittings

You will receive a price list which will include an online booking link for you to book a uniform fitting for your child.

Student Transport

Bus travel for Padua College students is a mixed service of private charter, school special and public buses. A Bus Contribution Program operates with parents having to 'opt in' to utilise school bus travel. Parents will be required to contribute to the cost of the service depending on the type of bus the student chooses to travel on.

NOVEMBER 2024

Information evening for parents

Booklists will be made available on the College website in late November and an Information Handbook will be sent to parents prior to the information evening.

DECEMBER 2024

Orientation Day for students

Grade 6 students will come to Padua College for the School Induction Program. They will find out which House they are in and meet their Homeroom Teacher. Note that younger brothers/sisters will be placed in the same House as their older siblings but will be in a different homeroom.

JANUARY 2025

Year 7 students have their first day at Padua College. To ease their transition, the students in Years 8-9 at their Junior Campus will not be present on this day.

During the first week of classes, teachers of Year 7 students will finish the last lesson of the day earlier than the rest of the campus. Teachers will accompany Year 7 students to their lockers to assist with their organisation and in getting them safely to their bus.

www.padua.vic.edu.au

**Information is correct as of February 2023 and may be subject to change*

PALM SUDAY

Are you able to assist?

For approximately the last eight years, courtesy of our fellow parishioner, Richard Le Miere, the Church Altar and entrance porches have been beautifully enhanced by large palm fronds. These compliment the Liturgy for Palm Sunday weekend. Unfortunately, this year the fronds are unavailable.

If any parishioner, relative or friend, could supply 6-8 Palm Fronds, large green ones, approximately 6 ft-2 meters, we would be most grateful.

Palm Sunday is the 2nd of April, palms would need to be at the Church, one or two days prior to this date.

Sincere thanks on behalf of the Liturgy Committee.

Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

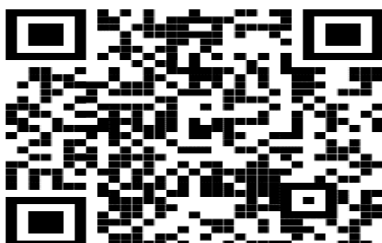


Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.





BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



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The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

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Bake for a Good Cause



Prison Fellowship Australia is organizing Easter Biscuit Bake 2023. The challenge is to bake 79,000 homemade biscuits to share God's love with every inmate in Victoria this Easter.

Biscuits must be: Homemade; crisp, not moist or crumbly; nut-free (No peanut butter, almond meal, etc.); in sealed, disposable containers; clearly labelled with ingredients, labelled with the number of biscuits in each container.

So, flip through your cookbook, grab your apron and turn on the oven.

Deliver to St. Macartan's Catholic Church on 26th March (Sunday) or 27th March (Monday) between 9:00am to 10:30am.

For any clarification, please contact Fr Jude: 5975 2200 or jude.johnson@cam.org.au.



Jokes of the Week



1) Lenten penance: There is a story of a father trying to explain Lent to his ten-year-old son. At one point, the father said, "You ought to give up something for Lent, something you will really miss, like candy." The boy thought for a moment, then asked, "What are you giving up, Father?" "I'm giving up liquor," the father replied. "But before dinner you were drinking something," the boy protested. "Yes, but that was only sherry," said the father. "I gave up hard liquor." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I think I'll give up hard candy."

2) "I have decided to give up drinking for Lent:" An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone and orders three more. As this continued every day the bartender asked him politely, "The folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "It's odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank." Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. As this continued for several days, the bartender approached him with tears in his eyes and said, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..." The man ponders this for a moment and then replies with a broad smile, "You'll be happy to know that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

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9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Second Sunday of Lent – 4th & 5th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Keys Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Sheila Goddard

Third Sunday of Lent – 11/12 March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Bridie Sexton

Forth Sunday of Lent – 18th & 19th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, John Spaziani

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Contact Details:

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St Mac's High Spirits: Teacher is Michael Kerr: Contact the office: 5975 2200

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Deputy: Andrea Kershaw **Deputy:** Meegan Blackney

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Vice Principal: Mission, Identity & Community: Matthew Williams