

**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

**LIVING the gospel**

**Love your enemy**

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.



**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

**AV Technical:** Graeme Wilson  
Email: [gpw611@bigpond.com](mailto:gpw611@bigpond.com)

**St Mac's High Spirits** - Faye Melhem  
Contact Parish Office or email  
[stmacshighspirits@gmail.com](mailto:stmacshighspirits@gmail.com)

**Parish Caretaker :** John Spaziani:  
0419 598 911

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

**Music & Wedding 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

**Anniversaries:** Marie and Paul Peral, Laurie Robinson, Michael Speirani and Oscar Azzopardi.

# Mass Intentions

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Graham Oliver, Laura Castlelow, 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, 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, Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou.

**First Reading** Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

## A reading from the book Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8  
(R.) The Lord is kind and mercifull.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
Grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



**Project Compassion Sunday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together"**.

As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."



You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## **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: 3,197**  
**1st Collection Presbytery: \$1,910**

## **World Day of Prayer 2020**

**The World day of Prayer 2020 has been prepared by the woman of Zimbabwe.**

**When:** Friday 6th March

**Where:** Church of Christ, 84 Wilsons Rd Mornington.

**Guest Speaker:** Wendy Waldie

Wendy and her husband worked in Zimbabwe for 40 years.



Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

## **BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT**

**BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate**

**"We are really short of food in the pantry at present .**

**We would appreciate some help in re-stocking."**

This cry for help arrived this week - just in time for our collection.

The urgent need will be for basic items - cooking oil, basmati rice, sugar, tea, coffee, soap, all detergents and cleaning products.

If you have any "fancy" goods left over from Christmas festivities, they'd be very welcome too as extras.

We haven't helped fill their pantry since before Christmas and in the meantime the number seeking BASP assistance has increased.

PLEASE MAKE THIS A BUMPER COLLECTION ON 29 Feb/1 March.

***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**



### **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 or email - [stmacshighspirits@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday the people of God heard the solemn invitation, *turn away from sin and believe the good news*.

Ash Wednesday services are: 9:15am and 7pm Wednesday 26th February

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

This gospel continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law, but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a mad man to his hearers: don't just allow a person to strike you once; offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic; give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is the final verse of this text that gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying is that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self-giving. God is a God of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self-giving embrace all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God-like in their dealings with others.

- You could discuss examples from Scripture of the unbound generosity of God.
- How have you experienced this in your own life?
- You could discuss the total self-giving of Jesus at his death and all that it achieved for humanity.
- What does that mean for you in your life at this point in your journey?

## **Thanking you all**

Just a little thank you from me to all you wonderful volunteers and participants in the myriad of activities, events and ministries within our church and beyond.

We have a new ministry, now formally gathered, called the Visitation Group. These people are modelled after the 2nd Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to assist her in her hour of need.

The Visitation group go out with communion and compassion and visit with those in nursing homes, hospitals and at homes, where the people cannot come to us.

Feel free to join - Contact Parish Office.

Fr Geoff

# ROSTERS

Readers	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
6pm	Josie Raccanello, Brian Scantlebury	Faye Murphy, Michael Negri
9am	Paul Girolami, Don Ziino	Michael Kerr, Kath Ronchi
11am	Joan Clements, Terry Roberts	Bernard Butler, Heather Reekie
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
6pm	Rod Shaw, Michael Turner Carol Williams	Alis Fisher, Barbara Peach, Lynne Thorpe
9am	Pat Girolami, John Lewis, Mary Lewis	Marcelle Azzopardi, Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil
11am	Rosina de Petta Bridie Sexton Elvira Spaziani	Barbara Ensil, Sheila Goddard, Christina Llopart
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Chris & Co	Billy & Co
5pm	Billy	TBA
AV Ops	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	Brian Handasyde	Need Volunteer
11am	Len Seal	Chris Curtain
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Vron	Vron
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
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	24th February	2nd March 2020
	Graham Michel, John Sumner	Kevin Kershaw, Kerry McInerney, T&P Moore
Cleaning	27th February	5th March
	Gab Gordon Gabriella Bartosikova Frances Taylor	Craig Nugent, Joe Thoppil
Flowers	27th February—5th March 2020	12th —19th March 2020
	Josie Raccanello	Cheryl Noble
Piety Stall	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
Sat 6.00pm	Anne Doran	Need Volunteers
Sun 9am	Diana Wooding	Marie Picton, Rosemarie D'Silva
Sun 11am	Bridie Sexton	Patricia Harper
C Liturgy	22nd-23rd February	29th Feb-1st March
Sun 9am/11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	23rd February	1st March
Sun 9am	John Chandler, Mike McDonnell	Rosemary Mahony

# 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](mailto:stmacshighspirits@gmail.com)

**PARISH 9am SUNDAY 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:**

Minister unto God prayer group has resumed, every Tuesday morning 10-12 in the Parish community centre. Everyone is welcome to join with us in praise and worship and prayer. Also in March we will begin to look deeper into Ps. 91, a promise of God's protection.

**MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART PRAYERS CENACLE:** Tues 1.30-2.30pm 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.

**VISITATION GROUP:** Volunteers who visit the sick, taking communion to their homes, nursing homes and hospitals - Contact Parish office.

**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:

Friday 28th February 1.00pm Cards Solo at the Parish House Contact Elaine on 59771334

Friday 28th February 9.50 am Monthly General Meeting Contact J Azzopardi 59752289

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](mailto: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**

March dates Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ; April 3rd & 17<sup>th</sup> at **10.30 am**



**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!!!

