

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YrA 26 February 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
TEMPTING LIES**

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/2904829>

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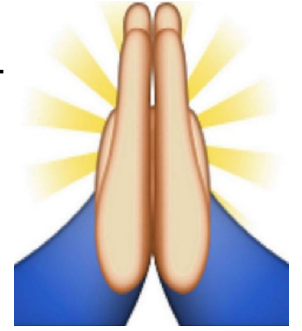
THERE WILL BE PROJECT COM-PASSION BOXES LEFT IN BOTH THE CHURCH FOYERS.

LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA WITH FR JOE O'SHEA ON MONDAYS AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH.

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

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, Denis 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: Varun Gooriah.

Recently Deceased: Gerald Andrew Yolland.

First Reading Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon Mt 4:4

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but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Scriptural Context

Trusting God

The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God's own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God's time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

EXPLORING THE WORD

To fully appreciate the significance of today's Gospel it is worth looking back at what came immediately before – Matthew 3:13-17 – the Baptism of Jesus by John. This scene concluded with the words, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.' Historically, it seems that there was a moment in Jesus' life, when he experienced a deep and personal call by God and from this moment his life changed. Prior to his baptism by John we know nothing of his early adult life, but the Baptism event propelled him in a new direction. It was a call, an invitation to know himself as beloved Son. Keep in mind that it took many years for the early believers to

come to speak of Jesus as divine, and Jesus himself never spoke of himself in this way. Like those called by God in ancient Israel Jesus' baptism moment challenged him to understand himself in a new, very personal relationship with God, and following this, Jesus would need time to reflect and consider what this invitation and challenge meant for him. Like other holy men and women, Jesus retired to the desert to seek God's word and to know what God was calling him to. The Baptism moment did not come with a diary of what to do next. Like all human beings Jesus had to work out for himself what God was asking in his life. This brings us to the Gospel today. The same Spirit who came upon Jesus at the Baptism now leads him out into the wilderness. What Jesus confronts in the wilderness is a very common human experience of self-doubt. It is one thing to have a powerful sense of call, or invitation or sense of God's presence, but when the moment passes then doubt sets in. Was it real? Did it really happen? Why would God enter my life? In the spiritual life, the temptation to doubt frequently follows a powerful experience of God. Look at the words the tempter says to Jesus – 'If you are the Son of God... turn stones to bread; if you are the Son of God throw yourself down.' If you are Son. These are the very words at the heart of the Baptismal experience – 'This is my Son'. This then becomes the real temptation – to doubt God's power that Jesus has just experienced. This is true of Jesus and it is true of all who try to live a spiritual life – faith and doubt struggle within us.

Pope Francis: Our Lenten journey is synodal

In his Message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis highlights the relationship between the Lenten journey and the synodal journey, which are both rooted in tradition and open to newness.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the Gospel account of the Transfiguration, proclaimed each year on the Second Sunday of Lent. As with the chosen disciples at the Transfiguration, Jesus “takes us with Him to a place apart” during the season of Lent. “Lenten penance,” he writes, “is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross.” This requires effort, sacrifice, and concentration, which are also requirements for the Synodal Journey; and therefore we can say that “our Lenten journey is ‘synodal’ since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master.” *“Both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.”*

Helping us understand God's will

Like the journey of the disciples up Mount Tabor, Pope Francis acknowledges that the synodal process can seem arduous and ment. Yet, he says “what is undoubtedly something, which will help us to God’s will and our mission

Pointing to the appearance of Moses and Elijah – representing the Law and the Prophets – at the Transfiguration, Pope Francis says, “In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church’s tradition and at the same time open to newness.” He explains that “tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.”



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Listening and daily effort

In order to reach our goal of personal and ecclesial transformation or conversion, Pope Francis proposes two paths inspired by the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The first is listening to God’s Word and to our brothers and sisters. The Pope reminds us that listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church.

The second path involves facing the reality of the daily struggles of life, without getting caught up in extraordinary events and experiences. Pope Francis reminds us that neither Lent nor the synodal process are ends in themselves, but are leading us to the experience of Easter.

“Let us go down then, to the plain,” the Pope says in conclusion, “and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be ‘artisans of synodality’ in the ordinary life of our communities.”

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.

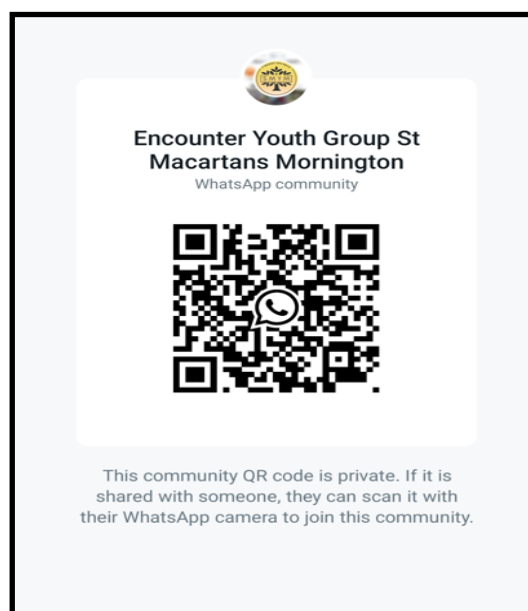
Yours sincerely Fr Jude & Carmel McGrath on behalf of the Child Safety Committee

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>





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*



PARISH FOOTY TIPPING



How are your footy tipping skills?

It's getting close to that time of the year again. The AFL Football season starts in mid March and we are very happy to announce that the St. Macartan's footy competition is running again. Our successful Coach of 14 years, Geoffrey Lane, has retired and new Coaches have been appointed. James Barrett and Spencer Meier have taken the reins after a big thank you to Geoffrey for his passion, his guidance and his genuine desire to make everybody happy, particularly any of his Bulldogs supporters.

Cost will be \$ 30 for the season including entry into the Finals Competition payable to Spencer or you can leave at our Parish Office for him.

We welcome new members for the more tippers the better the prizes will be.

Details will be announced for new members to join soon but in the meantime previous tippers can go to ESPN Footy Tips and sign up for 2023.

Happy and successful tipping.

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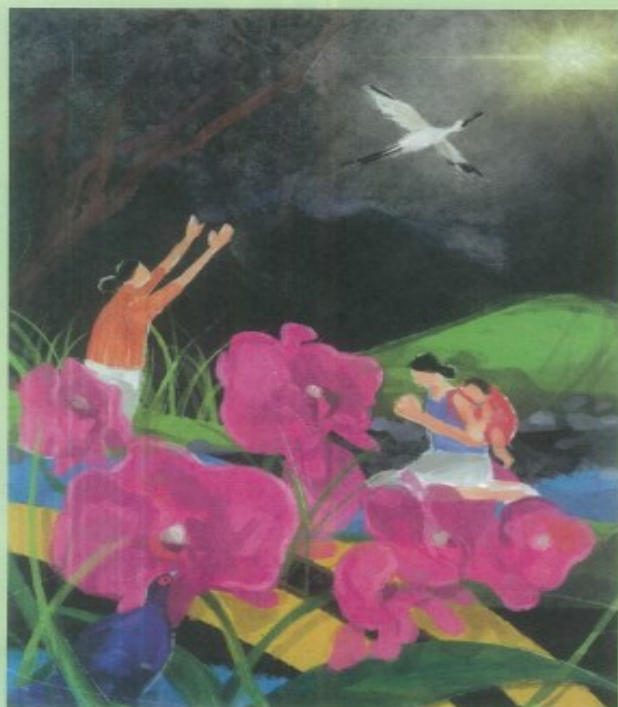
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World Day of Prayer 2023

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Friday March 3rd
2pm

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Tim Costello

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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.



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A Lenten Reflection with Maria Forde

**Saturday 25th Feb @
2pm in the Church.
Afternoon tea afterwards**



“To be free we must be able to give up what is old and so answer God’s will today and tomorrow”. Ernst Käsemann

Join Maria Forde as she leads us on a Lenten reflection. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation we will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent. Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer songwriter and liturgist.



Jokes of the Week



1) “I gave them up for Lent.” A Catholic priest working in an inner city was walking down an alley one evening on his way home when a young man came down the alley behind him and poked a knife against his back. “Give me your money,” the young man said. The priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, exposing his clerical collar. “Oh, I’m sorry, Father,” said the young man, “I didn’t see your collar. I don’t want YOUR money.” Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigar from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. “Here,” he said. “Have a cigar.” “Oh, no, I can’t do that,” the young man replied, “I gave them up for Lent.”

2) Fish ‘n’ chips: It is the third Friday of Lent, and the faithful parish-ioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He’s just in time for dinner and is treated to the best fish and chips he’s ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He’s met by two brothers,

“Hello, I’m Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis.” “I’m very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I’ve ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?” Brother Michael replies, “Well, I’m the fish friar.” The man turns to the other brother and says, “Then you must be . . .” “Yes, I’m afraid I’m the chip monk.”

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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

First Sunday of Lent – 25th & 26th February 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Patricia Duryea, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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