PARISH BULLETIN St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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MASS TIMES

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended. In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand or http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass). Or https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au/ Also - St Macartan's

https://www.belindajanevideo.com/clientvideo/st-macartans-catholic-mass/

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Recently Deceased: John Calway and Michael Dowling

Anniversaries: Vera and Hugh Harvey, Jean Cooper, Barry Madigan.

Mass Intentions

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, 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, 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.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.)Lord, you will show us the path of life.

- 1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
- I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
- O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
- 2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
- 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
- For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
- 4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon Lk 2:35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Care Packages for those in Need

As part of the Mornington Peninsula 'Caring for our Community' initiative, the Shire is offering care packages for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and isolated community members to address the impacts of Coronavirus on the Peninsula.

You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are experiencing short term issues due to COVID-19 are unwell
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- ·have no support locally
- are experiencing significant hardship

How do I or someone I know, register to receive care packages?

To register to receive a care package from Mornington Peninsula Shire phone 1300 850 600.

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone 131 450

TTY/voice calls: 133 677 Speak and listen: 1300 555 727 SMS relay: 0423 677 767 If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the National Relay Service: communications.gov.au

For those in mandatory self-isolation, the state government have Emergency Relief packages you can access by calling the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Continuing to Keep Our Parish Secure: Now and in The Future

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we encourage all parishioners to participate in thanksgiving contributions by using direct debit, thank you to the few who have taken up this option. Our Parish contributions over the last three weekends has dropped by 50%. This is leaving the Parish in a financially vulnerable position and I am seeking alternate ways of topping up this loss.

<u>Contribution Envelopes</u> - can still be placed in the 'Notices' box located at the front door of the Parish House.

<u>Direct Debit</u> - Is the preferred payment method (Call Office for details)

Direct Deposit - BSB: 083-347 Account No.: 547373281

Could I please encourage everyone to use either of these facilities above to ensure that our planned giving contribution is maintained through these testing times. For those who are still contributing, I am deeply grateful. It means the work of the parish can continue in these difficult days.

Thank you for your commitment to the parish. It is deeply appreciated.

Blessings Fr Geoff

LET US KEEP PRAYING TOGETHER

For Health Carers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For ill or isolated

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Us

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes wherever you call us.

Amen.

Hello one and all, I'm taking this opportunity this week to say a big

THANK YOU!!

Many of you have contacted me in various ways and expressed your delight in the video Masses and how you appreciate being connected.

You have also been asking how I am?

Also, many have been generous in supporting me through 1st collection donations but it's 2nd collection (Thanksgiving), that is <u>much more</u> important.

But I very much appreciate all your kindness.



Well - I am fine so don't worry. I'm keeping busy. As you would have seen before coronavirus, I was prepared for a long stay indoors by building up plenty of winter insulation (blubber), so there is no risk I will starve or fade a way.



I'm doing private Mass for you all and special intentions every day, been visiting nursing homes bringing the sacrament of anointing and healing to the sick and dying but also, unfortunately, presiding at a funeral nearly every week. I am also still working with groups in the Parish, even though remotely, catching up on writing policies, paperwork and supporting the school principal, where I can. I'm trying new technology - holding "zoom" meetings and preparing for when we all come back together again. I also have my Mother temporarily staying with me, so at least I have someone to annoy.

So as soon as we are allowed, I will re-start my dinner visits - mmmmmm. I really miss you all at Mass around the Church and the Presbytery, I'm a social and relational Priest and need you!

So don't stop contacting me, send me emails, write letters. I'm happy to continue with Mass intentions, drop requests into Office letterbox and I'll publish when done. Leave your contact details and I'll call you. I'm always up for a chat and we can have a virtual coffee and cake.

Also - Get your thinking hats on, as I want ideas on what we can do when we are all allowed to come back together as a congregation. In other words;

How can we PARTY?

Plan for events after 6pm Sat night, after 9am, 11am and 5pm Sunday Masses.

Or pick a Saturday afternoon - Parish picnic/BBQ??????

I am predicting, that large social gatherings will be allowed by first weekend in September. That is the start of Spring.

So begin planning!

And keep the faith - Fr Geoff



Rosary on Anzac Day

For those who were killed in battle,

For those who gave up their lives to save others,

For those who were forced to fight and died,

For those who died standing up for a just cause,

For those who died albeit saying war was wrong,

For those who died trying to make the peace,

For those who were innocent victims of war,

May God hold them in his peace and may love flow over the Earth and cleanse us all, this day and for always.

ALL: Amen.

◆ 1st Sorrowful Mystery<u>THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN</u>

Our Father

Jesus came with them to Gethsemane.

All: And sadness came over him and great distress.

Hail Mary

Then he said, 'My soul is sorrowful to the point of death.

All: Wait here and keep awake with me.'

Then he withdrew from them.

All: And knelt down and prayed. Hail Mary

Father if you are willing, take this cup away from me.

All: Let your will be done not mine.

Hail Mary

Then an angel appeared to him,

All: Coming from heaven to give him strength.

Hail Mary

In his anguish

All: **He prayed even more earnestly.**Hail Mary

And his sweat fell to the ground

All: Like great drops of blood. Hail Mary

Then he came back to his disciples and found them sleeping,

All: And he said, 'So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? Hail Mary

You should be awake,

All: And praying not to be put to the test.

Hail Mary

The spirit is willing

All: But the flesh is weak.'

Glory Be

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, Especially those ANZAC's who shaped Australia.

PRAYERS for REFLECTION

We glorify God who has not abandoned us to the sting of death. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We give praise to God for the light of immortality which is the sure hope of Easter. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We are filled with wonder at Christ's resurrection, which sets free all people of faith. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

4 2nd Sorrowful Mystery<u>THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR</u>

Our Father

They had Jesus bound and handed him over to Pilate.

All: Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world;

All: But yes, I am a king. Hail Mary

Hail Mary

I came into this world for this: to bear witness to the truth;

All: And all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

'Truth?' said Pilate, 'What is that?'

All: And with that he went out again to the Jews and said, 'I find no case against him.'

Hail Mary

"So I shall have him flogged and then let him go."

All: Pilate then had Jesus taken away and scourged.

Hail Mary

Despised and rejected by men,

All: A man of sorrows.

Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly,

All: Like a lamb that is lead to the slaughterhouse.

Hail Mary

Yet he was pierced through for our faults,

All: Crushed for our sins.

Hail Mary

Ours were the sufferings he bore,

All: Ours the sorrows he carried.

Hail Mary

On him lies a punishment that brings us peace,

All: And through his wounds we are healed.

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus Especially those ANZAC's who shaped Australia.

PRAYERS for REFLECTION

We remember all who have died in wars and all who have given their liver in service of their country in times of war. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We are moved with gratitude for the love of God, which has conquered the gates of hell. We pray for care givers who who are protecting us through these times of crisis. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We pray for the Church, that we may proclaim eternal life in the face of death. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

♦ 3rd Sorrowful Mystery

THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

Our Father

The soldiers led him away to the Praetorium.

All: Then they stripped him and dressed him up in purple.

Hail Mary

And having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head

All: And placed a reed in his right hand.

Hail Mary

To make fun of him they knelt to him

All: Saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

And they spat on him

All: And took the reed and struck him on the head.

Hail Mary

Then Pilate took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd

All: And said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.'

Jesus then came out

All: Wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Hail Mary

'Here is your king,' said Pilate.

All: 'Take him away!' they said. 'Crucify him!'

Hail Mary

'Why, what harm has he done?'

All: But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!'

'Do you want me to crucify your king?'

All: The chief priests answered, 'We have no king except Caesar.'

So, Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd,

All: **Handed him over to be crucified.**Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus Especially those ANZAC's who shaped Australia

PRAYERS for REFLECTION

We pray for those people in the throes of sorrow, that they may have the Mother of Sorrows, Mary, and an angel of mercy to comfort them. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We pray for our community, that our life may be a constant witness to the hope of eternal life even within the limits of social distancing that we face at this time. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

4 4th Sorrowful Mystery

THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Our Father

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,

All: Let him renounce himself.

Hail Mary

And take up his cross every day

All: And follow me.'

And carrying his own cross

All: They led him out to crucify him.

Hail Mary

And they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene,

All: And made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Hail Mary

'Shoulder my yoke

All: **And learn from me.** Hail Mary

For I am gentle

All: **And humble in heart.** Hail Mary

And you will find rest for your souls.

All: Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Large numbers of people followed him,

All: And of women too, who mourned and lamented for him.

Hail Mary

But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me;

All: Weep rather for yourselves and for your children.'

Hail Mary

'For if men use the green wood like this,

All: What will happen when it is dry?'

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus Especially those ANZAC's who shaped Australia.

PRAYERS for REFLECTION

We pray for all the dead, that they are cherished in the embrace of God, who is all gentleness and comfort. We remember especially the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

We remember all those who have gone before us in faith; we pray for them on their journey towards the peace of heaven. We pray.

ALL: HOLD US IN YOUR LOVING EMBRACE, LORD; LEST WE FORGET.

♦ 5th Sorrowful Mystery

THE CRUCIFIXION

Our Father

When they reached the place called The Skull,

All: **They crucified him.** Hail Mary

Jesus said, 'Father forgive them;

All: They do not know what they are doing.'

One of the criminals crucified with him said, 'Jesus, remember me.

All: When you come into your kingdom.'

'Indeed I promise you,' he replied

All: **Today you will be with me in paradise.'**Hail Mary

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother

All: And the disciple he loved.

Hail Mary

Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.'

All: Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.'

And from that moment

All: The disciple made a place for her in his home.

Hail Mary

And a darkness came over the whole land, and the earth quaked;

All: And the veil of the Temple was torn in two.

Hail Mary

And Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

All: 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.'

And bowing his head

All: **He breathed his last.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus Especially those ANZAC's who shaped Australia.

All: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer of John Paul II

To you, Creator of nature and humanity,

Of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of wars and violence among individuals and nations.

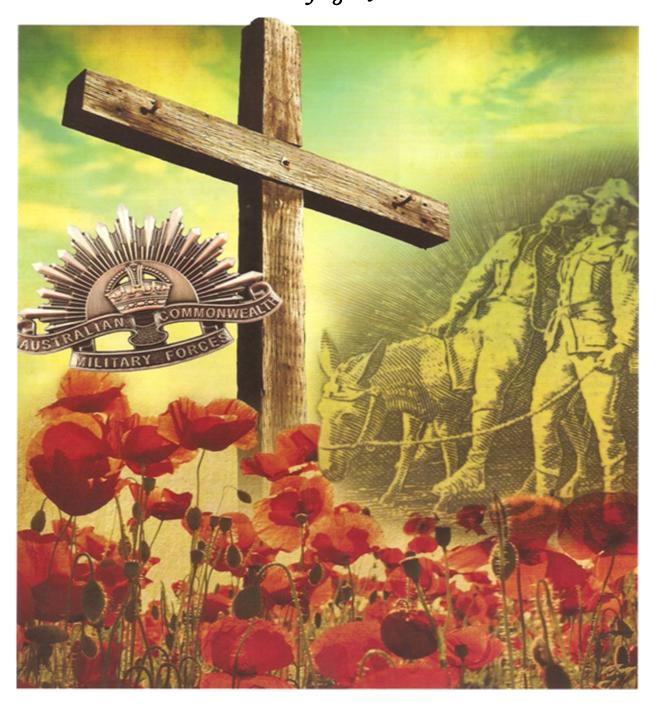
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in the weapons of war.

Hear my voice when I beg you to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship.

O God, hear my voice, and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

All: O God, hear our voices raised in prayer today for all who have died in wars.

Lest we forget. Amen.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Due to the suspension of Masses, could we please ask you to hold onto your boxes until Masses resume.

However if you wish to donate now, you can do so by -

Credit Card—go online at "lent.caritas.org.au"
Send a Cheque to Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001
Online transfer –Caritas Aus BSB:062-217 A/C No 1007 2446 REF Donor IDPC

You can find out more at http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.or.ring - 1800 024 413

EXPLORING THE WORD

Much of Luke's Gospel today is taken up by the account of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to the cross. In this gospel, the two disciples have turned their backs on that event and are journeying away from the salvation that was won by Jesus there. All they can see is the confusion and disappointment of their failed hopes and expectations. They thought that Jesus was the Messiah but he died an ignoble death on the cross! They do not even recognise him as he walks beside them. They thought they knew what sort of Messiah he was. But Jesus does not abandon them. He continues his instruction of the disciples through the Scriptures, and their hearts burn within them. They continue to be open to hearing the truth and their doubts are overcome. They finally come to recognise that Jesus is present with them in the breaking of the bread.

- Do you fear that the demands of following Jesus will be too much for you? Are you tempted to turn your back and walk away?
- Talk about the ways in which the Scriptures and coming together to break bread in community can help to keep you on the road of faith and commitment.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

(Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer)

- What sense do you have of Jesus walking by your side?
- 'Did not our hearts burn within us ...?' What resonance does this phrase have with how you feel now?
- Reflect back on how the unlocking of the message of the Scriptures helped you in your journey to faith.
- Have there been times in your life when you have failed to recognise a truth or just couldn't see something clearly? What or who helped to open your eyes? Share your reflections.
- Tell something of your story of 'what happened on the road' to someone this week. Share the good news.
- Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer: Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The journey of the disciples to Emmaus recalls our own journey from doubt to faith.

Informed by the Scriptures and nourished by the Eucharist, the disciples know that Jesus walks with them.

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Blessings to you all - Fr Geoff