

**3rd Sunday of Lent- Year A, 14th March — 15th 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

**Also Charmaine Holmes: 5977 2567**

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Cattermole, Shane Connell, Terry Lions, Tom Whelan and Kate Hoben.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Vino, Bartolo Vino, Mark Smyth, Mary Radomski and Douglas Wells.

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

## Mass Intentions

### First Reading EX 17:3-7

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. 22. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading Rom 5:1.5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### Gospel Acclamation Jen 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

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

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



**Congratulations To:**  
**Ashton Gregory Aldham and Anastasia Grace Cook**  
Who receive the Sacraments of Baptism this  
Sunday 15th March.  
May they always walk in the light of Christ.

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Due to contamination risk of the coronavirus the following measures will be put in place:

- There will be no anointing Mass on the first Friday of April. It will be reviewed each month and we will let you know, when it is all clear to resume.
- Group anointing masses in Nursing homes, is also temporarily suspended.
- The St Macartan's Primary School is planning for all eventualities and will keep parents constantly informed.
- There will only be one (1) collection at all Masses. You are asked to drop your envelopes or loose money into the bags, at the Church exits, on you way out at the end of Mass.
- All public person to person contact is discouraged.
- If you feel unwell, have cold or flu like symptoms - Please stay at home and contact your Doctor. Missing Mass, if you are sick, is quite Ok.
- St Macartans Visitation Team and any visitors going to **Nursing Homes** on behalf of the Parish are to **cease** from Today

## **Deepest Sympathy**



We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the Cattermole, Connell, Whelan, Lions and Hoben families on the recent passing of their loved ones  
Please remember him in your prayers.

There will be a Prayer Service for Shane Connell at St Macartans Church on Wednesday 18th March at 1pm.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

2013 – 2016 Australia spent \$9.6 billion on its policies of onshore and offshore detention and turning back boats.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Project Compassion  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
15th March 2020**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**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



## **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: 2,873**

**1st Collection Presbytery: \$1,950**

## **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**



## **St Macartan's Gift Shop**

With all the stock sold over Christmas our shelves were almost bare. We have now received all the new stock, stock we haven't had previously and hopefully gifts to satisfy all. There is more of a variety for Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. We also have one or two things for reconciliation. Please call by and have a look at what is available and then you will know if we can assist when you are looking for that special gift. The Gift Shop is there to assist you so please take advantage and support us when possible.

There will be a Gift Shop Volunteer meeting on Thursday 19th at 10.30am. It is important that all volunteers attend. If you can't please let me know and I will catch up with you separately. I would like to go over a few things and take you into the Gift Shop and go through the new stock, followed by morning tea and a chat.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Volunteer for the Gift Shop you are welcome to come along and see what is involved. All we ask is for 30 minutes once a month. We are aiming to have two Volunteers at each Mass so please if you would like to join the team call me on 0425 749 379 – Thanks Trish



"We regret to advise that due to the Virus outbreak, the 19th March Soiree will not be held. We shall review the situation on a monthly basis. We wish all in the meantime safe travelling, and as the Irish would say "may the hand of a friend always be near you"  
Thanks and slainte Kerry

## **HIGH SPIRITS**

Due to contamination risk of the coronavirus, there will be **no High Spirits class this Tuesday 17th March**. This will be reviewed for the following week and a notification will be put in the Bulletin to confirm the next class.

## **Parish Footy Tipping 2020**

Are you wishing to join? Go to ESPN footy tips and join **St Macartans Parish Footy Tipping Competition**. The password is drake. The cost is \$30 ( \$25 Home and Away and Finals \$5) To Join contact Geoffrey 59751707 or 0447744802

## **Lenten Program**

The 2020 Lenten program 'Be opened – A journey to a New Life' is on Tuesday 25th 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.

## **IN MEMORIUM - TOM WHELAN**

There was a wonderful man who came from the beautiful shores of Ireland, to visit Mornington on his holidays and each time he was here, this wonderful soul would gladly volunteer, not just to join in the eating and friendship of the Saturday morning Men's breakfast, but would cook magnificent pancakes for us all. His great cooking was only surpassed by his warm personality, his Irish joking and genuine friendship.

Tom Whelan, was his name and he passed away recently and we miss him dearly.

Merciful Lord, open the gates of paradise to your servant Tom and help all who remain, especially Jacky his daughter, to comfort each other with assurance of faith until we meet again in Christ.

From all your friends here at St Macartan's, especially the Men's Breakfast.  
Tom - You will not be forgotten. Especially when we smell pancakes ;- )

## **DID YOU KNOW ABOUT DIVINE MERCY?**

Shortly before the outbreak of World War II, a simple, young, uneducated Polish nun received a special calling. On the night of Sunday, February 22, 1931, while she was in her cell, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina as the "King of Divine Mercy." He was wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his Sacred Heart. He would continue to appear and speak to her, and for four years St. Faustina recorded Jesus' words, her visions, and her own thoughts and prayers in a personal diary.

Jesus gave St. Faustina a special mission, telling her, *"I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful Heart."* He also said to her, *"You are the secretary of My Mercy. I have chosen you for that office in this and the next life."* In visions that followed, Jesus asked Saint Faustina to be His instrument for spreading the message of His Mercy to all the world.

The Divine Mercy devotion, promulgated by St Faustina was later accepted for the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II ("The Mercy Pope").

# ROSTERS

Readers	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
6pm	Iris Hallinan, John McCullagh	Josie Raccanello Brian Scantlebury
9am	Spencer Meier, Barry Morris	Paul Girolami Don Ziino
11am	Irene Hackett, Charmaine Holmes	Joan Clements Terry Roberts
5pm	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers	Gabriella Faila, Volunteers
Ex Minister	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
6pm	Judy Jolloway, Kathie 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 Spaziani	Rosina de Petta Bridie Sexton Elvira Spaziani
5pm	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent	Mario Leitao, Craig Nugent
Music	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
6pm	Vron & Co	Vron & Justin
9am	Carmen and Choir	Carmen and Choir
11am	Billy & Co	Canto Vida
5pm	TBA	TBA
AV Ops	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
6pm	Tony Ryan	Tony Ryan
9am	Len Seal	James Barret
11am	Graham Michel	Chris Curtain
5pm	Marino Casamento	Marino Casamento
P'point Prs	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
6pm	Vron	Vron
9am	Vron	Vron
11am	Vron	Vron
5pm	Vron	Vron
Altar Svrs	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd 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	16th March 2020	23rd March 2020
	Alwyn Azzopardi	Brian Shannon Neil Houniet John Wallace
Cleaning	19th March	26th March
	Richard Jolly, Jacinta Jolly	Melissa Kiernan Janine Ward
Flowers	12th —19th March 2020	March 2020
	No Flowers during Lent	No Flowers during Lent
Piety Stall	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
Sat 6.00pm	TBA	Anne Anderson
Sun 9am	Trish Thomas	Diana Wooding and Rosemary Fowler
Sun 11am	Mary and Geoffrey Lane	Bridie Sexton
C Liturgy	14th March—15th March	21st March—22nd March
Sun 9	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>There will be no Children's Liturgy</i>
Tea Trolley	15th March	22nd March
Sun 9am	Catherine Donovan, Brian, Rod, Carol Scantlebury	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 19th March** 1.00pm Film Group Parish Hall .Contact John Sumner 59752160

**Friday 20th March** 9.00am Executive Meeting Community House

**Friday 20th March** 1.00pm Cards Solo Community House Contact Elaine 59771334

**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 - La Sorella (by Twisted Sister) 18A Main St**

March 20th, April 3rd and 17th 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!!!

