

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



**4 Drake St, Mornington VIC 3931**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Minh Tran SJ

**Secretaries:** Annette Wales, Francesca McLoughlin



**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Weekdays:** Mon-Sat :9:15am

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm.

**Sunday:** 9am , 11am & 5pm

**1st Sun of the Month:** 3:30pm Filipino Mass.

**RECONCILIATION:** After 9:15am Mass Monday to Saturday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday after 9.15am mass till 12pm,  
Sunday 4pm-4.45pm except 1st Sunday.

**Baptism** (1st&3rd Sunday), **Wedding, Funeral**  
please contact Parish Office or on Parish web site

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**St Macartan's Primary School** Ph: 5979 9200

**Principal:** Colleen McGreal

**Deputy:** Philip Hills

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**Email:** [craig.nugent@opteonsolutions.com](mailto:craig.nugent@opteonsolutions.com)

**Pastoral Cordinator:** Eileen Marchmont

**RCIA:** Deacon Kevin Pattison

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**Parish Accountant:** Spencer Meier

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**Little Macs Playgroup:** Justine 0448 679 461 /  
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**Dec. Caretaker :** John Spaziani: 0419 598 911

**Parish Care Contacts:** Parish Office (5975 2200)

**Music Co-Ordinator-**

Veronica Ryan (5975 6981/ 0418 358 213)

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting —**

**8pm Wednesday 5th December 2018 (PH)**

**Marriage Preparation & Partnership council-**  
**ing:** Charmaine Holmes, Ph: 59772665

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Helena Sr of compassion; Maria Nguyen Thi Hue, Maria Bui,

**Anniversaries:** Laurie Drake, Mary Kennedy, Tim & Margaret Podorin

# Mass Intentions

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Carly Guy, Kevin O'Brien, Bernadette Robertson, Elizabeth Brennan, Myna Barlow, Bob Barrett, Ally Roe, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Rodelia Pordeux, Phyllis Harvey, Eileen Young, Stuart Poustie, Peter Hingston, Dave Mortby, Lynne Anderson, Naomi Andrews, Peter Atkinson, Kevin Paganoni, Jeannie Fox, Phyllis Molloy, Carly Coulter, Anne Wilson, Terry Lyons, Renee Barker, Courtney Stevens, Lyn McGain, Mary Cattermole, Stuart O'Connell SM, Joseph Aquilina, Cinzia Caboche, Helen & Denis Chambers, Pauline Achermann, Jorge Ramirez, Mark Allan

## **First Reading: A reading from the prophet Baruch; Bar 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort. ***The Word of the Lord***

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3**

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

*1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.*

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)*

*2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'*

*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)*

*3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.*

*Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)*

*4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:*

*they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)*

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

## **Second Reading: A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Philippians . Phil 1:3-6. 8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God. ***The Word of the Lord***

**Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8**

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

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke; Lk 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. ***The Gospel of the Lord***

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

**Thank you.** On behalf of St Macartan's Church, Mornington Parish we bid farewell to Catherine Larken, we would like to thank her for her service during the last 3.5 years to our parish with generosity and dedication, we are really grateful for her service to our parish and we wish her every success for the future.

**Plenary Council 2020—Listen to what the Spirit is saying - "Listening and Dialogue"**

***What do you think God is asking of you at this time?***

***What do you think God is asking of us at St Macartan's, Mornington Parish at this time? What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?***



**REFLECT:** In silence, reflect on your personal experience of faith up to this point in your life. Faith journey is about one's own experience of the Holy Spirit guiding and nurturing one's life in the community or one's life and (or in) the Church. How has the Gospel, the Church's teaching, ministry in which you are involved, influenced your faith? (You might want to choose a gospel passage to pray with). You may want to write your thoughts down.

**SHARE AND LISTEN:** Tell a story of my experience in this area. Take turns to share aloud with each other your personal experience of faith, life and the Church. When others are speaking, remember to listen with an open and humble heart.

**RECOLLECTING:** How has another perspective influenced my own? After each person has shared, in silence, reflect on how stories shared by other people have influenced your own perspective. You may want to write your thoughts down, or simply sit quietly with your thoughts.

**SHARING:** I would like to encourage group and public sharing, which means, you can represent your group to share at mass, or you can share your own faith journey at Mass. I am open to suggestions.



Continuing at St Macartan's Community Centre this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30 to 8.30pm. This is a 14 part series that deals with different experiences of the Holy Spirit presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka. Each DVD is separate and not in any order so join us whenever you are free. The first segment is 'God's love poured out'. For further details contact Patrick Guest 0425 163 713 or Jacinta Jolly – 0400 79 1971. **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.**



**LITTLE MAC'S PLAYGROUP**—We are looking for two or more people to help run our energetic Playgroup in 2019. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email [littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com)

**A current Working with Children Check is essential.**



**PIETY STALL** - Christmas Stock is now in the Piety Stall. For those early shoppers who want to get ahead of the crowds and not be disappointed, we have Nativity sets in varying sizes and price range, plus beautiful decorations to add to the festive season and bring a truly meaningful Christmas atmosphere to the home.



Majellan Christmas Cards - packs of 10 for \$10.00



Just arrived - Artisan jewellery - Handcrafted imaginative designs of pressed flowers in sterling silver surrounds either necklaces or large and small crosses, plus Virgin Mary Rings and pendants. All come with gift pouches for gift giving.



Comfort Crosses have arrived - these small wooden crosses that fit easily in the palm of the hand are a wonderful comfort for the sick and elderly.

## **St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal on the weekend of December 8/9**

What does Christmas mean to you? For many people, Christmas is all about family. Spending time together, sharing a meal and creating meaningful memories. These moments are precious. But what if you couldn't provide a meal for your family, or even a home? This is the reality many Australian families face this Christmas.



**Please give generously “Appeal Envelopes” and “leaving collection”**

### **Christmas 2018 Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve** Monday 24th December

Children's Mass 5 pm

Family Mass 7.30pm Carols from 7pm

Vigil Mass 11.00pm Carols from 10.30pm

**Christmas Day** Tuesday 25th December

Morning Mass 9.00 am and 10.30 am **There will not be a 5pm Mass**



## THE PARISH IS IN URGENT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.

Readers, Cleaners, Children Liturgy, Communion Ministers & Others  
If you are able to volunteer for a few hours each week or a year  
on a rostered basis, please let the Parish Office know on 5975 2200 or  
email [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

Also, if you are currently on the roster and no longer wish to volunteer, please let the Parish Office know

## MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL - December 15th & 16th

Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. Archbishop Peter Comensoli commends the fund to your continuing support. Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

**Please give generously "Appeal Envelopes" and "leaving collection"**



As we welcome the season of Advent, the season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the birth of Child Jesus. May we, as individuals, schools and parishes, act and pray for a more just and fair world, a world where every woman could give birth safely and cherish the miracle of motherhood.

When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing **Water, Food** and **Sustainable Livelihoods** for women and children around the world.

Order Global Gift cards online at  
[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or call us on 1800 024 413.

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities.



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

## **BASP - Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**

Last weekend's collection was accepted with great joy. Many thanks from many seeking asylum. Christmas blessings to all at St Macartan's from the Brigidine Project.

### Thanks

The members of the Macartan Club have again made a magnificent donation to the Maria Ausiliadora Clinic, Venilale, Timor L'Este. Every Christmas blessing from Sr Yasintha and her team. Chris Smyth, BLESSINGS AND THANKS

**Social Justice Group**

## **THINK ABOUT IT**

10 December is Human Rights Day. Let's acknowledge our gratitude for the rights we enjoy in Australia. How can we best help those not so fortunate?

**Social Justice Group**

**CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM**—A special Thank You to those who contribute to the "Weekly Small Donation Envelopes" for the Upgrade of our St Macartan's Sound System. The "donation envelopes" will temporarily cease in early December for the Christmas period. Hopefully we will have reached our end of year target of \$10,000.



Fundraising Goals



### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

The St Macartan's community would like to welcome all new parishioners. Please fill in a new parishioner form (available in both foyers) and place in box provided; a member of our Welcome Committee will call and arrange to meet with you.



### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**(2nd Collection) Weekly Pledge: \$3775**

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:**

**(1st) Collection) Last Weekend: \$1635**



### **MINIMAL GLUTEN WAFER**

We now offer 'minimal gluten' hosts at all Masses. If you require one, please approach the Sacristan

### **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne ARE COMING BACK TO MORNINGTON!!!**

Performing here at St Macartan's with a powerful and lovely new programme on WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY @ 8PM. Please call Patricia on 5975 2613 to make your booking now! Ticket prices will be confirmed soon. Ticket collection will take place every Monday and Thursday of January (7th & 10th, 14th & 17th, 21st) between 10-11am in the Community Centre. We are looking forward to your company!



**Christmas Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wed 12Dec2018 at 7pm. The concert will feature Anthony Halliday (organ) and Joel Brennan (trumpet).** Anthony Halliday is invited annually to give organ and piano recitals throughout Europe and Australasia. Joel Brennan has served as principal trumpet of the Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra (Netherlands) and Hyogo Performing Arts Centre Orchestra (Japan), and has appeared with orchestras world-wide.

Tickets: \$20 No concessions (Children under 15 free) Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZEUH>

### **Make an Encounter in 2019**

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa.



**Palms Australia**

[www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)  
Timor Leste- April & Sept  
Samoa - June

### **SCHOOL MASS**

Grade 6 Graduation Mass Wednesday 12 December 7pm in School Hall  
End of Year Mass Tuesday 18 December at 10.30am in School Hall)

***All parishioners are welcome.***



## ROSTERS!

Readers	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Breanna Dakin, Brian Scantlebury	Fay Murphy, Michael Negri
9am	Kathleen Ronchi, Kevin Morley	Michael Kesik, Spencer Meier
11am	Brianna Dakin, Bernadette McLean	Irene Hackett, Charmaine Holmes
5pm	Gabriella Failla, Olivia Jolly, Daniel Jolly	Ma Field, Amelie Field, David Warmbrunn
Ex.Ministers	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Eddie McCluskey, Barbara Peach, Rod Shaw	Tricia Hird, Anna Redmond, Michael Turner
9am	Pat Girolami, Trish Thomas, Joseph Thoppil	Delina Frank, Michael Kerr, Zofia Kraus
11am	Geoffrey Lane, Mary Lane, Elvira Spaziani	Arbara Ensil, Julie Seal, Bridie Sexton
5pm	Fay Melham	Marino Casamento
Music	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Vron & Justin	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen & Choir	Carmen & Choir
11am	Billie & Singers	Chris & Co
5pm	Lulu, Joe, Kiara & Emily	Lulu, Joe, Kiara & Emily
AV Ops	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Bryan H	Chris C
9am	T&M Said	T&M Said
11am	Graham	Bryan Handasyde
5pm	Len Seal	Len Seal
P'point Prs	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Terry	Terry
11am	Vron	Wendy
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
6pm	Sebastian Bath	Lucas Demo
9am	Mitchell Welsh, Emma Welsh	Samara Passmore, Tessa Donnelly, D Kiernan
11am	Ava Banks, Aurelia Banks, Kanatip Pancha	Lucas Huynh, Sari Prabawo
5pm	Jolly Family	Matthew Sayah, Jacob Melham, M Gonsalves
Count. Tm	17th December	27th December
	Sonia & Craig Nugent, Joe Thoppill	Alex Barnard, Elizabeth George, John Hasler
Cleaning	20th December	13th December
	Gab Gordon, G. Bartosikova, F. Taylor	Angela Skoljarev,
Flowers	6th—13th December	20th—27th December
	Trish Andreoli, Louise Renshaw	Liz Young, Lena Scarinci
Piety Stall	15th-16th December	22nd-23rd December
Sat 6pm Sun 9am Sun 11am	Ann Gregg, Geraldine McDonagh Trish Thomas Mary Lane, Geoff Lane	Anne Doran Diana Wooding Bridie Sexton
C Liturgy	16th December	23rd December
Sun 9am Sun 11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy in term 4</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy in term 4</i>
Tea Trolley	16th December	23rd December
Sun 9am	C Donovan, B & R & Scantlebury	J Chandler, M McDonnel



# Weekly Activities

**HIGH SPIRITS:** Every Tuesday during school term in the Community Centre from 4pm—5pm (come early for refreshments). It is aimed at all parish children who do not attend Catholic schools. It teaches Faith Development and prepares children for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation when appropriate. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please spread the word. Email: [highspiritsmornington@gmail.com](mailto:highspiritsmornington@gmail.com) / Dorinnia on 0428 872 393.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: EVERY SUNDAY AT 9am and 11am MASSES** for all children in Grades 2-6 (not during school holiday). **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please call Parish Office 5975 2200.

**LITTLE MAC'S PLAYGROUP:** for pre-school children and their carers. 9:45-11:30am Wednesdays in the Community Centre during school term time Gold Coin donation. Further details: Email: [littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com)

**PARISH CHOIR:** We practice every Thursday in the church after 9:15am Mass. New Members of all ages are always welcome. Enquiries: Louise 5975 2773

**THE LEGION OF MARY:** Meets every Wednesday after Mass in the Community Centre. Please ring Ron Fitzgerald on 5974 2130.

**MINISTER UNTO GOD PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesdays at 10am in Community Centre.

**MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART PRAYERS CENACLE:** Tuesdays 2pm—3pm in the Community Centre.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:** Meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10am in the Sacristy Room. Please call Wally 5975 1159 for further details.

**MACARTAN CLUB- A Club for Retirees and Senior Parishioners** Bep Methers 5976 4103, General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month in the Community Centre after the 9:15 am Mass. Parishioners and Potential New Members are always welcome to attend meetings and events. **Our small groups are now in recession for the Christmas and New Year period.**

Over 40 members enjoyed a delicious Xmas lunch last Monday at Norwood House. Michael Waters, our MC, kept us entertained with jokes and Bernadette Methers was our guest singer on guitar with popular Xmas music. John & Marcelle Azzopardi dedicated a 50th Wedding anniversary song to Angela & Ken Wall. Congratulations Angela & Ken. They were presented with a Gold Rose to commemorate this special occasion. This has been a tradition since the club commenced in 1995. Acknowledgement of the late Don Raynor was made by Chris Smyth when presented with the East Timor jar with the amt of \$327. Don initiated this charitable donation. The jar weighed 13.3kg made up of loose change over 12 mths. The Macartan Club wishes all parishioners a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. The next monthly meeting is on Friday 25th Jan 2019, 10am at the Community Centre.

**FRIENDSHIP CUPPA: Dates: November 9th and 23rd** But take note, on the 23rd instead of meeting at 10:30am, we will meet at 12:30am to conclude the year with a lunch. Same place with the only difference of the time, and you'll need to book for this, so please ring Josie on 0405380841. Hope to see you there.

**ST MAC'S CAFÉ:** Open 7pm—9pm in the Community Centre. FREE cuppa and food, good music and great company. OPEN TO EVERYONE! We look forward to seeing you there!

**St Mac's Cafe will open for the last time for 2018 on the 12th of December.**

**The Cafe will re-open on 30th January 2019.**

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

**Men's Night.** We are now in recession for the Christmas and New Year period and shall return in February with a BBQ. Onions will be under the snags. Safe Travelling. The three Amigos."

