

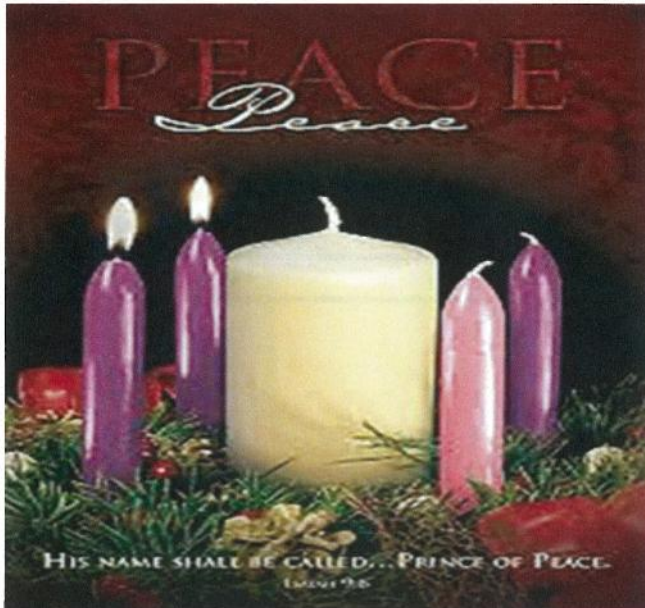
**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



**4 Drake St, Mornington VIC 3931**

**Parish Office:** 9.30am-3pm Tuesday to Friday; **Ph:** 5975 2200  
**Email:** [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au) **Web:** [stmacartansparish.com.au](http://stmacartansparish.com.au)  
**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Geoffrey McIlroy  
**Parish Secretary:** Theresa Collard



**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 Weekday Mass

Or contact parish office for appointment.

**Anointing Mass: 1st Fri of the Month**

**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

**Padua College** Ph: 5976 0100

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Bernard Butler  
0419 427 408

**Pastoral Coordinator:** Refer Parish Secretary

**RCIA:** Deacon Kevin Pattison

**Finance Committee:** Frank Crea (0417 104 041)

**High Spirits Co-Ord.** TBA

**Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator:** TBA

**Little Macs Playgroup:** Email: [littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:littlemacsplaygroup@gmail.com)

**Parish 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 4th December 2019**

**Marriage Preparation & Any Counselling:**

Charmaine Holmes, Ph: 59772665

**Recently Deceased:** Ted Smyth (NZ), Rev Joseph Yu PE, Rev Christopher Toms

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Duryea, Laurie Drake, David Church,

# Mass Intentions

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Graham Oliver, Richard Holloway, Laura Castelow, Julie Nash, Margaret O'Connor, Jay Keogh, Sophie Davidsen, Cinzia Caboche, Robert Warne, Dean Pratt, Trent Wilkinson, Esma Murphy, Eva Balista, Kate Maree Ayoub (Tunks) Frances McLean, Richard Meech, Colleen, Noah Guest, Carly Guy, , Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Barrett, Ally Roe, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Eileen Young, Stuart Poustie, Peter Hingston, Dave Mortby, Lynne Anderson, Naomi Andrews, Peter Atkinson, Kevin Paganoni, Jeannie Fox, Phyllis Molloy, Terry Lyons, Renee Barker, Courtney Stevens, , Mary Cattermole, Joseph Aquilina, Helen & Denis Chambers, Mark Allan, Lucas Pingiaro, Fernando Pineda, Jim Kershaw (NZ), Bernadette Harvey (NZ), David Taylor NZ), Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa and Pat Greally, Bert Limpens.

**Seriously ill:** Catherine Ternent

**First Reading** Is 11:1-10

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

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He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight,

a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay,

but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid,

calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's bounds.
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.
4. May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. (R.)

**Second Reading** **Rom 15:4-9**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Lk 3:4 6.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths

All people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel Mt 3:1—12**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

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

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**Communion Antiphon** Bar 5:5, 4:36

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

### **Advent Sunday 2 - 8 December**

Peace is one of God's gifts to us. John the Baptist was a prophet calling the people of Israel to repent, to find peace with God.

John also declared that it is in our actions of love and justice that God's peace is shown. May we by our actions help to prepare the way for the coming of Peace.

### **PLATINUM Jubilee Celebration for Sr Ena Tobin**

Sr Ena would like to say a big thank you to Fr Gill, Veronica and the musical team, and to everyone who attended her Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Special thanks to Maureen Ellis, Ann Clements and Helen Grundy who prepared the venue for morning tea. God Bless you all, your loving support is much appreciated. Sr Ena Tobin.



*The Love of Christ Urges Us*

### **Archbishop Denis Hart to visit St Macartans Church Archbishop of Melbourne 2001—18**

His Grace, Archbishop Denis Hart, will be joining Fr Geoff to celebrate Mass on the 5th January at the 11 am Mass. Please mark it in your calendar.



### Deepest Sympathy

We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the Taylor Family in the recent passing of their loved one, Bernard John Taylor.

Please remember him in your prayers.

**Prayer Service will be held at St Macartan's Church on Tuesday 10th December at 11am.**

### St Macs Gift Shop

If you haven't recently visited the Gift Shop, drop past and have a look. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the variety of gifts we have for your loved ones at Christmas.

We have Lanterns from Germany, great as a Christmas table centre piece. Also on offer are the crystal blocks with 3D images of religious figures, Holy Family, Crucifixion, Holy Communion and others. Stands can also be purchased which highlight the figures in white or soft colours. Christmas cards and Columban calendars are selling well along with the Comfort Crosses, so don't miss out.

Further items have been marked down to make room for the new, so come and have a look and pick up a bargain.

Consider a gift from the Gift Shop this Christmas. It just may be the gift to rekindle someone's faith. **We now have Efpos.**

### Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - 7th & 8th December 2019—There will be a Leaving Collection after each Mass

Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Thousands of children and young people will have access to safe and engaging learning environments thanks to the generosity of the clergy and parishioners of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciates your generosity in facilitating this work and very much hopes it will continue.

**Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.**



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

### **BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT**

**BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate**

What a wonderful collection to help our guests celebrate a festive season.

We'll be back the first weekend in March. Every blessing for Christmas and 2020.

### Collection for Timor L'este

*This week is our collection for Maria Auxiliadora Clinic, Venilale.*

Infant creams and soothing ointments and clothing all welcome. Please remember that clothing needs be cotton, colourful and small sized.

We hope to help every family member celebrate their new birth.

### THINK ABOUT IT      The second Week of Advent

The crib is built, the clothes are sewn, neighbors are ready to help.

All the planning is turned upside down - a decree that the family will report to Bethlehem.

## **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.



## **MINIMAL GLUTEN WAFER**

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

## **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

2nd Collection Weekly Pledge: \$3,028  
1st Collection Presbytery: \$1,575

## **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

New Thanksgiving Envelopes for the period of the 17th November 2019—8th November 2020 are now available for collection in the Main Foyer.

**Please pick up your envelopes to save the Parish the expense of mailing them out.**

## **Christmas 2019 Masse Times**

### **Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December**

Children's Mass: 5 pm

Family Mass: 7.30 pm Carols from 7 pm

Vigil Mass: 11 pm Carols from 10.30 pm

### **Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December**

Morning Mass: 9 am and 10.30 am

**There will be no 5 pm Mass on Christmas Day**



## **Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5 pm**

Will you be attending the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass?

Do you have primary school-aged children?

If so, we would love them to join us in preparing for the Mass. All children welcome, we need readers, singers and lots more to make this a truly special event. Preparations will take place Tuesday afternoons



**When: Nov 12, 19, 26 Dec 3, 10, 17 @ 4 pm – 5 pm**  
**Arrive early for refreshments!**

**Where: St Macartan's Community House**

To sign up or for further information, parents please contact -**Trish** on 0418 139 599 or **Lisa** on 0433 110 202

# ROSTERS

Readers	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Josie Raccanello, Brian Scantlebarry	Fay Murphy,
9am	John Azzopardi, Don Ziino	Paul Girolami, Kevin Morley
11am	Chinelo Chiezey, Ugo Chiezey	Brianna Dakin, Bernadette McLean
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Frank Raccanello, Carol Williams	Sue Fletcher Rod Shaw
9am	Marcelle Azzopardi, John Lewis, Mary Lewis	Pat Girolami, Trish Thomas, Joseph Thoppil
11am	Sandra Barret, Barbara Ensil, Sheila Goddard	Geoffrey Lane Mary Lane Bridie Sexton
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Chris and Co	Chris and Co
5pm	Billy and Co	Emily and Co
AV Ops	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Tony R	Chris Curtain
9am	Marlene & Terry Said	Marlene & Terry Said
11am	Brian Handasyde	Graham M
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Terry	Terry
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
6pm	Lucas Demo	Lucas Demo
9am	Samara Passmore, Tes Donnelly, Denham Kiernan	Samara Passmore, Tes Donnelly, Denham Kiernan
11am	Lucas Huynh, Sari Prabawo	Lucas Huynh, Sari Prabawo
5pm	Matt Sayah, Jacob Melham, Mitssy Gonsalves	Matt Sayah, Jacob Melham, Mitssy Gonsalves
Counters	9th December	9th December
	K Kershaw, T&P Moore, K McInerneu	K Kershaw, T&P Moore, K McInerneu
Cleaning	12th December	19th December
	Eileen Hallett, Martha Sarpa, Maggie Holdsworth	Bernard Butler, Terry Holt, Terry Mcakenzie, James Nguyen
Flowers	5th—12th December	19th—26th December
	Mary Arter, Monica Martini	Cheryl Noble
Piety Stall	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
Sat 6.00pm Sun 9am Sun 11am	Anne McKenna Ann Wilson	Anne Anderson Trish Thomas Mary and Geoff Lane
C Liturgy	7th—8th December	14th—15th December
Sun 9am/11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	8th December	15th December
Sun 9am	Alwyn Azzopardi	Catherine Donavon

# Weekly Activities

**HIGH SPIRITS:** The Position of High Spirits Coordinator has now been filled and will commence first term in 2020. There will be no High Spirits for the remainder of the year.

**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); We are looking for Volunteers to continue the Playgroup in 2019. A current working with children check is essential.



**PARISH CHOIR:** We practice every Thursday in the church after 9:15am Mass.

New Members of all ages are always welcome. Enquiries: Louise 0409 558 922

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

**MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART PRAYERS CENACLE:** Tues 2-3pm in Community Centre.

**THE LEGION OF MARY:** Meets every Wednesday after Mass in the Community Centre.

Please ring Ron Fitzgerald on 0428287101. "Family that prays together, stays together"

**RECITE THE ROSARY:** Come and join us in a beautiful contemplation on Jesus's life during reciting the Rosary. Let's answer "YES" to our Mother Mary's call to honour and grow closer to her Son Jesus! Every Monday 8pm St Mac's Church - Gabi 0448 947 748

**GATHERINGS GROUP:** Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10.00am in the Community Centre.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:** Meets on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10am in the Sacristy Room. Please call Wally Sharman on ph 59751159. for further details.

**MACARTAN CLUB; A club for Retirees and Senior Parishioners.**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12 00 pm Christmas Luncheon Norwood House Nepean Highway Mount Martha.**

Activities will resume at our January 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Any queries contact John Azzopardi on 58752289

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month – 3.30pm for 4.00pm. in the Community Centre. The Mornington Region meets monthly – 4th. Tuesday of the month – in the Sacristy Room.

Contact: Paul Girolami 0400147875



**FRIENDSHIP CUPPA New Venue - Biscottini Café 157 Main St, Mornington**

Cost: your own cuppa. Everyone Welcome. Parking at rear of shop & laneway access. Dates for the Calendar-Friday 10:30 am October 11th and 25<sup>th</sup> ; November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Last dates for the year .

**ST MAC'S CAFÉ:** Open Every Wed 6.30pm—8.30pm in the Community Centre. FREE cuppa and food, good music and great company. OPEN TO EVERYONE! We look forward to seeing you there.

Any queries please phone Bernard on 0419 427408.



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

## **St Macartan's Youth Group : Age: 13 -25**

Come connect with the youth of St Macs and grow in faith over games, prayer, talks and discussion

When: Every second Sunday 5.45pm – 7.30pm

Age: 13-25 Year sixes transitioning to year 7 for next year are welcome to join

Next youth group TBA—Dinner provided

