

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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(9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday)



*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation*



Monday 11th December

1pm Canasta Cards (CC)

Tuesday 12th December

10am-12 noon Prayer Group (CC)

5:00pm Social Group (CC)

Wednesday 13th December

10am Legion of Mary (CC)

7pm-9pm St Mac's Café (CC)

Thursday 14th December

BETA Course (time TBC) (CC) last one

7:30pm Memorial Mass for Sr Gen followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

Friday 15th December

9:15am-10am Mass & Benediction

10am-10pm Adoration

1pm Solo Cards (CC)

1.30pm-2.30pm Immaculate Heart Cenacle

4pm-5.30pm Junior Youth Group (PH)

Saturday 16th December

7:30am Men's Breakfast (CC)

Sunday 17th December

**REFLECTION: To you O Lord we lift up
our hearts and hands in prayer.
May this Advent Season of *PEACE*
open our hearts to the wonders
of the world,
and enable us to discover
anew the many
blessings we have received.**

Recently Deceased: Sr Gen Fitzpatrick (all weekend Masses will be dedicated to Sr Gen)

Anniversaries: Maud Winters, Antonietta Di Paolo

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Ilma Cody, Kevin O'Brien, Bernadette Robertson, Carmel Drake, Elizabeth Brennan, Robert Willey, Myna Barlow, Lorelle Maree Said, Bob Barrett, Terry Roberts, Madeline Allen, Tony Maynard, Jeanette Devon, Molly Garrett, Ally Roe, Michael Renwick, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, *(The sick and their carers will be on the list for three consecutive weekends, please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have a loved one's name included)*

Mass Intentions

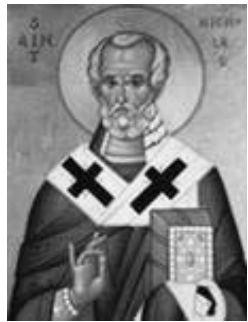
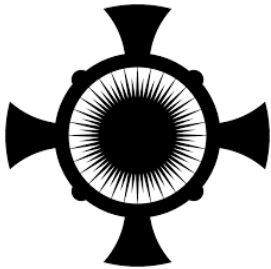
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each Friday from 10am-6pm in Church (unless advise)

PRAYER MOVES MOUNTAINS - BE WITH THE LORD ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH FOR ADORATION! PLEASE COME!

The Legion of Mary will be on behalf of the Parish stays with the Lord between 12 noon - 3.00pm

A priest is available for Reconciliation 5pm-6pm Evening Prayers at 6pm



St Macartan's Parish Prayer: Heavenly Father, Creator and giver of all good things, Pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish of Saint Macartan and the community that worships here. Father, make us holy, inspire us to work together to spread your Gospel, strengthen our Faith and grant us the spirit of service, so that, with your grace and the help of our Lady Mary and St Macartan, we may glorify you and provide for the needs of our wider community. We ask You this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading *Is 40:1-5. 9-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. *The Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14 A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. *The Word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:1-8 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' *The Gospel of the Lord*

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Advent Rite of Forgiveness: 7:30pm Tuesday 12th December

Mass for the Anointing: 9:15am Friday 15th December

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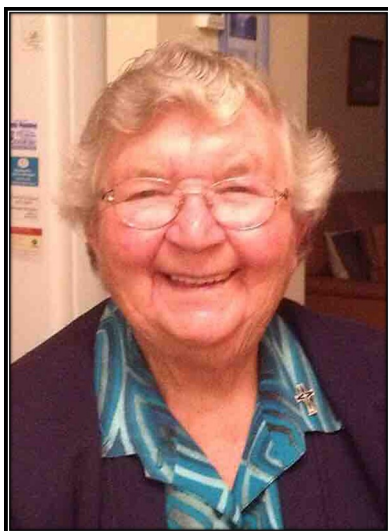
Children's Mass: 5pm Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Family Mass: 7:30pm Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Late Evening Vigil Mass: Carols commence at 10:30pm, Mass begins at 11pm,
Sunday 24th December

Christmas Day: 9:00am and 10:30am, Monday 25th December

Please note: there will be **NO** 5pm Mass on 25th December.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SR GEN AT ST MACARTAN'S CHURCH

A Requiem Mass was offered for the life of Sr Gen, who sadly died on the 29th November, at St Martin of Tours at Rosanna last Thursday. As a mark of respect, our parish would like to offer a Memorial Mass for the repose of her soul this Thursday 14th December at 7:30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

If anyone has photos of Sr Gen, could you please email them to the Parish Office at mornington@cam.org.au no later than 12 noon on Wednesday. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS

The St Macartan's community would like to welcome all new parishioners. Please fill in a slip (available in both foyers) and place in box provided; a member of the Welcome Committee will call and see you.

*The Parish Welcome Group is currently looking for new members to assist this small team; support is provided. **If you are interested, please call the Parish Office on 5975 2200***



From The Presbytery To The Parish

The Advent banner in the church urges us to "Prepare". Each year as we enter Advent I find myself not only preparing for the miracle of Christmas, but automatically reviewing the year that has past; looking for signs as to where we are as a Parish, where we are as individuals and, most importantly, where I am as a Parish Priest.

My message last year centred on how all the elements of our community were working towards Parish goals through co-operation and procedures.

When I review the last twelve months, I believe it can be best described as a period of consolidation. That does not mean that there were no improvements nor hiccups along the way. Such things are natural. What I believe is that we have continued along our desired course without any major deviations and are well set up and prepared for what 2018 may bring.

There has been growth in our Parish. One sign has been the number of ceremonies and events that have been initiated by groups and individuals during 2017. On the other hand our need for volunteers also continues. Between the steady growth of our outreach works and the loss of long term volunteers through age, illness and death, we simply must have new readers, counters, visitors to the sick, cleaners and any other job that you see other parishioners doing. Please think about joining at least one of our groups of wonderful helpers.

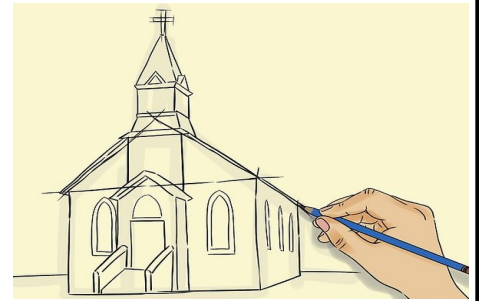
Again, on behalf of Fr Joel and myself, thank you for your continued prayers and support. It is wonderful to be a Pastor to this Parish and we both look forward to serving you through 2018.

May God bless and protect you, my dear friends, as you continue to show your faith by your actions. Fr Joe



Development of St Macartan's Site

Following a meeting on Tuesday 5th December, Villa Maria Catholic Homes have decided to withdraw from the St Macartan's project and the Parish now has to re-consider it's options.



ST MAC'S CAFE KK DONATIONS! As we celebrate Christmas the volunteers that run our Cafe would be appreciative of any contributions to their KK to hand out at their Xmas dinner. Items such as socks, hats, shavers, perfume would be perfect.

Donations needed by THIS Wednesday 13th December please.

A basket will be placed in church foyer for donations or ring Melissa 0416 060 373.

THANKS to the Macartan Club...

This year the members of the Macartan Club have again been most generous in putting their small (and not so small) coins in their East Timor jar. Their donation of more than \$340 will make a real difference to the medicines available at the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. On behalf of Sr Yasintha and her staff, THANKS & CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL.

Chris Smyth

COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS FOR 2018...

If you run a Parish Group in the Community Centre or Parish Hall on a regular basis and would like to continue doing so in 2018, please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200 to confirm dates and times for next year (*even if your dates are remaining the same, please re-confirm*).

Thank you.



Marie Slattery is Retiring!

Come and celebrate an amazing professional career. You are invited to join St Macartan's Parish Primary School community THIS Monday 11th December at 9.30am in the School Hall, 97 Bungower Road, Mornington, followed by light refreshments. Please RSVP to the school on 5979 9200 or at office@mornington.catholic.edu.au. If anyone would like to contribute to a gift for Marie please contact the Parish Office.



Rosters for Sunday Ministers— The next two rosters for readers/commentators and Extraordinary ministers of Communion will be drawn up soon. These will cover from Christmas to the end of May. If you want to vary your preferred time or you know you will be away during that time, please leave a note for me in the parish office by the 11th December.

New volunteers always very welcome. To allow each volunteer to have one turn per month requires a minimum of 8 readers and 12 extraordinary ministers for each Mass. As some are inevitably away or unwell, we need a small reserve to cover a fifth Sunday and absences. The current availability is:

6.00pm Mass 12 readers 21 ministers (includes 6 in both categories)

9.00am Mass 8 readers 9 ministers

11.00am Mass 10 readers 14 ministers (includes 2 in both)

The reality of these figures is that—6pm Mass is fine, 11am Mass needs a few more in each group, *9am Mass is in dire straits!* I remain in cheerful hope! Thanks, *Chris Smyth*

YEAR OF YOUTH...The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3/12/17), as a national Year of Youth. We would like to invite all parishioners to become involved in this special year. The parish is in the process of hiring a Youth Worker to work with the youth in our parish for this special year. More details to follow. ***Please spread the word so we can all work together for our Youth.***

**YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018**



NEXT WEEKEND'S LEAVING COLLECTION will be for the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. In addition, please continue to donate gifts to be included in the Christmas Hampers for our less fortunate families (see below).

PLEASE NOTE: THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT... *Normally, each year at this time we invite our parishioners to generously donate non-perishable goods & Christmas presents for the St Vincent de Paul Society to compile Christmas Hampers. These hampers are usually delivered in early December so...this year, if you would kindly place your gifts in the boxes near the Confessional from w/e December 2/3, continuing through to once the 'Giving Tree' is in position. There will be much rejoicing & happiness in the homes of our less fortunate families—"who is my neighbour?" As our Mission Boxes said, "Blessed are they with generous hearts."*

How quickly the year is passing, Advent & Christmas will soon be upon us.

In both porches, you will see volunteer for assisting sheets—these are for collectors, readers, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Servers, Christmas Cake organising and any other duties which occur at this time. If you know your Christmas plans, we would be grateful if you could please complete the sheets on the clipboards provided. Once completed, these sheets will be collected, collated and your preferred date, if possible, notified to you.

Thank you for your support and co-operation, The Liturgy Group.

PIETY STALL—The Piety Stall is now fully stocked for Christmas - please support the Parish and check out the array of Nativity sets and Christmas decorations, plus gifts for children and adults. ALSO, we have a marked down table this week-end with various items. Come along and pick up a bargain! St Macartan's School Community have produced a Cook Book, cost \$30.00, which is available for sale in the Piety Stall. A great gift idea for Christmas.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM MALTA!

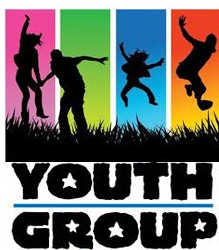
Dear parishioners, We are in desperate need of any Catholic Magazines, Newspapers, Books and any other printed material together with your full name and address so your mail will be acknowledged. Whatever you send will go to people that can make use of them in their home or in our church. Please send any that you need no longer to the following address, we shall appreciate them very much. May God bless you for your help. Post to: **LINO CAMILLERI, 66 MARY HOUSE, Flat No 1, TRIEQ IL-QALIET, MARSASKALA MALTA, MSK 311**

**THIS WEEKEND'S LEAVING COLLECTION IS FOR
MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL.**

Since it's foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support. ***Donation envelopes are available in both foyers.***

ROSTERS!

Readers	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	J Raccanello, A Winter	B Dakin, B Scantlebury
9am	J de Koning, D Ziino	K Ronchi, K Morley
11am	I Hackett, B McLean	C Chiezey, U Chiezey
5pm	Z Warmbrunn, D Warmbrunn	G Failla, O Jolly, D Jolly
Ex. Mnstrs	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	M Fletcher, S Fletcher, F Murphy	K Raccanello, A Redmond, R Shaw
9am	F Crea, J Lewis, M Lewis	D Frank, P Girolami, T Thomas
11am	M de Jong , A Flood, S Goddard	G Lane, M Lane, T Roberts
5pm	R Jolly	F Melhem
Music	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	Veronica & Co	Veronica & Co
9am	Adriana & Choir	Chris & Singers
11am	Chris & Singers	Billie & Singers
5pm	J Melhem	J Melhem
AV Ops	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	C Curtain	J Barrett & Co
9am	M&T Said	T Matthews
11am	B Handasyde	G Michel
5pm	P Toohey	P Toohey
P'point Prs	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Terry	Wendy
11am	Wendy	Vron
5pm	Peter	Peter
Altar Svrs	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
6pm	L Demo	L Luppino
9am	S Passmore, T Donnelly	C&J Strawbridge
11am	L Huynh, S Prabawo	R&S Cheevers, C Surace
5pm	M Sayah, J Melhem	W Nugent, A Rosbrook
Count. Tm	11th December	18th December
	B Shannon, J Wallace, N Houniet, D Frank	A Burr, S&M Fletcher, K Martin
Cleaning	14th December	21st December
	R Di Petta, M Di Petta	T Disney, J Little, M Booth
Flowers	14th December	21st-28th December
	M Arter	A Redmond, M Barlow
Piety Stall	9th-10th December	16th-17th December
Sat 6pm	A Anderson	A Gregg, G McDonagh
Sun 9am	A McKenna	T Thomas
Sun 11am	A Wilson, S Goddard	M Lane, G Lane
C Liturgy	10th December	17th December
Sun 9am	J Jolly, C McLean	R Buckley, S Nugent
Sun 11am	S Nugent, K Raccanello	M Casamento, R Stocks
Tea Trolley	10th December	17th December
	<i>Volunteers needed!</i>	C Donovan, B Scantlebury, R&C Scantlebury



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

**FRIDAY 15th December
7pm—9pm @ SK8HOUSE!!!**

Children in GRADES 4 – 6 are invited to attend. Time to dust off your roller skates / blades because our Christmas break up party will be held @ Sk8house in Carrum Downs.

Only 20 x places available to book, regular youth group attendees will get 1st preference.

Make sure you get your parents to contact: Sonia Nugent on 0418 949 806 or at sonianugent@live.com.au TO BOOK YOUR PLACE.



PARISH INFORMATION

St Macartan's Primary School Ph: 5979 9200

Padua College Ph: 5976 0100

Maintenance Co-Ordinator

Max Fletcher (0417 307 845) /

Terry Walker (0412 661 123)

Parish Pastoral Council

Mark O'Donnell (0422 955 861)

Email: mark_p_odonnell@hotmail.com

High Spirits Co-Ord. Dorinnia Burns

Email: highspiritsmornington@gmail.com

Macartan Club - John Azzopardi (5975 2289)

Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator

Sonia Nugent (0418 949 806)

Email: sonianugent@live.com.au

Youth Group

Jacinta Jolly (0400 791 971) /

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Little Macs Playgroup

Email: littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com

Justine 0448 679 461 / Sarah 0402 493 680

November Church Caretaker : John Spaziani

Parish Care Contacts

Leonie Purcell (5975 0514)

Music Co-Ordinator-

Veronica Ryan (5975 6981/ 0418 358 213)

MACARTAN CLUB... A Club for Retirees and Senior Parishioners. General Meeting held on the 4th Friday of each month in Community Centre after 9:15 am Mass. Parishioners and Potential New Members always welcome to attend meetings and events.

Monday 11th December

Walkers : 9:00am – Contact: Mary 5975 5764

Golf: 12:30pm – Contact: Dermot 5988 4076

Canasta: 1:00pm – Contact: Betty 5975 8497

Thursday 14th December

Golf: 12:30pm – Contact: Dermot 5988 4076

Friday 15th December

Solo: 1:00pm – Contact: Elaine 5977 1334

BETA Course Final Session

The third and final instalment of the BETA Course for 2017 will be on **Thursday 14th of December at 7:30pm in the Community Centre**. The topic will be **Christian Prayer**. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome.

SACRIFIAL GIVING

(2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$5478

Average p/w: \$4003

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

(1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$1930

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am , 11am & 5pm

Weekdays: Mon-Sat :9:15am

Vespers: Fridays 6pm in the Church

1st Sunday of the Month: 4pm Filipino Mass.

RECONCILIATION: After 9:15am Mass on

Wednesdays & Saturdays; Fridays 5 - 6pm

(Our Lady's Novena during 9.15am Sat. Mass)

BAPTISMS : After 11am Mass on the **1st and 3rd**

Sunday of the month.

Please contact Parish Office

Next Baptismal Meeting—

8pm Wednesday 7th February 2018

Weddings— By appointment only, please contact the Parish Office.