

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



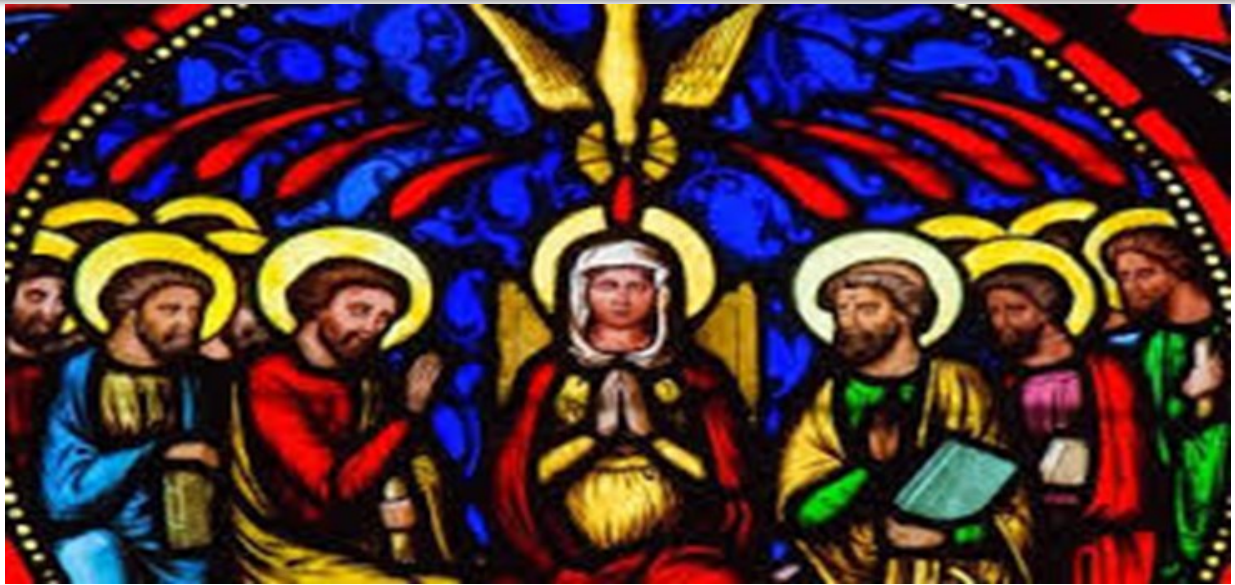
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Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



MASS TIMES

Today's Mass On Line will now be found on the Parish's new YouTube page (Ctrl and enter) on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au/>

Mass Intentions: Masses were recently offered for:

- St Macartan's Parish

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sun 31st: Pentecost also Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mon 1st: Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God
- Sun 7th: The Most Holy Trinity

Baptism: 1st&3rd Sunday 12pm

Max of 20 people inc Child/Children to be baptised.

Minister Unto God Prayer Group:

Tuesdays at 10am in Hall.

Mary's Immaculate heart prayers Cenacle: Tues 2-3pm in Community Centre.

Parish Child Safety Officer: Carmel McGrath 0400 076 067.

St Macartan's Primary School

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Deputy: Philip Hills, Kathleen Ronchi

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Music & Wedding Co-Ordinator-

Veronica Ryan 5975 6981/ 0418 358 213.

Marriage & Counselling: Charmaine Holmes:
5977 2567

Marriage Preparation: See Fr Geoff

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 4th June via Zoom, please contact office to book.

Recently Deceased: Joan Ryan

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, Joseph Aquilina,

Helen & Denis Chambers, Mark Allan, Lucas Pingiaro, Fernando Pineda, Jim Kershaw

(NZ), Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, John Mahony, Terry Smyth, Michael Nicolaou

and Torquil Hansen

Mass Intentions

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my Soul! Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created: and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in His works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to Him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height, thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure; come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul's delightful guest, dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay; all his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore thee confess and thee adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; give us life with thee on high; give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Historical

Context

Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Despite the promise of Jesus that he would not leave his disciples 'orphaned' (see sixth Sunday of Easter), they huddle in fear in the upper room after his death. He comes among them, not offering recriminations at their lack of faith, but offering peace—a peace won through the cross and resurrection. Just as Jesus is transformed by this experience, so too the disciples' fear turns to joy. In the giving of his Spirit, Jesus literally breathes life back into the disciples. They are to go out and continue his work of forgiveness, judgment and witness in the world.

- What kind of experiences animate you and 'bring you to life', giving you energy to keep on with the task?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer

- Recall a time when you felt filled with joy.
- Relive your feelings when you first received the Holy Spirit at baptism.
- How do you feel about being 'sent' into the world?
- Recall someone you no longer see but who had a significant influence on shaping who you are, whose memory is alive for you and whose influence remains strong. Share your recollections of these people. Does this phenomenon give insight into the experience of the disciples at Pentecost?
- Try to recognise and affirm the gifts of others this week and use your own gifts to make life a little easier for someone else.
- Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer this week: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

SHARING THE TRADITION

A closer look at the Scripture of the day, to see how it makes more explicit God's word to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ Coming to faith is not so much acquiring a new set of beliefs about God as it is discovering God's existence within the realities of our daily lives. The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to be more attuned to the actions of God in our lives and in our world. At baptism, the Spirit comes upon the newly initiated Christian, and at confirmation, the Spirit of God is renewed and confirmed in the faithful. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear (awe) of the Lord (CCC §1831).

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

St Macartans Parish would like to wish Marianne and Paul Felix a very Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated on the 23rd May 2020.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The St Macartan's Parish Pastoral Council is your voice.

The PPC is a voice of parishioners; created to assist and support the Parish Priest, in steering the Parish into the future. Its role includes; meeting regularly to discuss:
- growth, improvements, and the ever-changing needs of the Parish community.

The PPC is formed by volunteers and those invited to attend.

We regret to announce, that two of our valued committee members; Anne Field and Craig Nugent have, due to health reasons, been forced to take time out. They have been excellent representatives and we will miss them dearly. They are still active in our Parish but just not on the PPC. So please keep them in your prayers.

So here is an opportunity for others to step up! You are asked to apply to join the PPC. You can apply for yourself or nominate someone (get their permission first), by emailing details to Bernard Butler (PPC Chairperson) at: bernardbutler8@gmail.com Mob: 0419427408 or by contacting the Parish Office.

Come on - Join the Team!

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.

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

Direct Debit - 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

Bequests

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting testament to your values; ensuring that your dedication to improving the lives of others can continue for future generations.

We understand that providing for loved ones comes first, but even a small percentage of your estate left to the Parish can make a huge difference for our community, especially for those who are struggling with life's challenges also it will assist in the future growth of the Parish.

If you intend to leave a gift to the Parish in your Will, we'd love to know so that we can express our appreciation and gratitude. We would also like to have a bequest plaque created and displayed for you, on a Church memorial wall. Any information you provide will always be treated with the utmost respect for your privacy.

The Parish would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all benefactors - your generosity will enable the Parish to help future generations and give all people in our community the opportunity to enjoy 'life to the full'.

Blessings
Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

COVID-19
THINGS WE MUST GET USE TO DOING

COVID-19 will be around until there is a vaccine, so keep social distancing wherever you are and whomever you are with. Keep hand washing/sanitising and avoid touching ones face.

Remember, that if you are showing any signs or have any symptoms of a cold or flu, stay isolated and schedule a visit to your Doctor. I'm sure no one of us wants to be responsible for carrying COVID - 19 to anyone, or receive it from anyone.

Also, at the entrance of the Church, Community Centre and Hall, are hand sanitisers and sign in books, which All who enter these premises must use. At the end of each activity, someone will be responsible for sanitising the contact surfaces. The Church will have only one entrance and separate exit available.

Regards - Fr Geoff

CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners,

The Child Safety Committee is having it's second "zoom' meeting next week, we are looking forward to meeting each other personally in the near future. Our immediate task is to approve the St Macartan's Child Safety Policy. The over riding statement that gives us purpose & direction begins our policy is as follows.

"The Parish of St Macartan's acknowledges the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failure of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breaches of community trust. The Parish of St Macartan's is committed to fostering a culture of safety and care for children and vulnerable adults."

The commitment to continue to foster a culture of safety and trust extends to all of the St Macartan's Parish community and with your support and prayers we will be successful in our endeavour,

Your sincerely

Carmel McGrath
St Macartan's Child Safety Officer.

COVID-19 restrictions - What is next for us at St Macartan's?

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF **1st June**

Hello everyone,

I, more than anyone, wants the Church re-open, so all can participate in Mass and/or private prayer. But each time we as a Parish decide to take the next step, new tighter rules are given, which many of you may not be aware of.

From the 1st June we are allowed to have 20 people come to Mass or meet for prayer - **HOWEVER!** Who are to be the lucky 20? If you were number 21 and left standing in the rain locked outside the Church - Would you be happy? No! and I would hate to see that, especially an elderly, elderly person, who has travelled some distance. Also what about Sunday Mass where 300 normally attend - How do we choose 20?

And just in case you don't think anyone will know or care about numbers. We have been formally notified that Police will be inspecting and enforcing restrictions and can issue on the spot fines of **up to \$1,652** for individuals and **up to \$9,913** for businesses.

So, I am suggesting that when we are allowed to have 50 people per Mass (which is more than the average weekday attendance), I think we can open for weekday Masses and when 100 people possibly Sundays? (with a booking system)

But NOT YET!

However, there are some bookings available for some Masses now!
(Saturday & Wednesday 9:15am, to allow reconciliation afterwards - **20 people max**)

Looking ahead, to allow the Church to be open and meet the requirements
we need VOLUNTEERS!

- Volunteer Mass door counters/ushers (Please contact 0419427408)
 - Volunteer Church sanitation/cleaners after Mass (Please contact 0419427408)
- If you are one of the volunteers, you will be on a roster and when rostered on, you are guaranteed of being able to attend that Mass.

**To volunteer you must be a registered parishioner
and have a current Working With Children's certificate (WWC).**

(If you need a WWC call Parish Office)

ALLOWED TO RESTART IMMEDIATELY:

- Reconciliation - Saturday 9:45am (after Saturday Mass) and Wednesday 9:45am (after Wednesday Mass). Booking for Mass & Reconciliation **must be done** through the Parish Office. If you miss out, you will be scheduled when on next available date.
 - Baptisms - By booking in through Parish office (20 people max)
 - Baptism preparation classes - meeting via zoom. Call Parish office.
 - Weddings can now have 20 people and Funerals may now have 50 mourners.
 - Mary's Immaculate heart prayers Cenacle (meeting in Community House main room - **Not Marian room**, 20 people max)
 - Minister unto God prayer group - (Meeting in Hall - Not Community House, 20max)
- Blessings to you all - Fr Geoff

SCHOOL NEWS

St Macartan's Primary School

What's happening re: COVID-19 at our School?

The return to school will take place in two stages.

This will give the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Government time to monitor and evaluate the effects that the staged return to school has on the increased movement of people and transmission within the community.

Schools will begin a staged return from remote and distance learning as follows:

Stage 1 Monday 25 May 2020 - Pupil free day to enable the planning necessary to ensure the successful transition back to school can be completed. Tuesday 26 May 2020 – Prep, Year 1 and 2 children return to school. Remote and distance learning will continue for the students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. During Stage 1, the existing model of onsite schooling for students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children will remain in place.

Stage 2 Tuesday 9 June 2020 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 return to school. All students will attend school as normal from Tuesday 9 June 2020.

School will "look different" from what students, parents and staff were used to. St Macartan's is focused on the very important role in both protecting the health of our students and staff, and in supporting broader efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

I really want to express my gratitude to Principal Colleen McGreal and her leadership team, who have been magnificent in leading the school through this Covid-19 crisis.

Also to you parents; your support and encouragement has, I know, meant a lot to them. I have been very impressed with the schools efforts to always seek out the best ways to continue teaching your children, even though, it sometimes meant extra pressure and work done behind the scenes by many teachers.

Importantly too, were their decisions and courses of actions that were based on best health advice, to protect your children.

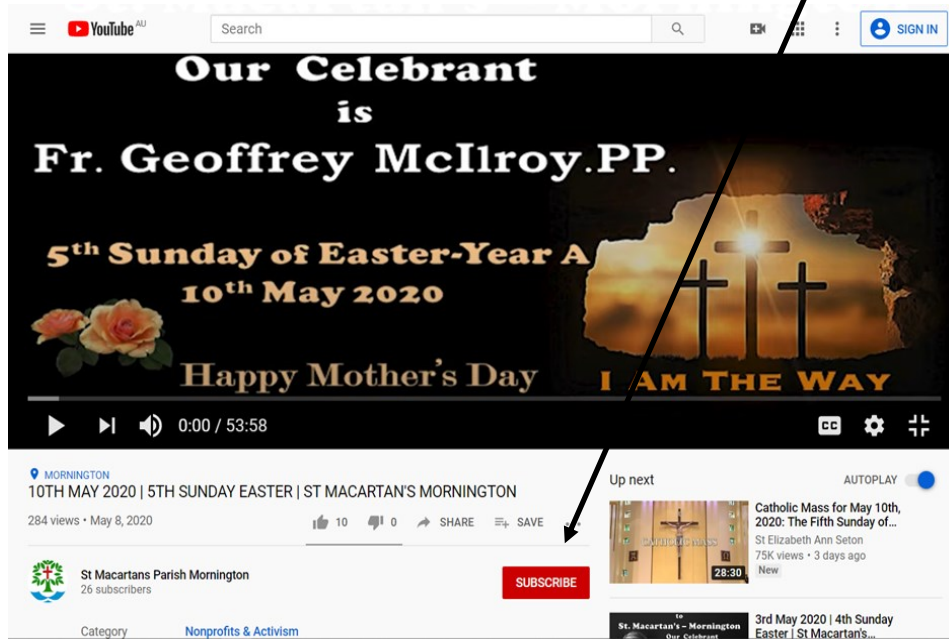
Well done to all involved at St Macartan's Primary School
What a magnificent part of the Parish.

Blessings
Fr Geoff

St Macartans YouTube Mass

Fr Geoff is continuing to do an amazing job bringing the Mass to our homes during this very different time.

The St Macartan's YouTube Chanel is our new way of viewing the Mass and if we can increase our subscribers this will enable us to get more benefits from YouTube. Please subscribe by selecting the red 'SUBSCRIBE' button below and then entering your e-mail address. **DO NOT PURCHASE OR PAY**



Deepest Sympathy

We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of Joan Ryan, on the recent passing of their loved one.

Please remember him in your prayers.

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**



Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, on that solemn day of Pentecost You descend upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in parted tongues as it were of fire, enlightening their minds, inflaming their hearts, and strengthening their wills, that thenceforth they went through the entire world and courageously and confidently proclaimed everywhere the teaching of Christ and sealed it with the shedding of their blood, renew, we beseech Thee, the wondrous outpouring of Thy grace in our hearts also.



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