

**PARISH BULLETIN**

***St Macartan's Catholic Parish***



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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:**  
*We Have an Eternal Home!*

**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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Mass Intentions:** Masses were recently offered for:

- Janet Merlo
- Marilyn & Chloe Lee (Thanksgiving)

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Thur 11th: St Barnabas, Apostle
- Sat 13th: St Antony of Padua
- Sun 14th: Corpus Christi (Solemnity)

**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.

**Legion of Mary:** Wed 10-12noon C/Centre.

**Parish Child Safety Officer:** Carmel McGrath 0400 076 067.

**St Macartan's Primary School**

**Ph:** 5979 9200

**Principal:** Colleen McGreal

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0419 427 408

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**Parish Caretaker & Memorial Wall:** John Spaziani: 0419 598 911

**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.

**Anniversaries:** Luke Allen, Olga Argilla, Colin Conlan, Monsignor Kevin Toomey.

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, Jean-nie 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

### **First Reading** Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

#### **A reading from the Book of Exodus**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a head-strong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

##### **(R.) Glory and praise for evermore!**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R)

You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R)

### **Second Reading** 2 Cor 13:11-13

#### **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 3:16-18

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone that believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.

**Communion Antiphon** Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

## **LIVING GOSPEL**

### **Sign of the Cross**

*Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,’ is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.*

# **Historical**

## **Context**

### **We believe...**

*The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!*

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

Nicodemus, a member of the ruling elite of the Jewish people, wants to believe in Jesus but is afraid to do so publicly, so he comes to Jesus at night (John 3:2). Darkness and night are often used in John as symbols of an inability to accept the truth of who Jesus is, but still Nicodemus is drawn. He is open to the truth but fears the consequences. One of those consequences is that belief in Jesus as Son of the Father leads to life, while rejecting that truth leads to condemnation. In John, 'the world' is used as a symbol of unbelief or darkness, but Jesus tells Nicodemus that the world is not to be condemned because the light has come into the world. It is now up to individuals to recognise that light and come to belief. Only thus can the world be

saved. Jesus is also showing the relationship he has with the Father - that of the only Son.

- Do you empathise with Nicodemus at all? Is there a niggling fear or uncertainty about coming to believe in Jesus and learning more about him?
- Reflect on times when you have found light in the darkness.
- In what ways does Jesus give you a glimpse of God?

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- From earliest times, the church has pondered the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity - most eloquently defined at the Council of Chalcedon (ad 451) as three persons in one God - is the result of this.
- Theologians today continue to contemplate the mystery of the Trinity.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that 'The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit' (§261).
- St Patrick is reputed to have attempted to explain the mystery of the Trinity as God who is Three-in-one by using the shamrock as a symbol. Another commonly used symbol of the Trinity is the triangle.
- The Trinity is sometimes described as the Lover (Father), the Beloved (Son) and the Love between (Spirit).
- Our God is relational. Humans, created in the image and likeness of God, are created to be in relationship with others.

## **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](mailto:bernardbutler8@gmail.com) Mob: 0419427408 or by contacting the Parish Office.

CPrayer for Racial Healing - Catholic Charities USA

[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

Opening Prayer



## **HAPPY 68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**St Macartans Parish would like to wish Philip and Kathleen Stokes a Very Happy and Blessed 68th Wedding Anniversary.**

### **Prayer for Racial Healing**

God of justice, In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.

Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviours, and speech which demean others.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

Dear Parishioners,

Weeks ago we encouraged all parishioners to participate in thanksgiving contributions by using direct debit, thank you to many who have taken up this option. Our Parish contributions over the several weekends has dropped considerably. This is leaving the Parish in a financially vulnerable position.

**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 8th June

Hello everyone,

We will be opening the Church again for Masses - Yippee!!!!!! 😊

From Tuesday the 23rd June, **ALL Masses** will be back on, as I expect 50 people will be allowed in the Church - Please, Daniel Andrews.



This week we are still only allowed 20 people in Mass - **ONLY Saturday and Wednesday Masses** are available via booking, by calling the Office. These Masses also have reconciliation available afterwards. (All other weekday Masses NOT YET! From 23rd June).

The Church is also open during the day for private prayer. But ALL MUST sign in and hand sanitize, with no more than 20 people allowed in the Church at one time. Please restrict your visit to less than 20 minutes to allow others to worship.

And you may be checked on by the Police? Remember they can issue on the spot fines of **up to \$1,652** for individuals and **up to \$9,913** for businesses.

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** **(Weekends & Weekdays)**

- 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 Mass.

### **ALLOWED TO RESTART IMMEDIATELY:**

- All prayer/worship groups. BUT currently **only 20 people**.
- Men's breakfast (restart date to be announced). Again **only 20 people**.

### Room Size restrictions; with the **4 square metre** social distancing rule:

- Community Centre (Main Room) = 13 people
- Community Centre (High Spirits area) = 4 people
- Community Centre (Marian Chapel/Room) = 4 people
- Community Centre (Gatherings Office) = 3 people
- Hall = 24-29 people, depending on set-up? BUT currently **only 20 people**.
- Counting Room = 6 people
- SVDP room = 7 people
- Church = 100 people with only 3 per pew. BUT currently **only 20 people**.

In each room - All people to be seated at least 1.5m apart.



## 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.

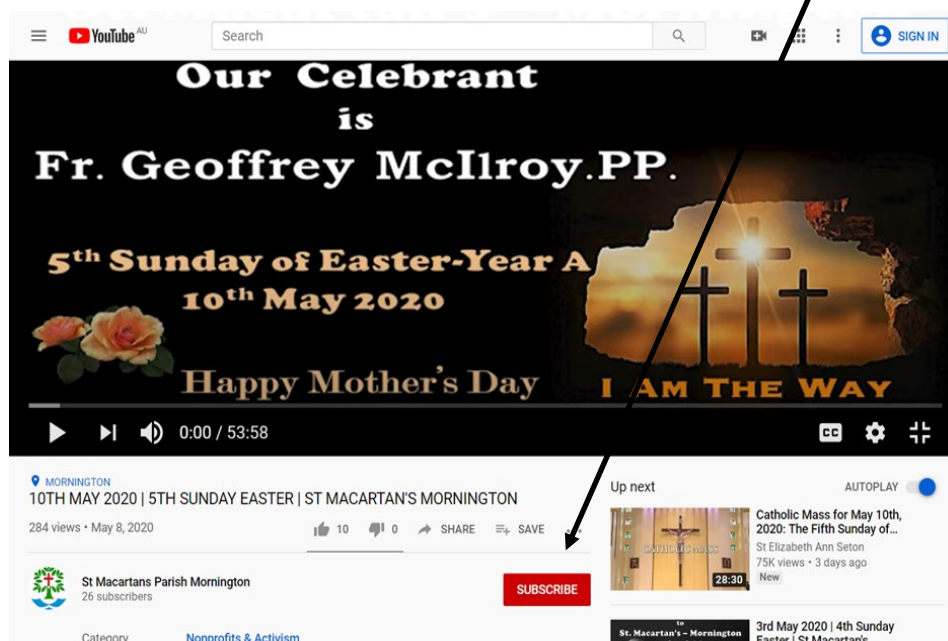
Well done to all involved at St Macartan's Primary School  
What a magnificent part of the Parish.

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**



## 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 -

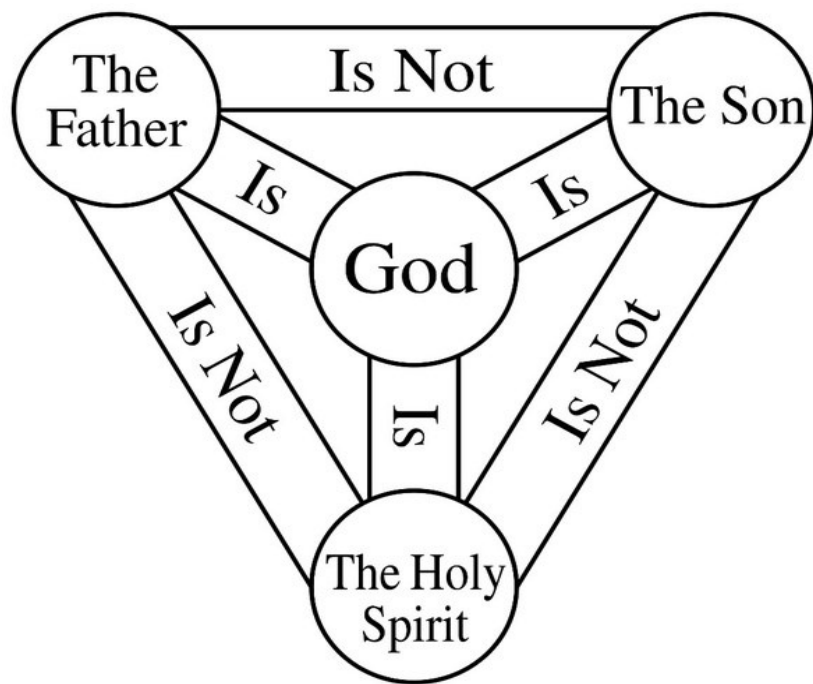
**Credit Card**—go online at “[lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)”

**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

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**DEVOTIONAL**

**Gospel: (Matthew 28: 16-20)**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, *"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

**Reflection:**

The Holy Trinity is an archetypal example of a Family – The relationship is as One Love, equal in Love in each and for all. All families should be urged to imitate the Trinity, and to live a life in which all are one, as Jesus is one with the Father and the Spirit. Jesus wanted his followers to have in themselves the image of the Trinity, to share a sacred relation to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A Family should want to be together as having but one heart and soul so that through this union of spirit we would be a true image of the unity of God.

We, as a Church congregation should see ourselves as a Family and to celebrate as a Family, in a celebration of mutual love and friendship out of a passion to serve the Lord. Unlike organizations that meet to conduct business, the Church is there *to celebrate and deepen its unity between us and our Trinitarian God*. It is in the Church, meeting as a Family, that enables all its members to experience Christ's presence in themselves and equally in each other and the workings of the Holy Spirit. In a sense, these gatherings become a living, vivid witness of God's healing presence among us and the living example of the Holy Trinity.

**To meditate on:**

**How can we, as a Church, better model the unity of the Trinity  
"being of one mind and one heart"?**

**Closing Prayer:**

O Holy Trinity, truly you are a God of  
Unity,  
-**give us one heart and one soul.**  
Truly you are a God of mystery,  
-**give us hearts filled with reverence for You.**  
Truly you are a God of majesty,  
-**give us hearts filled with humility and love.**  
Truly you are a God of creative power,  
-**give us hearts filled with gratitude. Amen.**

