27th-28th January 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## **PARISH BULLETIN** St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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#### If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts



Recently Deceased: Robert Willey, Marion Short, Anniversaries:

# Mass Intentions

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Kevin O'Brien, Berna-

dette Robertson, Carmel Drake, Elizabeth Brennan, Myna Barlow, Bob Barrett, Madeline Allen, Tony Maynard, Jeanette Devon, Ally Roe, Michael Renwick, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Leonie Purcell, Rodelia Pordeuix

(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)

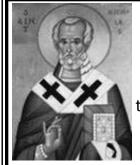
#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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:* Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

#### First Reading Dt 18:15-20 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.""

The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

#### (R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
- 2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that

day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 7:32-35 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord. *The Word of the Lord* 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mk 1:21-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside. *The Gospel of the Lord* 

#### Communion Antiphon

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.



This year we will be holding our Family Picnic in the church grounds on Sunday 11th February at 12 noon. BYO food and drinks. BBQ facilities are available.

There will be fun activities for the children.

This is open to all parishioners so please come along and join in our wonderful community.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

As St Macartan's Primary School and Padua College prepare to return for Term One 2018 later this week, we wish all staff, students and parents a happy and successful return to school.



## Weekly Activities

**THE LEGION OF MARY:** Every Wednesday after Mass a small group of parishioners meet to pray and discuss the work done to assist people in need of spiritual comfort, whether at home or in nursing homes and rehabilitation centres. Please ring Ron Fitzgerald on 5974 2130.

PARISH CHOIR: St Macartan's Choir practice every Thursday in the church after 9:15am Mass. New Members of all ages are always welcome. Enquiries: Louise 5975 2773

MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART PRAYERS CENACLE: Tuesdays 2pm—3pm in Church.

ST MAC'S CAFÉ: Open 7pm—9pm Will resume for 2018 on Wednesday 31st January in the Community Centre. FREE cuppa and food, good music and great company. OPEN TO EVERYONE! We look forward to seeing you there!

FREE MEN'S BREAKFAST EVERY Saturday at 7:30am in Community Centre. Open to men of all ages. Bring nothing except your appetite!!!



#### TEA TROLLEY **VOLENTEERS NEEDED!**

We would love to have more volunteers to help with the Tea Trolley after

9:00am Mass on Sundays. You would only be required to help once a month on a rostered basis and will be volunteering with another parishioner. This is a great way to meet other members of our community and make new friends. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office on 5957 2200.



Little Mac's Playgroup is returning for 2018! It will gether! now be run every WEDNESDAY, starting this

week on the 31st January! A group for preschool children and their carers, held in the Community Centre during school term time from 9:45am to 11:30am. Gold Coin donation. For further details please email: littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com



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### **ATTENTION PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS!**

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Roster If you volunteer in the Piety Stall and have not yet received your 2018 roster,

please collect your roster from the Piety Stall this weekend. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MUSICAL CONCERT

**2PM ON SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018** St Francis Xavier, Parish Hall, 60 Davey Street, Frankston 3199

Featuring Frankston Ladies Choir and very special guest artists!

Tickets \$25.00 pp (delicious afternoon tea included). All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul to



enable us to help those less fortunate in our community. For tickets and more information, please call either Elvira—5874 2607 a/h or Denise-0407 503 728



#### LATEST NEWS!

#### The Appointment of Parish Priest at St Macartan's

We have received notification from the Archdiocese that the Archbishop has appointed Reverend Minh Tran SJ as Parish Priest of St Macartan's.

Fr Minh will take up his appointment at **midday on Saturday 3rd March 2018.** 

#### FAREWELL TO FR JOE

All parishioners are cordially invited to Fr Joe's Farewell Lunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 12 noon.

If you are able to bring a plate, please put your name down on the clipboards in the foyers indicating what you are bringing, as listed.

Donations for Father's farewell can be placed in a marked envelope and either put on the collection plate or given to the Parish Office.

#### Pope: Pastor's authority comes from closeness to God and people

Authority comes from closeness to God and man: The Pope explained that that the newness of Christ lies precisely in the "gift of authority" that he received from the Father. The Scribes and the doctors of the law, who also "told the truth", did not "reach the heart" like Jesus did. They taught "from the chair and were not interested in people", but when Jesus teaches he "causes astonishment and moves the heart".



What "gives authority" to Jesus, the Pope explained, is precisely his closeness to the people, because he understands their problems pains and sins, he welcomes, heals, and teaches them coming close to them.

What grants authority to a pastor or awakens authority in him, given by the Father, the Pope said, is closeness - closeness to God in prayer. A pastor who does not pray, who does not seek God, he said, cannot be close to the people. And a pastor detached from the people cannot bring his message to them. This double closeness is what the anointing of the pastor consists in, because moved by God's gift of prayer, the pastor in turn can be moved by the sins, the problems and the diseases of the people.

Addressing pastors who are detached from God and from the people the Pope told them not to lose hope.

Authority, the Pope explained is a gift that comes only from God, which Jesus gives to His own. Authority in speaking, he said, always comes from one's closeness to God and to the people. Authority is coherence, not double life. And if a pastor loses his authority, he should not lose hope, as there is always time to come close and reawaken one's authority and prophecy.



#### FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2018

- 109. The Lenten season has a twofold character:
  - 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
  - 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements...

110. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social... In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

#### Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) Self-Denial for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018 and Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.
  All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2018 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

**<u>FUNERALS</u>** – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

**WEDDINGS** - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

Monsignor Greg Bennet

**ROSTERS!** 

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Readers	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	J Capan, B Scantlebury	T Dakin, K Duyvestyn
9am	S Meier, D Ziino	M Kesik, P McKenzie-McHarg
11am	B Butler, M de Jong	B Butler, B McLean
5pm	B O'Donnell, H O'Donnell, D Warmbrunn	Z Warmbrunn, D Warmbrunn, G Failla
Ex.Ministers	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	M Fletcher, S Fletcher, J Holloway	M Duyvestyn, A Fisher, L Thorpe
9am	F Crea, J Lewis, M Lewis	M Azzopardi, Z Krause, P Thomas, F Crea
11am -	S Goddard, R di Petta, B Sexton	S Goddard, A Hancock, T Roberts
5pm	M Casamento	J Sayah, M Sayah
Music	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	Chris & Singers	Veronica & Co
9am	Adriana & Choir	Adriana & Choir
11am	Graham, Bernadette & Co	Chris & Singers
5pm	J Melhem	J Melhem
AV Ops	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	J&B Barrett	T Ryan
9am	M&T Said	M&T Said
11am	C Curtain	B Handasyde
5pm	P Toohey	P Toohey
P'point Prs	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	Wendy	Vron
9am	Terry	Terry
11am	Graham M	Wendy
5pm	Peter	Peter
Altar Svrs	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
6pm	S Bath	L Demo
9am	Volunteers needed	S Passmore, T Donnelly
11am	A&A Banks, K Pancha	L Huynh, S Prabawo
5pm	O Jolly, K Nugent	M Sayah, J Melhem
Count. Tm	29th January	5th February
	A Burr, S&M Fletcher, K Martin	J Sumner, G Michel
Cleaning	1st February	8th February
	J George, P Wallace, A Skoljarev	S&C Nugent, J Thoppill
Flowers	1st-8th February	1st-8th February
	L Young, L Scarinci	L Young, L Scarinci
Piety Stall	27th-28th January	3rd-4th February
Sat 6pm	A Doran	L Thorpe
Sun 9am	D Wooding	M Picton, R D'Silva
Sun 11am	B Sexton	P Harper, S Taylor
C Liturgy	28th January	4th February
Sun 9am	Children's Liturgy will return in Term 1 2018	To be advised
Sun 11am		
Tea Trolley	28th January	4th February
	J Chandler, M McDonnell	R Mahony

#### **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

MACARTAN CLUB - Club members please note that the Club's January General Meeting will be held on Friday 2nd of February at 9.45 am at the Community House

SACRIFIAL GIVING (2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$5478 Average p/w: \$4003 PRESBYTERY COLLECTION: (1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$2030

#### 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 Lisa Chiezey Email: lisachiezey@hotmail.com High Spirits Co-Ord. Dorinnia Burns Email: highspiritsmornington@gmail.com Macartan Club - John Azzopardi (5975 2289) Youth Worker / Youth Groups Bridie Keily 0413 992 436 Email: bridie keily@hotmail.com Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator Sonia Nugent (0418 949 806) Email: sonianugent@live.com.au Little Macs Playgroup Email: littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com Justine 0448 679 461 / Sarah 0402 493 680 January Church Caretaker : John Spaziani (0419) 597 911 **Parish Care Contacts** Parish Office (5975 2200) Music Co-Ordinator-Veronica Ryan (5975 6981/ 0418 358 213) Finance Committee Frank Crea (0417 104 041)

PARISH EVENTS Monday 29th January

Tuesday 30th January

<u>Wednesday 31st January</u> Little Mac's Playgroup 9:45am-11:30am (CC) St Mac's Café 7pm-9pm (CC)

Thursday 1st February

Friday 2nd February 9:15am-10am Mass & Benediction

> Saturday 3rd February 7:30am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 4th February 4pm Filipino Mass



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.