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**The kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure buried in a
field. Matthew 13:44**

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues 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/3591748>

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>

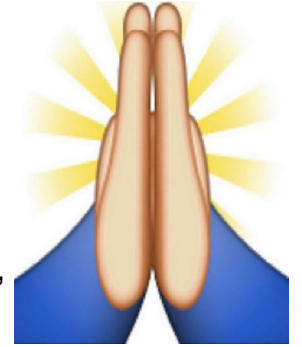
Upcoming Holy days:

- Mon 31st: St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Tue 1st: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor
- Thu 3rd: St Dominic, Priest
- Fri 4th: St John Vianney, Priest
- Sat 5th: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

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, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, James O'Meara, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest and Rhonda Vernon.

Death Anniversaries: Robert Vino.



First Reading 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)

2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a household-er who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 110:4-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Scriptural Context

Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

Gospel Reflection

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to

understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality. The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

Have you thought? Interpretation

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: 'every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.' It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.

Pope at Mass: Grandparents and young 'grow together' in fruitful exchange

Pope Francis presides over Mass on the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and praises intergenerational exchange as a means to learn the beauty of life and strengthen the life of the Church.

By Devin Watkins

As the Church celebrated the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, Pope Francis presided over Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for around 8,000 elderly people from across Italy. The theme for this year's iteration of the World Day is "His mercy is from age to age," recalling a passage from Luke's Gospel. In his homily at Mass, Pope Francis reflected on each of the three parables recounted in the day's Gospel reading, focusing on the common theme they share of "growing together".

Wheat and weeds growing together: Jesus' first parable in the Gospel passage, said the Pope, notes that wheat and weeds grow next to one another in the same field, which therefore reminds Christians to be realistic in our outlook on life. "In human history, as in each of our lives, there is a mixture of light and shadows, love and selfishness," he said. "Good and evil are even intertwined to the point of seeming inseparable." He said that such a realistic attitude pushes aside ideologies and helps us realize that evil dwells not only "outside" of ourselves, but must also be confronted within ourselves.

Patient trust in the Lord:

The Pope went on to say should not seek to uproot and thereby pull up the through an "impulsive and tude. "We frequently see seeking to bring about a 'pure Church'," he said, ing to reach this purity, we tient, intransigent, even those who have fallen into attitude in the face of evil, patience, which leads us to treat others with respect, and the awareness that "the definitive victory over evil is essentially God's work."



that Christians the weeds of evil good wheat aggressive" atti- the temptation of 'pure society', a "whereas in work-risk being impa- violent toward error." The correct said the Pope, is

Accepting the mystery of life: He then recalled that the elderly often look back on their lives with nostalgia and the desire to undo past mistakes. Yet, he said, Jesus invites grandparents and the elderly to "accept the mystery of life with serenity and patience, to leave judgement to Him, and not to live regretful and remorseful lives." "Old age is indeed a blessed time," he said, "for it is the season to be reconciled, a time for looking tenderly at the light that has shone despite the shadows, confident in the hope that the good wheat sown by God will prevail over the weeds with which the devil has wanted to plague our hearts."

Fruitful exchange for a fraternal society: Grandparents, offer a place for children and grandchildren to learn the warmth of a home and experience care and tenderness. "In this fruitful exchange," he said, "we can learn the beauty of life, build a fraternal society, and in the Church be enabled to encounter one another and dialogue between tradition and the newness of the Spirit."

Handing on the faith: In conclusion, the Pope urged young people and the elderly to share their gifts and grow together, listening to each other, talking together, and supporting one another. At the end of the Mass, a group of grandparents offered an example of the Pope's words as they symbolically handed World Youth Day crosses to several young people who will take part in the WYD event in Lisbon, Portugal, on 1-6 August.

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.

**Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet but PLEASE liaise with Jody on
0450096210.**

Fr Geoff



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VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

As announced last week. We now have a 12 seater Parish mini-bus.



We need drivers (no special license needed) who would be willing to go on a roster to:

- Pick up residents from a couple of local nursing homes, bringing them to the Church for 9am Mass.
- Taking the residents back after Mass & morning tea.

Please contact the office if you can help - 5975 2200

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YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Celebration & Dinner

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2023
6.30 – 10.30PM
MORNINGTON RACECOURSE

On behalf of Padua College, the Principal Kelly McGurn invites you to celebrate our 125-year anniversary. Be inspired by alumni speakers and entertained with music by Ed Moon, Class of 2019, while celebrating this special evening with friends and family.

Tickets \$125 pp
Three-course meal and beverages included

Attendees must be 18YRS+. Dress code – lounge suit.
Purchase your tickets by Friday 11 August or until sold out.



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Parish Footy Tipping Competition



There's not long to go before the end of the Rounds, as our competition heats up. Bearing that in mind, 10 tippers excelled with 9/9 last week. Lincoln is still in the lead. She is now only 5 ahead of Peter Keightley, Pauline Peters and DoggiesDF, with another one back to Helens Babies and Dymasty (Michael Barden) and one further to Geoff Walsh.

DO YOU KNOW---Gold Coast Suns have been in the news. Can you remember their 3 coaches since they started in 2011? Do you know their team song and which of their players won the Ron Evans Medal in 2013?

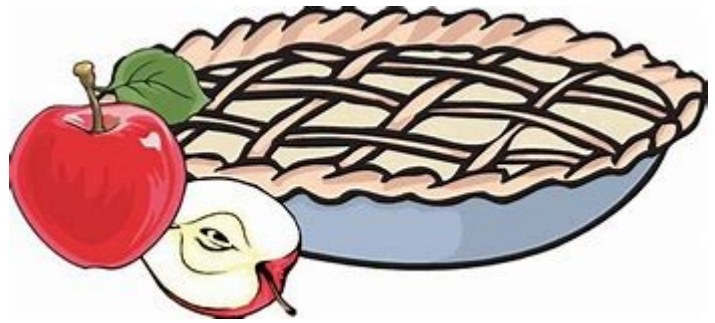
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Jokes of The Week



1) My treasure is apple pie. Little Mary listened intently in Sunday school while the teacher explained the parable of the “treasure” and “pearl” and gave a detailed description of eternal bliss in Heaven. She concluded her class asking the question, “All those who are ready to go to Heaven, raise your hands.” Every hand went up except one. “Don’t you want to go to Heaven, Mary?” asked the teacher. “Not this minute,” Mary replied, “Mom was baking apple pie when I left home!”



2) Lost & found: “Life is unfair. I lost my car keys at a football game and never found them. I lost my sunglasses at the beach and never found them. I lost my socks in the washing machine and never found them. I lost three kilos on a diet — I found them and five more!”

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR PARISH (2016 Census)

Total Population: 43493

Catholic Population: 9644

Catholics make up 22% of the total population

Median age of Catholics is 44 years

Total Catholic families: 3846

809 Catholics live alone

2052 Catholics were born overseas

61 Catholics do not speak English well

524 Catholics need assistance with core activities

524 Catholics have changed address since the previous Census

**Data provided by the National Centre for Pastoral Research, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
Click to view detailed parish and diocesan social profile reports*

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I have always appreciated good customer service and good value for money. Therefore, whenever I find someone who supports our Parish in these ways, they become friends and I truly believe we should show our support to them too.

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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 - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

The Transfiguration of The Lord – 5th & 6th August 2023

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th August 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

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