

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/>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions

**NO SUNDAY or SATURDAY NIGHT
MASSES**

(Until further notice)

WEEKDAY MASSES - YES

(Under review - see how we cope with 20)

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sat 11th: St Benedict, abbot

Baptism: 1st&3rd Sunday 12pm

Max of 20 people inc Child/Children to be baptised. (x1 Family per ceremony)

Minister Unto God Prayer Group:

Tuesdays at 10am in Hall.

Mary's Immaculate heart prayers Cena-

cle: Tues 1.30-2.30pm in Community Centre.

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

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Veronica Ryan 5975 6981/ 0418 358 213.

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5977 2567

Marriage Preparation: See Fr Geoff

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

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

Anniversaries: Peter Henry McKenna and Mary Watt.

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, Torquil Hansen and John Spaziani.

First Reading Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8::9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Boxes can now be brought back to the Presbytery Office during the next 2 weeks.
9am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday

Thank you for your support.



Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

EXPLORING THE WORD

Matthew's community must have been deeply troubled by the fact that the 'learned and clever' religious leaders of the day did not accept the message of Jesus. Surely they, of all people, should have been in a position to recognise the truth. But in this passage, Matthew explains that it is not from a position of knowledge or power that one recognises the truth; rather it is from an attitude of openness and simplicity. Jesus' intimate address of Abba ('Father') is used five times. This intimate relationship is characterised by God's entrusting all things to the Son, and the Son in turn revealing them to those who have faith. Jesus is the perfect teacher, describing himself as gentle and humble in heart. There is an interesting contrast here between the burden of following

the restrictive laws of the Pharisees and the 'easy burden' of faith in Christ. The rules and laws of the Pharisees often added to the burden experienced by people of the day, while Jesus tried to lift the burden from people.

- In your journey to faith, are there aspects that you find 'burdensome'? What are they? This could be an opportunity to discuss some difficult beliefs of the church.
- Do you have a sense of having been 'entrusted' with the truth? Discuss this idea. What has been revealed to you so far?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer

- Can you tell of an occasion when you felt God near? Where have you experienced God's presence? Where do you find your rest? Share your reflections.
- In your life, within your family or workplace, do you know someone who is burdened and weighed down by cares and concerns? Can you find ways to ease that burden this week?
- Be 'life-giving' to others this week. Acknowledge and affirm them in particular ways.
- Pray the blessing from the first verse of Psalm 144 throughout the week.

I will give you glory, O God, my king.

I will bless your name forever.

I will bless you day after day

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 Throughout the history of the church, there have been people who have taken up the 'burden' of faith and experienced it as a double-edged sword of both great joy and blessing as well as an awesome responsibility leading to hardship and persecution. Australia's Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) is one example. Born in Fitzroy in 1842, Mary was fifteen when she felt called to be a nun. Unable to find a religious order that suited her call, Mary began her own—the Sisters of St Joseph—in 1867, dedicated to the education of the poor, particularly the rural poor. Her independence and determination to live under her own rule and not that of the Bishop led her into conflict with church authorities. At the centre of the difficulty was Mary's insistence that her sisters live in absolute poverty and rely on God to provide for their needs. This meant begging, which the bishops thought unseemly. Mary was excommunicated in 1871, only to be reinstated in 1872, although opposition by some continued. Despite the setbacks and disappointments, the Josephite order continued to expand in both membership and ministry. Her struggle was worth the effort, and Mary was canonised a saint in Rome in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

- Mary MacKillop was not 'learned', but she knew God through experience. Share stories of other people who knew God through their experiences—Mother Teresa, for example, found God in the poor of Calcutta.
- Share the stories of other people for whom following the Gospel has been both a joy and a burden

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The word humility comes from the Latin for 'soil'. Humility is not about being shy or quiet or taking a back seat; it is about recognising our origins and not becoming so 'learned and clever' that we get too big for our boots. To be like 'mere children' is to have that child-like sense of wonder and awe at things bigger than ourselves. What are the experiences that produce a response of awe in you?

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Hello everyone,

As from writing this (Thursday 2nd July)

Until further notice, weekend Masses will remain cancelled.

Daily weekday masses; Tuesday to Saturday morning 9:15am are on
but restricted to 20 people

If too many people are missing out, let me know and I will consider scheduling
a second morning weekday mass.

Our video Mass will continue and let's keep praying for these restrictions
to be eased quickly - and please all stay safe.

Fr Geoff

CHILD SAFETY NEWS

Child Safety: Have you heard about "The Orange Door"?

If you have significant concerns for the wellbeing of a child, but do not believe that they are at risk of significant harm, and where the immediate safety of the child will not be compromised, a referral to The Orange Door may be appropriate.

The Orange Door is the new access point for families that need assistance with the care and wellbeing of children, including those experiencing family violence, to contact the services they need to be safe and supported.

Check out the website below for more information

orangedoor.vic.gov.au

Carmel McGrath - St Macartan's Child Safety Officer

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 Geoff

Spreading the Word

If you know of anyone who does not have e-mail or able to use a computer, as long as it is safe, maybe you could pass on a copy of the Bulletin, or let them know there is Mass on line, they may have family members that can access it for them.

Visitation Team

Due to the increase in number of COVID19 cases in Victoria a number of Aged Care Facilities have again gone into lock down.
There will be continued updates given as information comes to hand.

COVID-19 - THINGS WE MUST GET USE TO DOING

SIMPLE - KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING and WASH HANDS OFTEN!
And,
if you are showing any signs or have any symptoms of a cold or flu,
stay isolated and schedule a visit to your Doctor.

HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

As with the Confirmation program, that has just ended, the proposed sacraments classes for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist may also be done via ZOOM Meetings? However, if restrictions are eased, then they will be in the Parish Community Centre, Tuesday nights from 4:30pm-6pm.

The proposed dates for these programs are:

First Reconciliation:

- July 14th information night

First Eucharist

- August 25th information night

To enroll your child or to get more details please email Faye at:

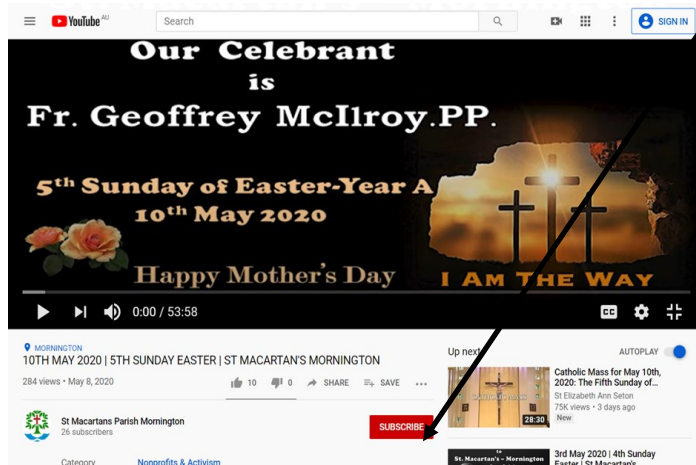
stmacshighspirits@gmail.com

PS - A volunteer assistant is needed.

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**



Mens Night

"Greetings to all in isolation. We hope that you and your families are all fit and well. It will be some time before we can resume our monthly get together, so in the meantime remember the immortal words of Vera Lynn "We'll meet again , don't know where, don't know whenAnd that Social Distancing doesn't apply to the water of life !

Safe travelling The Three Amigos."

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 more volunteers to clean the Church on a rotating roster. Please contact the office on 5975 2200. thank you .

We also are looking for someone to take over the coordinating of the Cleaning Roster, please contact the office if you can help.

Parish Footy Tipping

Round 4 was completed and our top tipper was Myke Schultz. There is a crowded top with four tippers on 23, They are Myke Schultz, Barry Murphy, Carolyn Mierer, and Like Misti.. There are four closely on their heels. Lizzie and Judy S are performing well and are only 2 from the top spot. Once again some low scoring games and some exciting close finishes. Richmond supporters are living in the past but hope the virus will disappear and be replaced with better performances

HISTORY As we experience the cold weather let us look at the game played in snow in Canberra in 2019 between Hawthorn and GWS. Coach of Hawthorn forbade his players to wear long jumpers.. GWS scored no goals in the second half. The first game played in snow was in 1899 and another in Tasmania in 1948 where players had to stop playing to brush the snow off their boots.



The rosary history

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. If you were to ask what object is most emblematic of Catholics, people would probably say; The rosary. Of course; we're familiar with the images: the silently moving lips of the old woman fingering her beads; the oversized rosary hanging from the waist of the wimpled nun; more recently, the merely decorative rosary hanging from the rear-view mirror.

The rosary is a devotion in honour of the Virgin Mary. It consists of a set number of specific prayers. First are the introductory prayers: one Apostles' Creed (Credo), one Our Father (the Pater Noster or the Lord's Prayer), three Hail Mary's (Ave's), one Glory Be (Gloria Patri).

It's commonly said that St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), instituted the rosary. Not so. Certain parts of the rosary predated Dominic; others arose only after his death. Centuries before Dominic, monks had begun to recite all 150 psalms on a regular basis. As time went on, it was felt that the lay brothers, known as the conversi, should have some form of prayer of their own. They were distinct from the choir monks, and a chief distinction was that they were illiterate. Since they couldn't read the psalms, they couldn't recite them with the monks. They needed an easily remembered prayer. The prayer first chosen was the Our Father, and, depending on circumstances, it was said either fifty or a hundred times. These conversi used rosaries to keep count, and the rosaries were known then as Paternosters (Our Fathers). Both Catholics and non-Catholics, as they learn more about the rosary and make more frequent use of it, come to see how its meditations bring to mind the sweet fragrance not only of the Mother of God, but of Christ himself.

Pope Francis recommend we all pray the Rosary every day. For those that want to join in, learn or listen. It is dutifully prayed before each Mass at St Macartan's.