

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrA 2 JULY 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. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3530342>

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>

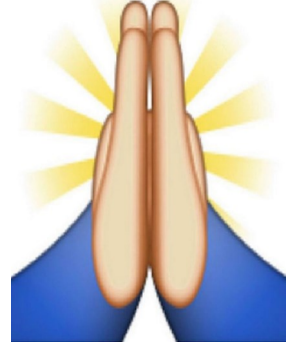
Upcoming Holy days:

- Mon 3rd: St Thomas, Apostle

**NOTE: QUINNS PLACE CANCELLED
UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
MOST LIKELY 14th JULY**

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, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Joan Watts, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald and James Tokarczyk.



Recently Deceased: Patricia Molly Akers.

Funeral Service: Funeral for Patricia Molly Akers on 4 July 23 at 2pm at St. Macartan's Parish.

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

PPC NEWS
[Parish Pastoral Council]

Jody Kerrins (PPC Chairperson) and I have a morning coffee meeting at DOC's every two weeks. It has become a nice routine which I look forward to. Not just for the pleasant company and different atmosphere at DOC's but also to catch-up and discuss what's happening in the Parish. We often create the agenda for the upcoming PPC meeting but also plan for upcoming events and think of new ideas to raise with the PPC.

Last week we decided it was time to start including you - the parishioners, in these ideas, views and plans, as some will affect the vision and forward growth of our Parish. We also want to be communicative with what's been discussed at the PPC, hopefully inviting more discussion, input and maybe even entice more members to join the PPC.

This week we had a review, on what we have been doing to be more connected to those Catholics that we don't see regularly enough – we just see their empty pews. So, we have, the traditional and wonderful Christmas and Easter, which gains extra people each year, from tourists and others, usually growing from approx. 600 per weekend to 1500+.

In late January we have the "New Prep" Mass, and we welcome the New School teachers at St Mac's. We have supported this in the last two years with a BBQ after Mass, we've tried a busker & clown and last year we tried a magician. Also last year we introduced the Teddy bear's picnic. This year we added another to the calendar, which was the Palm Sunday - Jesus & donkey in a triumphant entrance, a Biblical puppeteer and easter egg hunt amongst live rabbits. We also again had the pleasure, for the second year of hosting Excelsis Christian Choir and we are now planning for a yearly St Macartan's Winter Choir festival, having three different choirs perform over Winter.

We also welcome the start of Advent or of Lent with the beautiful para-liturgy of Maria Forde and we had the legendary Fr Joseph O'Shea run a beautiful and spiritual Lectio Divina over several weeks leading up to Easter.

There have also been regular Primary school masses in the Church and Fr Geoff & Fr Jude have been busy with more scheduled masses in the chapel at Padua Mornington, as well as more services in many of thirteen nursing homes in our Parish.

Everything we have tried (so far) has been a great success and are becoming permanent additions to our calendar! They have helped connect our worship centre - our Parish, to others in the community and have been welcoming and inviting. So much so, that each time we run these events, a new family or two, adopt us calling us home.

As Christians of St Macartan's we are blessed to be a blessing and as such we should always endeavour to continue to seek new ways to bring our faith - Our Lord, to others.

New ideas are always welcome, just as new people on the PPC team are.
If you would like to join our team, please contact the office, Jody, or myself.

Blessings
Fr Geoff

Chairperson: Jody Kerrins

Committee: Barbara Ensil, Roseanne Meneghetti, Tim Lambourne, Meegan Blackney,
Frank Crea & Fr Geoff

Pope: Journalists called to ethically educate future generations

Pope Francis calls on journalists to embrace their vocation to responsibly and ethically educate future generations and build a better civilization, as he receives a delegation from the Biagio Agnes International Journalism Prize. By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Francis has reminded journalists of their important role of responsibly and ethically informing and educating future generations, when receiving a delegation of the "Biagio Agnes" international journalism prize in the Vatican on Saturday morning. He delivered those present his written remarks, prior to greeting those present. "Only together," the Pope emphasized, "can a horizon of hope be drawn." This, he said, "is the daily work of the journalist, called upon to 'wear out the soles of his shoes' or to walk the 'digital' streets always listening to the people he meets." As he spoke about the need to get one's hands dirty, the Pope also expressed heartfelt words of appreciation for those who report on war, and take great risks in doing so. "Journalism," he underscored, "requires the ability to go where nobody goes: a moving and a desire to see. A curiosity, an openness, the prize's recognition of war, the Pope commended the porters who report on war, and the absurdity of conflict, makes everyone feel part of the same suffering."



Recalling journalists reporting on their "recounting the tragedies, makes everyone feel the Holy Father then delineated three "elements" of journalistic work, "which are perhaps used less and less, but which still have much to teach": notebook, pen, and gaze.

Notebook: Turning to the "notebook," the Pope said, jotting down a fact always involves a lot of inner work. One jots it down because one is a direct witness or because a source, which one believes to be reliable, reports it, opening it up for further verification. "The notebook reminds us of the importance of listening, but above all of letting oneself be transfixed by what happens." The journalist, he stressed, "is never an accountant of history, but a person who has decided to experience its implications with participation, with compassion."

A Pen: While they are being used less and less and replaced by more advanced means, the Pope observed, the pen still "helps to process thought, connecting head and hands, fostering memories and linking memory with the present." "The pen," he noted, "evokes the handicraft work to which the journalist is always called: one takes the pen in hand after checking details, sifting through hypotheses, reconstructing and ascertaining every single step. In this weaving, intelligence and conscience act together, touching one's existential chords." He continued, "The pen thus recalls the 'creative act' of journalists and media workers, an act that requires them to unite the search for truth with rectitude and respect for people, in particular with respect for professional ethics, just as Biagio Agnes did."

Gaze: Notebook and pen, the Pope reasoned, "are mere accessories" if "a gaze at reality is missing. A real look, not just a virtual one." Today, more than in the past, he lamented, one can be distracted by words, images and messages "that pollute life." He invited journalists to "think, for example, of the sad phenomenon of fake news, bellicose rhetoric or anything that manipulates the truth. A careful look at what is happening is needed to disarm language and foster dialogue." The Pope said a journalist's gaze must be directed from the heart, to "dispel the shadows" and "build a better civilization." This is an effort required of each one of us, "but one," he highlighted, "that calls in particular for a sense of responsibility on the part of communication workers, so that they may carry out their profession as a mission." Pope Francis concluded by encouraging those present to continue their commitment to promote cultural initiatives "to support the dissemination of correct information, educating and training the younger generations." He thanked them for their presence, congratulated the awardees, and requested their prayers.

PARISHIONERS OF ST MACARTAN'S WE ARE LOSING ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE SON'S

Yes parishioners; time has come, as I sadly knew it would one day.
That Fr Jude Johnson the BEST Assistant Priest I have ever had,
is leaving!

Fr Jude has been appointed by the Archbishop,
as Assistant Priest to St Mary of the Angels - Geelong.

Our loss is their fortunate gain.

He begins there on Wednesday 16th August.

Assistant Priests often get moved around in the archdiocese, to assist in their training and development. We have been blessed to have Fr Jude here for the last 20 months and he has been exceptional!

He is leaving here with new abilities, as well as better skills, mostly taught by you, the parishioners of St Macartan's.



Fr Jude will preside at all masses on the weekend of 12th & 13th August
and you are invited to come and say farewell on

Saturday 12th August at 7pm (after 6pm Mass)

in the Parish Hall or Community House TBA.

Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet and liaise with Jody on who is
bringing what on 0450096210.

I will say more later,

Fr Geoff



BE AWARE ANOTHER SCAM!

Someone posing as myself (Fr Geoff) McIlroy, is sending emails and texts asking for you to call me, then they ask you to purchase items like gift cards and send them the information.

DO NOT respond to any email or text asking on behalf of me or anyone to purchase anything on their behalf.

Always view where the email or text originated - it is never from your known contact.

If unsure, do not reply to the text or email but call the person directly from their known number or email address.

I have alerted you to this scam before, it went around earlier this year and last year.

Fr Geoff

NAIDOC WEEK

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council reminds us that NAIDOC week is one that unites First Nations peoples and all other Australians.

In Australia we are blessed to be home to the world's oldest continuing Culture and that's why we remember and celebrate this very important week in our Liturgical Calendar. Did you know that first Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church.



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Another round of only 6 matches last weekend didn't stop 6 clever tippers tipping 6/6. On our leader board, Lincoln is looking hard to catch . She increased her lead again after another perfect score. 6 behind are Tuttle 2021 and Maree O'Halloran, with one back to DoggiesDF and Mr. Franks with another one back to Geoffrey Lane and Pauline Peters. Geoffrey hasn't been well lately but it hasn't lessened his ability to tip winners after his second perfect score last week. We wish Geoffrey better health in the future.

Any competition queries or help james—jflob@bigpond.net.au 0418 491781 , spencer---sanddmeier@bigpond.com 0448 602 288.

There has been speculation in the media that Essendon may change their logo. They became the Bombers in 1940, due to their proximity to Essendon airport but do you know why Footscray are known as the Bulldogs or Geelong known as the Cats or Melbourne, the Demons?



Jokes of the Week



1) Funny truths: You may sleep in the Church, but don't snore. William Muehl, professor of preaching at Yale Divinity, spoke the following famous words to generations of seminarians: "Always remember that most of the people you have on a Sunday morning almost decided not to come, to stay in bed and sleep instead."

Hence, it is no wonder that a recent study in Great Britain found that 42 percent of regular Churchgoers fall asleep in Church. Ever feel like yawning in Church yourself? This'll wake you up: "Yawning is of medical importance because it is symptomatic of pathology such as brain lesions and tumors, hemorrhage, motion sickness, chorea and encephalitis." So says a 1987 University of Maryland report in the journal "Behavioral and Neural Biology." So, while you're yawning, be sure to tell yourself: "Don't worry. There's only a small chance it's a tumor."



2) Southern hospitality: Two women, a Yankee and a Southern Belle, are sitting next to each other on a plane. The Southern Belle turns to the Yankee and asks, "So, where y'all from?" The Yankee replies, "I am from a place where we do not end our sentences with a preposition." Without missing a beat, the Southern Belle bats her lashes and asks, "So, where y'all from, Rude, lady?"

3) Overdose hospitality: A farmer, who went to a big city to see the sights, asked the hotel's clerk about the time of meals. "Breakfast is served from 7 to 11, dinner from 12 to 3, and supper from 6 to 8," explained the clerk. "Look here," inquired the farmer in surprise, "when am I going to get time to see the city?"

HIGH SPIRITS - Children's Catechism classes

**Term 2 and Term 3 HIGH SPIRITS will focus on the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist**

**So if your child / Grandchild doesn't attend a Catholic school is in Yr4 at school or above,
is Baptised and would like to complete these Sacraments.**

Please email Michael Kerr: mkerr@padua.vic.edu.au or contact our office 59752200

The information night is

Tuesday 18th July at 4pm

Venue: Parish Community House (white house) - 8 Drake Street

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9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 1st & 2nd July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Barbara Ensil

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 8th & 9th July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Christina Llopart, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 15th & 16th July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Marlene Tesmann, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Terry Roberts

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