

1st Sunday of Lent- Year A, 29th February — 1st March 2020

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

AV Technical: Graeme Wilson
Email: gpw611@bigpond.com

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

See Fr Geoff

Recently Deceased: Peter James Sullivan, Clare Monica Vivash

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Graham Oliver, Laura Castle-

low, 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, Col-

leen, 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 Ly-

ons, Renee Barker, Courtney Stevens, Mary Cattermole, Joseph Aquilina, Helen &

Denis Chambers, Mark Allan, Lucas Pingiaro, Fernando Pineda, Jim Kershaw (NZ), Ber-

nadette Harvey (NZ), David Taylor NZ), Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, Bert Limpens,

John Mahony, Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou.

Mass Intentions

First Reading Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12-14

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous 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 Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Communion Antiphon Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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: 3,129
1st Collection Presbytery: \$1,880



Congratulations To:

Bear Eli Wickramasinghe, Hudson Leigh Idczak and Scarlet Ray La Ferlita.

Who receive the Sacraments of Baptism this Sunday 1st March.

May they always walk in the light of Christ.



Project Compassion Sunday **1st Sunday of Lent 1st March**



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines

face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Deepest Sympathy

We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the Sullivan and Vivash Families in the recent passing of their loved ones.

Please remember her in your prayers.

A Requiem Mass will be held at St Macartans Church for Clare Vivash on Tuesday 3rd March at 11.00 am.



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT **BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate** **Think About it**

Mana-na worn-tyeen maar-takoort: Every Aboriginal Person Has a Home
Is the new strategy published by the Victorian Parliament. Why?

"Of Victoria's 60,000 Aboriginal people, 5000 are homeless". 1 in 12.

Thanks to Clay Lucas, The Age, 26 Feb

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 Veronica Ryan 0418 358 213



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: **ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! CALL Fr Geoff**



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.



You are welcome to
The Inaugural Walk of
The Clare Centre Labyrinth

Padua College
Oakbank Rd Mornington
Sunday March 15th 2.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served after
the inaugural walk

RSVP March 12th
enquiry@padua.vic.edu.au Attention Ange Virgona
0407 535 704

World Day of Prayer 2020

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

When: Friday 6th March 10.00 am

Where: Church of Christ, 84 Wilsons Rd Mornington.

Guest Speaker: Wendy Waldie

Wendy and her husband worked in Zimbabwe for 40 years.

Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud

Confession Times

Confession Tues - Thurs 5:30pm - 6pm

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

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.

Do you know? - The Precepts of our Catholic Church

The *Precepts of the Catholic Church* are a description of the **absolute minimum** actions required of Catholics regarding the Church. The Church uses these precepts remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Each of these precepts of the Catholic Church is a requirement. Together with the Ten Commandments, they represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the precepts or the Commandments is a *grave matter*, meaning a mortal sin.

1. *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour.*

We must "sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord" (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation. This requires attending Mass, "and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."

2. *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*

We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament "continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."

3. *You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.*

This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian liturgy."

4. *You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.*

"The fourth precept ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart."

5. *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*

"The fifth precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability."

(These quotations are from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in its section about the Precepts of the Catholic Church (#2041-3).)

Note that these precepts of the Catholic Church are required, **unless** you have a legitimate reason for not meeting them. For example:

- If you are sick, tending to a sick child, or camping in the wilderness on Sunday and cannot get to Mass, it is not a grave violation to miss Mass that day.
- Children, the elderly, and pregnant or nursing women do not have to fast on normal fast days (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

ROSTERS

Readers	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
6pm	Faye Murphy, Michael Negri	Kees Duyvestyn Josie Raccanello
9am	Michael Kerr, Kath Ronchi	Kevin Morley Capri Surace
11am	Bernard Butler, Heather Reekie	Chinelo Chiezey Ugo Chiezey
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
6pm	Alis Fisher, Barbara Peach, Lynne Thorpe	Sue Fletcher, Tricia Hird, Hoyce Ward
9am	Marcelle Azzopardi, Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil	Delina Frank, John Lewis Mary Lewis
11am	Barbara Ensil, Sheila Goddard, Christina Llopart	Sandra Barrett, Julie Seal, John Spaziani
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Billy & Co	Billy & Co
5pm	TBA	TBA
AV Ops	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	Graeme Wison	Len Seal
11am	Chris Curtain	Graham Michel
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Vron	Vron
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th 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	2nd March 2020	9th March 2020
	Kevin Kershaw, Kerry McInerney, T&P Moore	Mary Andrew, John Azzopardi, Barry Murphy
Cleaning	5th March	12th March
	Craig Nugent, Joe Thoppil	Alex Barnard, Elizabeth George, John Hasler
Flowers	12th —19th March 2020	12th —19th March 2020
	No Flowers during Lent	No Flowers during Lent
Piety Stall	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
Sat 6.00pm	Need Volunteers	Diana Peral
Sun 9am	Marie Picton, Rosemarie D'Silva	Anne McKenna
Sun 11am	Patricia Harper	Anne Wilson
C Liturgy	29th Feb-1st March	7th March—8th March
Sun 9am/11am	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	1st March	8th March
Sun 9am	Rosemary Mahony	Alwyn Azzopardi

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

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 or John Sumner 0439 671 765 **e-mail: johnsumner99@outlook.com**

Calendar of Events for this Week:

Thursday 5th March 1.00pm Music Appreciation at Parish Hall for info contact John Azzopardi 59752289

Friday 1st March 1.00pm Cards Solo Community House contact Elaine Phone 59771334

Thursday 12th March 12.00pm Club Lunch @ Grand Hotel Main Street Mornington. For booking and/or cancellation contact Mal on 59750761 before Tuesday 10th March

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

Apologies, due to The World Day of Prayer service, the friendship cuppa on the 6th of March has been cancelled. See you all at the next date



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!!!

