

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



4 Drake St, Mornington VIC 3931

Parish Office: 9:30am-3pm Tuesday to Friday; **Ph:** 5975 2200

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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



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,

Holy hour Sunday 3:45pm-4.30pm (approx)

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, Kathleen Ronchi

Padua College Ph: 5976 0100

Parish Pastoral Council: Bernard Butler
0419 427 408

Finance Committee: Frank Crea
0417 104 041

St Mac's High Spirits - Faye Melhem
Contact Parish Office

Parish Caretaker : John Spaziani:
0419 598 911

Parish Care Contacts: Parish Office
5975 2200

Music & Funeral Co-Ordinator-
Veronica Ryan 5975 6981/ 0418 358 213

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting —

8pm Wednesday 4th March 2020

Marriage Preparation & Any Counselling:
Charmaine Holmes, Ph: 59772665

Recently Deceased: Matthew Vaughan, Elaine McVeigh

Anniversaries: Marie and Paul Peral, Laurie and John Robinson and Patricio Rojas

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Graham Oliver, 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, , Peter Hingston, Dave Mortby, Lynne Anderson, Naomi Andrews, Peter Atkinson, Kevin Paganoni, Jeanie 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, Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the prophet Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord, of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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: 3,227
1st Collection Presbytery: \$1,800

St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal



The Society wishes to address some concerns raised in the media concerning distribution of money raised for Bushfire Relief.

We will spend all donated money specifically on the bushfire needs.

We will NOT spend a cent on admin fees.

We will perform our role as second responders as soon as we have access to the isolated communities.

A help line for immediate cash has been set up. We have been very active in the emergency evacuation centre at Bairnsdale distributing petrol and food vouchers, swags, emergency generators etc.

In the recovery stage money will be spent on income support for farms or businesses in need; stock replacements, counselling, white goods, generators, tank cleaning or replacement etc.

Access to Mallacoota and Corryong has been taken up. And the recovery process will take at least 18 months.



"Men's Night BBQ!!

Men's night Thursday 20th February 5.00pm Community Centre

It's on! BBQ Special. Name Tags will be issued. Special guest speaker will report on why the Mud Islands Polo Club's Sports request for the horses change rooms was rejected. All for \$2.00. BYO.

Need Transport? Contact the following.

Kerry 59 76 21 55, Kevin 59 77 25 48, or Michael 0400 151 300

Thanks and Slainte Kerry



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT

BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate

We're starting our 2020 collecting on 29Feb/1 March - two weekends away.

This month we're looking for cooking oil and tins of tuna.

Think About It

Thursday, 20th, is World Day of Social Justice. Yet...FoodBank (with no government funding) is currently supporting 815,000 clients. Some companies which donate to FoodBank have already used up their 2020 donor budget.

Social Justice Group

Musicians & Singers needed for 5pm Sunday mass

We are looking for musicians & singers to join the group for the 5pm mass on Sundays. Pianists and guitarists are especially needed as well as any other instrumentalists and singers.

As of mid-February, there will be no instrumentalists in the group so we would love to see some new faces. Rehearsals are every Sunday before mass.

Please don't hesitate to contact the parish office or Emily on 0478539977



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. ALL YOUTH WELCOME :)

When: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 5:45pm – 7.30pm

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

Dinner provided: **Resumes on Sunday 9th February 2020**



Congratulations To:

**Lacey McGill, Lane McGill, Georgia Yargi, Arher Ally,
Ariana Ally, Maddy Kidd, Grace Sier, Emma Villella,
Madeline Gagliardi.**

Who receive the Sacraments of Baptism this
Sunday 19th January.

May they always walk in the light of Christ.



THE PARISH IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.

We are currently looking for Volunteers to go on the Roster for
the AV Operators and Church Flower Roster

Please contact Mary on 0437 102 483 for the Flower Roster
And the Parish office for the AV Operator Roster.

The intended closure of the Mornington Centrelink Office.

A petition asking to re-consider the closure has been promoted by the Mornington Information Centre. There are petitions available in the church foyers for you to sign.

HIGH SPIRITS

This is catechism for primary aged school children, that do not attend a Catholic School and is designed to instruct them about the Sacraments of first Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. It will held every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6pm in the Community House, beginning on Tuesday 18th February.

It will start with Confirmation classes: February 18th to June 2nd (Ceremony 11th June). First Eucharist and reconciliation classes will begin in July but enrolments will be taken now. Please **e-mail** the Parish Office ASAP, to enrol -

stmacshighspirits@gmail.com

Any child over the age of 8 for Baptism, parents are to make an appointment to see Fr Geoff.

Lenten Program

The 2020 Lenten program 'Be opened – A journey to a New Life' begins on Tuesday 25th February at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start in the Community Centre. We will be following the Archdioceses of Brisbane 7 week program. Each participant will receive a book that contains gospel readings, gospel reflections and personal stories. Everybody is welcome to join us on this Lenten journey. If you require any further information, please contact Jacinta Jolly – 0400 79 1971.

Q: What does it mean to have a Mass “offered” for someone?

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. In our Catholic Parish, there are many requests for scheduling such Mass intentions. Like all Parishes though, we only have a certain amount of Mass intention opportunities.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied.

SPECIAL DAYS: Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for:

- Holy Thursday, Easter, Christmas when the intentions are all “Pro Populo”; For the people.
- Mothers’ Day when the intentions will be “all mothers of the parish, living and deceased”;
- Father’s Day when the intention will be “all fathers of the parish, living and deceased”;
- All Souls’ Day (November 2) when the intention will be “All the faithful departed”.

If for an unforeseen circumstance a Mass cancellation occurs, the intention for the Mass will be rescheduled on the next available opening.

At St Macartan’s: I would ask any Mass intentions be written clearly on a piece of paper or envelope, with: the nominated date and Mass time. The deceased or sick persons name of the Intention, the reason for the intention and from who. Remember if Mass has already been assigned to a Mass Intention, it will be done on the next available date - If you need a particular date. Contact the office and book it in early - But first come first served. Thank you Fr Geoff

ROSTERS

Readers	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
6pm	Iris Hallinan, John McCullagh	Josie Raccanello, Brian Scantlebury
9am	Spencer Meier, Barry Morris	Paul Girolami, Don Ziino
11am	Irene Hackett, Charmain Holmes	Joan Clements, Terry Roberts
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
6pm	Judy Holloway Kathy Raccanello Anna Redmond	Rod Shaw, Michael Turner Carol Williams
9am	Marcelle Azzopardi Michael Kerr Patricia Thomas	Pat Girolami, John Lewis, Mary Lewis
11am	Evelyn Atkins Terry Roberts John Spazziani	Rosina de Petta Bridie Sexton Elvira Spaziani
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Billy & Co	Chris & Co
5pm	Emily & Co	Emily & Co
AV Ops	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
11am	Graham Michel	Graham Michel
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Vron	Vron
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
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	17th February	24th February
	Ted & Philipa Moore, Kelvin Martin	Graham Michel, John Sumner
Cleaning	13th February 2020	20th February 2020
	Bernard Butler Terry Holt Terry McKenzie James Nguyen	Judy Schultz
Flowers	13th February—20th February 2020	27th February—5th March 2020
	Barbara Bradey	Josie Raccanello
Piety Stall	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
Sat 6.00pm	Anne Anderson	Anne Doran
Sun 9am	Trish Thomas	Diana Wooding
Sun 11am	Mary and Geoff Lane	Bridie Sexton
C Liturgy	15th –16th February	22nd-23rd February
Sun 9am/11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	16th February	23rd February
Sun 9am	Rod and Carol Scatlebury	John Chandler, Mike McDonnell

Weekly Activities

HIGH SPIRITS: High Spirits Coordinator is Faye Melhem and will commence 18th February 2020. To register or enquire please e-mail Faye on stmacshighspirits@gmail.com

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 - Sunday 9:15am: 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, 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.

For information about the Macartan Club contact: John Azzopardi (President) 5975 2289
Calendar of Events for this Week:

Thursday 20th February 1.00 pm Film Group Parish Hall Contact John 59752160
Friday 21st February 1.00 pm Cards Solo Parish House Contact Elaine 59771334
Friday 21st February 9.00am Parish House Executive Meeting

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact **John Sumner**
Phone: 5975 2160 Mobile: 0439 671 765 **e-mail: johnsumner99@outlook.com**

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.

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!!!