

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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MASS TIMES

Today's Mass On Line found on Parish's 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:

- Legion of Mary (deceased members)
- Frances Gugliolmi (gravely ill)

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Fri 19th: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Sat 20th: The Immaculate Heart Mary
- Mon 22nd: SS John Fisher & Thomas More
- Wed 24th: Birthday St John the Baptist

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 Cene-

acle: Tues 1.30-2.30pm in Community Centre.

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

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Marriage Preparation: See Fr Geoff

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th August via Zoom, please contact office to book.

Anniversaries: Concetta McDonald

Mass Intentions

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Janet Smyth, 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

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 10:1,15

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Living the gospel

From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The people of Matthew's community were being persecuted for their faith. They were mostly Jews who had come to accept Jesus as the awaited Messiah. But not all Jews accepted this, and they did not want the Christians to worship with them in the synagogues, so the Jewish Christians were expelled. Matthew's Christian community was feeling very vulnerable and trying to find a new way of living their faith outside the traditional Jewish practices. In this passage, Matthew comforts them and assures them that they need not fear physical harm, for God knows every hair of their heads and will protect them. Those who are strong in their faith and refuse to recant will be honoured before God. If God extends his care to the sparrows, the cheapest

life available, how much more will he extend his care to his faithful people?

- Jesus wants to form a community in which each individual is valued. In what ways do you experience God's individual care and concern?
- How does your parish reflect God's individual care and concern?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer

- Share stories of people who have 'the strength of their convictions'. What does this mean?
- Has there ever been a time when you have had to go against prevailing opinion to stick up for someone or to defend truth or justice? How did it feel? What was the outcome?
- What makes you afraid as you move towards committing yourself to Christ and his church?
- Do you avoid speaking about your journey to faith in case others may think you are 'odd'?
- 'Think of times when you may be tempted to deny Christ: by actions that do not reflect what you really believe; by silence when something really needs to be said; by failing to challenge an injustice. Try this week to witness publicly to your faith, even in simple ways, like saying grace before meals.
- Repeat this phrase often this week. Do not be afraid; I am with you.

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. In the early centuries of the church, many people were persecuted and even killed for confessing faith in Jesus Christ. Under the Roman Emperor Nero, the first persecution of Christians began in Rome. We all know the stories of believers being thrown to the lions! What is more surprising is that people are still being martyred for their faith today.

In 2019, 29 Catholic pastoral care workers, including priests, nuns and lay people, were killed while performing their duties. In 2017 Pope Francis authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree on the martyrdom of Sister Regina Maria Vattalil (nee Maria), professed nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor Clare's Franciscans, who was killed very publically in India on 25 February 1995. Sister Maria had been working with village women and poor farmers in providing social assistance and empowering them to seek civil rights in an area dominated by large landowners and money-lenders. Sister Irene McCormack was an Australian member of the Sisters of St Joseph, working as a missionary in a poor mountain village in Peru. Her pride and joy in this work was a simple school room/library where she taught the village children to read and write. The area where the village was located was a dangerous region because of the presence of a Marxist guerilla group known as the 'Shining Path'. On the evening of 21 May 1991, the terrorists entered the village and accused Sr Irene of being a 'Yankee imperialist' and poisoning the minds of the children. They also disapproved of Irene's work of distributing food aid to the very poor. She and four local men were subjected to a sham trial in the village square, forced to lie on the ground and each was shot in the head.

Sr Irene took seriously the call of the Gospel to bring good news to the poor and to raise up the downtrodden. Her dedication cost Irene her life.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.
- Members of the church who have died rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word martyr literally means 'witness'. Throughout history, many have given their lives for the faith, and in our own time, people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ.
- By the time Matthew wrote his gospel, the church was already undergoing persecution in some areas, and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

The Return of Weekday & Weekend Masses

Fr Geoff will begin celebrating all Masses again since the COVID-19 restrictions. The first 9:15am weekday Mass on Tuesday 23rd and everyday after. Then the first weekend Masses on **Saturday 27th 6pm** and **Sunday 28th June: 9am, 11am & 5pm**. [Holy hour: 3:30pm Sunday's will also return - no booking required].

For now we are only allowed 50 people per Mass and therefore to make it fair we have introduced an online booking system, called Trybooking.

To Book

- Either click on the link below (Ctrl and enter) or paste in your browser.
<https://www.trybooking.com/BKBJA>
- This will take you St Macartan's Mass Bookings page.
- Click on 'Book Now' and it will take to you a page showing all the Masses for Saturday night and Sunday.
- Click "Select" to choose the Mass time you would like to attend, and book by adding your Name, Phone number and email address. (email address is optional)
- You can print out a ticket if you wish, but not necessary.

Volunteers Required Urgently!

To continue celebrating the Mass we are required by Law to have people monitoring the sanitising station and front door as well as cleaning the Pews after each Mass for Weekday and Weekend Masses. Without this help we will not be able to continue celebrating the Mass. But by volunteering you will also guarantee you a place at Mass.

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.

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

Rosters

Door Monitoring

Date	Day	Mass	Door/Sanitising	Usher person	Exit Person
26/06/2020	Saturday	9:15 AM	Margaret Davis	Suzi	Suzi
27/06/2020	Saturday	6:00 PM	Frank Racanello	Josie Raccanello	Frank Raccanello
28/06/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Frank Crea	Paul Girolomi	Brian Shanahan
28/06/2020	Sunday	11:00 AM	John Spaziani	Annette	Josie Kerrins
28/06/2020	Sunday	5:00 PM	Richard Jolly	Jacinta Jolly	Richard Jolly

After Mass Cleaning/Sanitisation Team

Date	Day	Mass	Cleaner 1	Cleaner 2
26/06/2020	Saturday	9:15 AM	Margaret Davis	Suzi
27/06/2020	Saturday	6:00 PM	Fay Murphy	Barry Murphy
28/06/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Frank Crea	Paul Girolomi
28/06/2020	Sunday	11:00 AM	Shelley Finn	John Finn
28/06/2020	Sunday	5:00 PM	Richard Jolly	Jacinta Jolly

Readers

Date	Day	Mass	Readers
27/06/2020	Saturday	6:00 PM	Josie Raccanello
28/06/2020	Sunday	9:00 AM	Paul Girolomi
28/06/2020	Sunday	11:00 AM	Bernard Butler
28/06/2020	Sunday	5:00 PM	Volunteer

Flowers

Date	Flower Arrangers
June 18/25	Josie Raccanello
July 2/9	Trish Andreoli and Louise Renshaw

Regular Church Cleaners

Date	Day	Mass	Cleaners
25/06/2020			Gab Gordon, Gabriell Bartosikova, Frances Taylor
2/07/2020			Craig Nugent, Joe Thoppill

Collectors—New Collection Bags

Dear Collectors,
 Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we now have new collection Fabric Bags on Poles, these will enable you to collect the envelopes/money without anyone handling the bags or plates while enabling the collectors to maintain the 1.5m rule. Please empty these bags in to the usual Mass time Bags.
 Thank you.

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

UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF 21st June

MASS IS BACK—YIPPEE!!

Hello everyone,

From Tuesday the 23rd June, **ALL Masses** will be back on, but only 50 people will be allowed in the Church.

Weekdays: Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat 9:15am - **NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

Just turn up BUT there will be a door person counting people in and once 50 have entered the door will be locked - No 51st person allowed.

Weekends: Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm - **YOU MUST BOOK IN!**

Door person will have a list and will be marking you off.

[Holy hour: 3:30pm Sunday's will also return - no booking required].

The Church is also open during the day for private prayer. But ALL MUST sign in and hand sanitize, with no more than 50 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.

FUNERALS: 50 mourners allowed

WEDDINGS: 20 (Twenty) people only!

BAPTISMS: 20 (Twenty) people only!

NOTE: 9am Cuppa after Mass - **NOT TO RESTART YET!** (Organiser to meet with Fr Geoff)

ALLOWED TO RESTART IMMEDIATELY:

- All prayer/worship groups. BUT currently **limited to room size below**.
- Men's breakfast restarts on Saturday 20th June, in Hall. **Only 24 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?
- Counting Room = 6 people
- SVDP room = 7 people
- Church @ 4sqm = 100 people, with only 3 per pew. BUT currently only 50 people.
In each room - All people to be seated at least 1.5m apart.

Funding boost for groups helping with bushfire recovery

Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) was officially launched in February and brings together a number of key national organisations.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia and the National Catholic Education Commission were founding members. The St Vincent de Paul Society has also joined the collaboration.

After Catholic communities had been encouraged to support the national Vinnies Bushfire Appeal in late January, people were invited to donate to CERA. Last month, the first grant application round – for at least \$100,000 – was opened.

Twenty-four organisations, seeking a total of approximately \$400,000, lodged applications for funding.

CERA chair Susan Pascoe, who was one of the commissioners for the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, said a focus on projects and programs that will support people's mental health and trauma management was carefully considered.

"We are aware that much – but by no means all – of people's immediate needs were addressed through major government and non-government organisations in the days and weeks after fires ravaged many parts of our nation," Ms Pascoe said.

"What will take much longer, though, is the spiritual, emotional and psychological recovery. The funding we have awarded will focus especially on those aspects of people's journey back to some sense of normalcy."

Ms Pascoe said it was also important to see the grants support both a geographical and chronological spread.

"Two of the unique characteristics of last summer's bushfires were both the early start to the fire season and the fact that so many states and territories suffered – some at the same time," she said.

"The applications we received unsurprisingly drew from those regions and from across that time frame, and the grant recipients also reflect that reality."

In all, 15 organisations will receive a total of \$110,000 from Catholic Emergency Relief Australia to support communities recovering from bushfires that devastated large parts of the country last summer.

"We once again thank those who have supported Catholic Emergency Relief Australia by donating to this long-term recovery plan and we are confident that the funding we provide will make a difference in the lives of people affected by the bushfires," Ms Pascoe said.

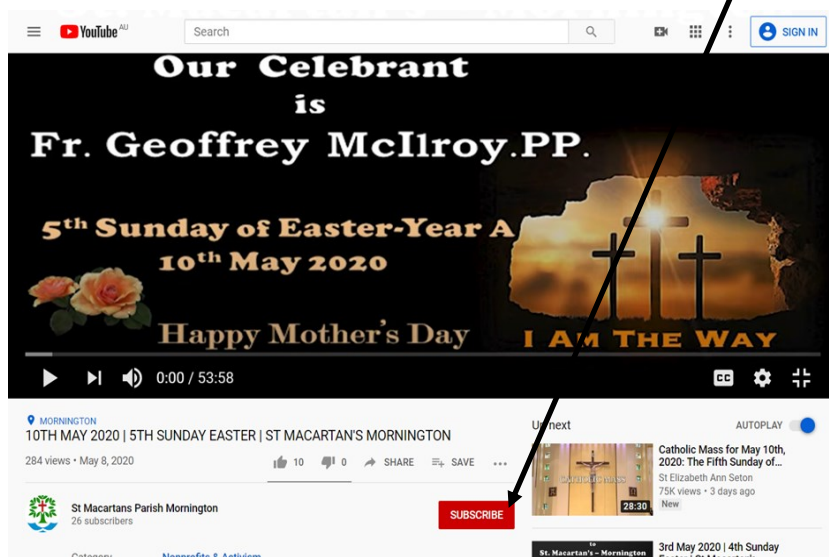
FULL STORY

[Funding boost for groups helping with bushfire recovery](#) (ACBC Media Blog)

St Macartans YouTube Mass

Fr Geoff is continuing to do an amazing job bringing the Mass to our homes during this very different time. **This will continue even when Masses resume.**

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

Project Compassion Boxes can now be brought back to the Church starting from Saturday night Mass on the 27th June.

Please leave the boxes in the Box provided **behind the Alter.**

Thank you for your support.

Church Cleaners

Could the volunteer Church cleaners please contact the office to provide us with your contact details so we can send you the new roster.

We are also looking for volunteers to clean the Church on a rotating roster. Please contact the office on 5975 2200. thank you .

Parish Footy Tipping

Round 2 started at last. Tippers had an unusual start to the round. They all scored a point due to the draw. After the first game there were a number of surprises e.g. Gold Coast. Not one tipper chose them and as a result no 9's in round 2. Six was the highest. Barry Murphy still leads with 15 followed closely by Tony McInerney and Terry Roberts who both scored 6 and have a total of 13 ..We lost one tipper from round 1 but gained one. It is still not too late to join or rejoin

