

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



**HAVE YOU
thought?**
**A sacramental
moment**

When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus' baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God's favour upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God's presence could be so easily recognised at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him.

MASS TIMES

Weekdays: Tues-Sat 9:15am

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

1st Sunday of the Month: Filipino Mass 7pm
(In Tagalog)

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass, Wednesday & Saturdays

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 3:45pm-4.30pm

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

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

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 5th February 2020

Marriage Preparation & Any Counselling:

Charmaine Holmes, Ph: 59772665

Recently Deceased: Godfrey Pinto, Father Pat Greally (NZ)

Mass Intentions

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Graham Oliver, Richard Holway, 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, Marianne 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, Bert Limpens, John Mahony

Seriously ill: Michael Nicolaou

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;

he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. 10-13, R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Appostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation Mk 9.8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon Jn. 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

St Macartan's MONDAY Parishioners

After 9:15 am Communion service on Monday 13th January, there will be no further Communion or other services on a Monday.

A communion service was intended for when Sunday Eucharist was unable to be celebrated because of lack of a Priest or some other serious reason and never to permanently replace a weekday Mass.

Monday's are Father's, one day off a week and thus, no services are scheduled.

Fr Geoff

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: \$3,461

1st Collection Presbytery: \$2,130



Deepest Sympathy

We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the Family of Nino Pinto in the recent passing of their loved one.
Please remember him in your prayers.

Dear ministers of communion to the sick and infirmed,
I would greatly appreciate meeting with you all.

I have asked Clive Tucker to organise a meeting, he will be in contact with you, or please contact Clive on 0421 772 563, so as arrangements can be made.
Also Barbara Ensil to assist in coordinating this team.

And thank you for all the wonderful care you give to others.
Fr Geoff.

Rosters for Sunday Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The roster for February to May will be drawn up in mid-January.

This covers 3 weekend Masses - **Saturday 6.00, Sunday 9.00 and 11.00.**

Those who are already on the roster, and are happy with their details, need do nothing.

Any current volunteer who would like to change their preferred time or their ministry, please let me know by message to the parish office.

NEW VOLUNTEERS MOST WELCOME - PLEASE HELP.

Many thanks, Chris Smyth

We are also looking for volunteers to operate the AV at the 9am Mass.

Please contact Veronica on 0418 358 213

Hello from Fr Geoff

Well I've been here nearly one month now and what a whirlwind it has been. especially over the Christmas period, new liturgies and new ways of doing things, it has been a steep learning curve, so thank you for your patience with me.

Aren't we all blessed to be part of this wonderful community, with the myriad of different ministries, groups, committees, volunteer teams etc. I have been reading some of the history of this Parish and Schools, as well as trying to get to know everyone, which will take a while, but I appreciate all of you who come up to me and share your stories and invite me for a cuppa and a chat - it's very considerate.

As soon as all the Parish groups start again for this year, I will endeavour to attend their first meetings, to learn what it is they do and how best I can support them. So all groups please send me an invite to your meetings. There will be some changes that must be done, but I always do them with the best interests of the Parish in mind. I have inherited some systems and procedures which may need refining? Others are excellent.

My vision for this Parish is a positive and optimistic one, and I will outline more in detail in weeks to come. I will be meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council and finance committees soon. Until then, if there are any issues or information you want to share, please email them to the Parish office or you are welcome to come and see me.

Below I have copied in a statement from our Archbishop Peter about the fire tragedy and I have put a special prayer on the next page. Let us all please find time to pray it regularly during the rest of summer.

Blessings

Fr Geoff

"For days now, our skies across Melbourne have been filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, the bordering States of NSW and South Australia, are in dire need. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts." - **Archbishop Peter Comensoli**

Help our neighbours by donating at www.vinnies.org.au
or as part of our Parish Special Collection on Australia Day weekend.

St Macs Gift Shop

The St Mac's Gift Shop would like to wish all of you peace, happiness and good health for the coming year. We would also like to thank you for supporting the Gift Shop and hope we have been of service to you over the past 6 months. Your support is very much appreciated and we hope it will continue.

I would like to thank our current volunteers for their endless support. Without them the Piety couldn't exist. We are also in urgent need of more volunteers, especially for the 6pm Saturday Mass. If you attend the 5pm Youth Mass on Sunday and you would like to become a volunteer, please let me know. It would be great to have the Gift Shop open for all Masses.

The Trade Fair, where the bulk of our stock is purchased, is in February, so to make room for new stock we are currently in the process of further mark downs, great discounts for you, so please come along and grab a bargain or two. The unsold Columban Calendars are due to be returned for refund within the next few weeks, so if you haven't yet purchased yours, don't delay.

Note: We now have Efpos

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land,
on our starving and
displaced animals,
on our failing crops and burning
farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.
Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,
those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.
Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires
and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

ROSTERS

Readers	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
6pm	Josie Raccanello, Iris Hallinan	Kees Duyvestyn Michael Negri
9am	Spencer Meier, Don Ziino	Paul Girolami, Kevin Morely
11am	Bernard Butler, Charmaine Holmes	Joan Clements, Irene Hackett
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
6pm	Sue Fletcher, Frank Raccanello	Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher, Michael Turner
9am	Frank Crea, John Lewis, Mary Lewis	Delina Frank, Pat Girolami, Trish Thomas
11am	Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil, Sheila Goddard	Sandra Barret, Julie Seal, John Spaziani
5pm	Mario Leitaio, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitaio, Craig Nugent
Music	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Chris @ Co	Billie @ Co
5pm	Emily/Kiara/Lulu	Emily/Kiara/Lulu
AV Ops	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	TBA	Chris Curtain
11am	Graham Michel	Graham M
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	TBA	TBA
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
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	13th January	20th January
	John Sumner, Grahame Michel	Kevin Kershaw, Kerry McInerney
Cleaning	9th January 2020	16th January 2020
	Craig Nugent, Joe Thoppill	Alex Barnard, Elizabeth George, John Hasler
Flowers	2nd-9th January 2020	16th-23rd January 2020
	Trish Andreoli, Louise Renshaw	Anna Redmond
Piety Stall	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
Sat 6.00pm Sun 9am Sun 11am	TBA Anna McKenna Anna Wilson	Anne Anderson Trish Thomas Geoff and Mary Lane
C Liturgy	11th-12th January	18th-19th January
Sun 9am/11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	12th January	19th January
Sun 9am	Alwyn Azzopardi	Catherine Donovan, Brian Scantlebury

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;

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: Will resume next Year, 11th Feb 2020

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.

Club members are advised that the next general meeting will be held on Friday 24th January 2020 after the 9.15 Mass.

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

Will resume next year, dates TBA



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. **Will resume 29th January 2020.**

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

Dinner provided **Will resume in 2020 dates TBA**

