

**2nd Sunday of Lent- Year A, 7th March — 8th 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

**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



### **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:**

See Fr Geoff

**Recently Deceased:** Suzie Abraham, Bert Limpens

**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, John Mahony,  
Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou.

Mass Intentions

**First Reading** Gen 12:1-4

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the  
land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name  
so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading** 2 Tm 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God  
who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have  
done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been grant-  
ed to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by  
the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed  
life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.



**Deepest Sympathy**

We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to Jean and Family in the recent passing of their loved one Bert Limpens.  
Please remember him in your prayers.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Project Compassion  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
8th March 2020**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, 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: 3,195**  
**1st Collection Presbytery: \$2,115**

## **When Irish Eyes Are Smiling!**

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2020 Maria Forde Celtic Tour of Ireland (September 19th – October 3rd, 2020) Enjoy 2 glorious weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside north, south, east, and west; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy live Celtic music, cuisine and learn about their unique Celtic spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour with Irish Australian Singer Maria Forde (20 people max) If you are concerned about traveling alone or have never ventured overseas before please be assured that you will be supported and made very welcome by an Irish driver, guests and myself.

For an itinerary please contact Debbie at Emerald Travel on 03 96902123, [debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au](mailto:debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au) or tour director Maria Forde on 0411158593, [mariaforde1@gmail.com](mailto:mariaforde1@gmail.com)

Visit [www.mariaforde.com](http://www.mariaforde.com) to download your copy of the 2020 Ireland Tour itinerary.



## **Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....**

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email



## **Parish Social Justice Group**

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

**BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate**

### **WHAT A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND!**

The generous Parishioners of St Macartan's filled more than 40 boxes with cooking oil, rice, tuna and many other items.

This is more than double our collection last year and is a wonderful response to the plea from the BASP office. **Our sincerest thank to All.**

### **Think About it**

"I always give this advice to newly weds: 'argue as much as you like, if the plates fly, let them. But never end the day without making peace. Never"

Pope Francis



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served after  
the inaugural walk

RSVP March 12<sup>th</sup>  
[enquiry@padua.vic.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@padua.vic.edu.au) Attention Ange Virgona  
0407 535 704

## 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 be 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.

### **THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

**Stations of the Cross: 7:30-8:15pm EVERY FRIDAY of Lent; in the Church**

Join a prayerful experience of the Stations of the Cross, as it provides you with the opportunity to enter into a meditation upon Jesus' final journey to the Cross. Praying the Stations of the Cross is often associated with Lent and while not a re-enactment, the Stations do enable us to reflect on how in our own lives we follow in Jesus' path. Jesus' journey to the cross reminds us of the depth of his love for humanity, his capacity for self-sacrifice and his absolute commitment to the service of others. A booklet is provided which contains a scriptural approach to the Stations, based upon Matthew's gospel. After reading the scripture passage, we are invited to reflect, think and pray.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Technically, Lent is not 40-days-long** - If you take a look at your calendar, you'll notice that the time between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, there are actually 46 days. Lent is celebrated for 40 days simply because Sundays are not included in Lent, despite the popularity of most Catholic communities including each Sunday. During these "free" days, it is traditional to commemorate the resurrection of Christ by celebrating and feasting.

**"No Meat Fridays" in Lent have exceptions** - Catholics observing Lent choose to eat fish, not meat, on Fridays during Lent, but there are a few interesting exceptions to the rule.

In the 1600s, a group of monks in France allowed puffins to be considered fish, since their "natural habitat was as much terrestrial as aquatic," and the bird was allowed to be eaten on Fridays.

Two years ago, the National Bishops' Conference approved of the consumption of alligator on Friday as the beast "is considered in the fish family."

In 2006, several American bishops have a special dispensation to eat meat on Friday during Lent because St. Patrick's Day fell on a Friday and it is traditional to eat corned beef brisket for his feast day.

**Precept 2 of the Catholic Church: Receive reconciliation at least once per year.**

Catholics above the age of reason (over 7), are required to confess their grave sins to a priest, at least once per year, (1983 CIC 989, 991). Strictly speaking, persons free of grave sin are not required to, but all Catholics are strongly encouraged to bring even their venial sins to confession yearly (1983 CIC 988). Certainly persons conscious of having committed grave sins should not delay in seeking absolution. A well-executed "penance service" (2nd Rite) is a wholesome activity for Christians, but it is not sacramental confession and does not satisfy this requirement.

# ROSTERS

Readers	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
6pm	Kees Duyvestyn Josie Raccanello	Iris Hallinan, John McCullagh
9am	Kevin Morley Capri Surace	Spencer Meier, Barry Morris
11am	Chinelo Chiezey Ugo Chiezey	Irene Hackett, Charmaine Holmes
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex.Ministers	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
6pm	Sue Fletcher, Tricia Hird, Hoyce Ward	Judy Jolloway, Kathie Raccanello, Anna Redmond
9am	Delina Frank, John Lewis Mary Lewis	Marcelle Azzopardi, Michael Kerr, Patricia Thomas
11am	Sandra Barrett, Julie Seal, John Spaziani	Evelyn Atkins, Terry Roberts, John Spaziani
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Co
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Billy & Co	Billy & Co
5pm	TBA	TBA
AV Ops	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	Len Seal	Len Seal
11am	Graham Michel	Graham Michel
5pm	Marino Cassamento	Marino Cassamento
P'point Prs	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Vron	Vron
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th 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	9th March 2020	16th March 2020
	Mary Andrew, John Azzopardi, Barry Murphy	Alwyn Azzopardi
Cleaning	12th March	19th March
	Alex Barnard, Elizabeth George, John Hasler	Richard Jolly, Jacinta Jolly
Flowers	12th —19th March 2020	12th —19th March 2020
	No Flowers during Lent	No Flowers during Lent
Piety Stall	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
Sat 6.00pm Sun 9am Sun 11am	Diana Peral Anne McKenna Anne Wilson	Anne Anderson Trish Thomas Mary and Geoffrey Lane
C Liturgy	7th March—8th March	14th March—15th March
Sun 9	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	8th March	15th March
Sun 9am	Alwyn Azzopardi	Catherine Donovan, Brian, Rod, Carol Scantlebury

# 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.

**PARISH 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. New members always welcome.

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

## **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](mailto:johnsumner99@outlook.com)**

### **Calendar of Events for this Week:**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** 12.00pm Club Luncheon at Grand Hotel Main Street Mornington. For cancellations and/or bookings contact Mal Fordyce before Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March on 59750761

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** 1.00pm Cards Solo Community House Contact Elaine on 59771334

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** 12.00pm Club **BBQ** at the Parish Hall

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

