

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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MASS TIMES

Today's Mass AND Weekday Masses

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 SATURDAY NIGHT or SUNDAY
MASSES**

And No

**WEEKDAY MASSES
Until Gov't allows**

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Fri 31st: St Ignatius Loyola
- Sat 1st: St Alphonsus Liguori
- Mon 3rd: St Dominic
- Tue 4th: St John Vianney
- Thu 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Sat 8th: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Office: Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays

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Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello
Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th August via

Zoom, please contact office to book.

All Baptisms: **SUSPENDED**

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.

Mass Intentions

And especially for Ruben Pateman

First Reading Is 55:1-3

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

((R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

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.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where he could be by himself. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

'Revealers of Jesus': A message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

A video message from Archbishop Peter

https://youtu.be/rDm8ZZ_mw2Y

Living the Gospel

Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news that his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The death of the Baptist has left Jesus saddened, but even his personal sorrow is overwhelmed by compassion for the people who had followed him, and he cures their sick. The crowd stays with him, even into the evening. When the disciples ask Jesus to send them away to eat, Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them yourselves. He is training them to take the initiative, to be confident leaders of the community after he has gone. Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal in blessing, breaking and giving, but this ritual now points to the actions of the Last Supper. All are fed; all are satisfied. There are overtones of the messianic banquet, a common image in the Hebrew Scriptures describing

the reign of God; there is an abundance. The crowd represents all of Israel gathered by Jesus, and the twelve baskets of remainders represent the twelve tribes of Israel gathered by the twelve disciples.

- In this text, the crowd has nothing and Jesus has nothing. The disciples have a little, and what they have they put into Jesus' hands. In our country, where most people have an abundance, how well do we share what we have with the rest of the world?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Overwhelmingly, the image of this text is the abundance of the feast that is offered to us by Jesus. This echoes a traditional image of the coming of the Messiah found in the Jewish Scriptures—the messianic feast.

They all ate as much as they wanted and still there was plenty remaining. In Jesus, we can be thoroughly satisfied. He is the source of all we need.

Another image in this text is the need to withdraw to a quiet place to pray and meditate, to nourish our souls as well as our bodies.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jesus' actions in the gospel mirror the actions of the Eucharist. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to the people.
- The multiplication miracle is recounted in all four gospels.
- John the Baptist was ordered to be killed by Herod Antipas, who ruled, under the Romans, over the northern province of Galilee. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, who was King at the time of Jesus' birth. Antipas' career was dominated by his relationship with Herodias, whom he married even though she was his niece and married to his half-brother when they met, and even though he was compelled to divorce his own wife in order to marry her. John was publicly very critical of this marriage, so Antipas had him arrested and later executed. It was Antipas who was the 'King Herod' at the time of Jesus' death.
- Jesus probably spent some time as a disciple of John the Baptist.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Matthew, in recording Jesus' words and actions in this gospel, reflects the eucharistic experience of the early church. The actions are the basic pattern of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the church to this day:

- Jesus takes bread —the preparation of bread and wine
- Jesus blesses God —the Eucharistic prayer of praise and thanks
- Jesus breaks bread —the fraction rite
- Jesus gives the bread to be distributed —the communion rite. The church teaches that the faithful should not be present at the liturgy as 'strangers or silent spectators. On the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers, they should take part through ... full collaboration.' Sacrosanctum Concilium, §47.
- You could spend time looking at the special prayers of the liturgy, especially the eucharistic prayers

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Jesus takes pity on the crowd who followed him. Reflect on an occasion when you have been moved by compassion for others. What action did you take?
- What needs do I have that only Christ can satisfy?
- What resources ('loaves and fish') do I bring to Christ for him to bless and share?
- Go to a 'deserted place' where you can be alone for a short time. Experience there your own inner hunger and contemplate what it is that satisfies you. Practise this for a short period each day.
- Meals remind us of our dependence on God for the fruits of the earth. It is right that we should thank God for his abundant giving. This week, pray a grace before each meal. Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which from your goodness we are about to receive, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKDAY MASSES NOW ONLINE!

(Available from approx. 10:30am - Tues to Sat)

(same YouTube link as Sunday Mass - see page 1)

Yes, I'm putting weekday Masses online, the same as the Sunday Mass.

However, the sound quality of the weekday video is not as good.

It's a video using my mobile phone.

But I'm working on improvements all the time.

Stay safe physically, emotionally and spiritually ;-)

Fr Geoff

National Day of Prayer and Fasting

National Council of Churches has nominated this coming Sunday as a national day of prayer and fasting against Covid .

Please join us in and prayer, especially on the day.

HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

BELOW - ALL SUSPENDED until further notice

Confirmation program, that has just ended, the proposed sacraments classes for 1st Eucharist may also be done via ZOOM Meetings. Once restrictions are eased, classes are run in the Community Centre, Tuesday nights from 4:30pm-6pm. Proposed date, depending on restrictions being eased—First Eucharist is on August 25th information night

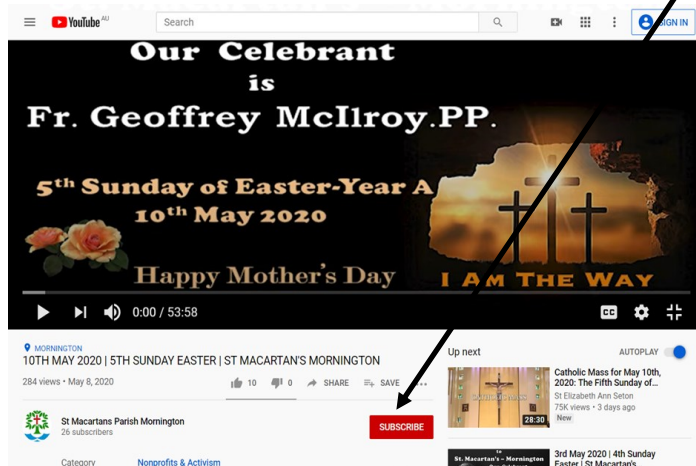
To enroll your child or to get more details please email Faye at:
stmacshighspirits@gmail.com

PS - A volunteer assistant is needed or classes cannot commence.

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**



Parish Footy Tipping



The top tipper for Round 8 were **Carolyn Meier, Debra Meier and Finnys**, who all scored 8 winners. Well done but ,just missing out on the bonus point. Top spot is now held by **Borgie** with a progress score of 51. **Like Misti** had a bad weekend and with a score of 4 lost top spot. He has 49. **Round 9** started on Wednesday 29th. and over the next 12 days there should be 33 games played. Plenty of footy to watch while locked up at home. Bad luck for Home and Away listeners

HISTORY St.Kilda by kicking many goals and only one point brought to mind the Spanish flu. In 1919 when the Spanish flu was raging (not unlike now).A team did likewise many goals but only one behind..It was the last time it happened. Also in 1919 Melbourne reentered the AFL after the war and failed to win a game. Collingwood 11-12-78 won the Grand Final by defeating Richmond 7-11-63 in front of 45,443 spectators.

From St Macartan's School

Term 3 Week 2 2020

Psalm 33:22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a time for all of us to find creative ways of reaching out to others, especially those vulnerable and at risk. Please also keep those directly affected by COVID-19, their family members and the medical professionals caring for them in your prayers.

We understand that every family's home circumstances are different, and schools are working to respond with as much flexibility as possible. Parents - you are doing a great job. You are the first educators and you have been working in that role since the birth of your first child. For some of you that is many, many years and for others at least 6 years. You are experts! Jaime (LSO) shared this post with me and I am sharing it with you. When things are getting to the point where you, your child, your family, need a break....TAKE IT.

Yours sincerely,
Colleen McGreal
Principal

To Colleen and the St Macartan's Crew - The best School on the Peninsular!

Ok, yes I am biased and proud to be so for such a wonderful School.

No, not just the school as a magnificent and modern buildings but the teachers!

Yes, they are what makes the school so terrific and what a trial they have been through and are continuing to struggle through right now.

Just as a School is more than just buildings, it's people. People who also have families to go home to, to families who are also scared in this Pandemic.

Yes we are one Christian community, one that looks out for others first, one that sometimes even puts our own needs to one side for the greater good of others.

Let us all try and take sometime to take a deep breath, go for a long walk, find sometime alone in silence, in prayer and then reflect on your blessings, your children, your spouse, your family and friends and upon the Lord, who will be there whenever you call.

Just - Have a little faith

"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Mt 17:20

Blessings - Fr Geoff

NEWS

Catholic sector thanks Victorian aged care workers
Wednesday 29 July 2020
Catholic Health Australia

The largest non-government grouping of aged care services in Australia, Catholic Health Australia, thanks its workers as they continue to provide compassionate care in the face of a surging pandemic.

CHA, whose Victorian members include Mercy, St Vincent's and Villa Maria, among others, said its aged care workers are doing an amazing job as they battle a second surge of COVID cases in Victoria.

The workforce in Victoria's aged care homes are doing everything they can to protect the older residents in their care and deserve our respect and support.

CHA Chief Executive Pat Garcia said: 'Our workers are there on the frontline - they are quite literally the bulwark between the pandemic and the most vulnerable in our community.'

'Staff are working long hours filling in the gaps in rosters for their colleagues who have been forced to self-isolate. They continue to provide care to the best of their ability while maintaining the strictest measures to keep facilities free of infection. I commend them for their dedication to duty and the compassion and care they continue to show their residents.'

'Even before the crisis this is a workforce that is crying out for more training and greater government support to do their jobs. I welcome the support shown for them by Health Minister Hunt and by Aged Care Minister Colbeck - I know it will be appreciated by our staff.'

Mr Garcia welcomed the practical support on the ground by both the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments, namely the creation of the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre to coordinate additional support for the sector, including the deployment of teams of public health experts and experienced nursing staff from Victorian hospitals to residential aged care facilities, and the release of more personal protective equipment from government stockpiles.

'I want to thank government for its practical help. CHA will continue to work closely with government to identify other areas where we can support our workers,' Mr Garcia said.

UPCOMING HOLY DAY

Home in hard places: St Ignatius Loyola

Wednesday 29 July 2020

by: Andrew Hamilton

In the future, 2020 will be remembered by many different names. In Australia, one of them could well be the Year of Hard Times and Places. We think of the country alight, of the people caught by Coronavirus, and of the hardship suffered as a result of the isolation that followed it. 2020 will certainly not be called the year of trivial pursuits.

St Ignatius spent much of his life drawing people beyond trivial pursuits and became at home in hard places. He had to convalesce after being wounded in battle. He begged his way around Spain, slept rough, had constant run-ins with authorities suspicious of his faith and morals, went back to school in his late 20s, begged his way to visit the Holy Land but was ordered home, and faced every obstacle in placing himself and his friends at the disposal of the Pope. For much of his life, too, he suffered the acute pain of kidney stones.

If resilience is a quality highly to be prized—as is widely proclaimed in this year of coronavirus—Ignatius had it in spades. It came from his conviction that God loved him and was calling him into service, and that the map of the future would be written in the successes, the failures, the lights and the unnoticed shadows of his life. In a world marked by bitter conflicts, by people wanting unconditional commitment to narrow causes, by war and plague and troubled conscience, he listened to people and led them to focus on what really matters. As Pope Francis would say, he did not live in officers' quarters but in the field hospital.

Coincidentally, St Ignatius' feast (31 July) falls one day before the World Day of Friendship. Had Ignatius seen into the future he would have appreciated the coincidence, and over the dinner table would surely have reminded his Jesuit community of its significance. Friendship lay at the heart of his discovery of God and of the founding of the Jesuits. For him, friendship with Jesus flowed naturally from gratitude to God for his goodness in making, forgiving and calling him. In his life and his Spiritual Exercises, intimacy with Jesus and Mary through an imagination captured by them had a central part. He shared this friendship with his young fellow students at university in Paris, and it grounded their deep friendship with one another. It led them to have high desires to serve God in a shared commitment, initially in Palestine, and when that was impracticable, in service of the Pope.

When with his companions Ignatius decided to ask the Pope to allow them to formalise their commitment to Christ and one another in his service, they hoped that all those who joined them would be what they were, friends in the Lord. In the time of Coronavirus, too, resilience and friendship are great gifts. They are also in great need. They are in the DNA also of Jesuit Social Services, which inherits the tradition of Ignatius. They are gifts that we hope we offer to offer to those for whom we work, and to show in our relationship with one another.

Prayer rite to celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

By Clare Deignan

27 Jul 2020

On 8 August we celebrate the feast day of Australia's first saint – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Reflection:

‘Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.’

– St Mary MacKillop

We all face troubles in life. Many difficulties are cracks in our path that trip us up; others are crater sized problems that are trickier to navigate. Life often challenges us with struggles we're not always prepared to overcome.

But for Mary MacKillop to ask us to bear our troubles cheerfully? That request seems a bit too much. To understand Mary MacKillop's words, we can look to the Benedictine monk, Brother David Steindl-Rast.

Br David says, ‘The root of joy is gratefulness. It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful. Count your blessings and you will find them to be countless, even in the midst of adversity and tragic circumstances.

Delighting in God's creation and gifts transforms our worries and concerns into joy and allows us to bear all things cheerfully.

St Mary MacKillop knew what it meant to bear troubles joyfully. An industrious and educated young woman, she began teaching in her teenage years to support her family, even opening schools in her early 20s. She carried her love for teaching and serving the poor throughout her life. Co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), she almost lost her life's work and her religious community, standing up against a sexual perpetrator. Even in excommunication, she didn't give up her faith or joy.

In 2010 at her canonisation Pope Benedict XVI described Mary MacKillop's courage and joy in the face of troubles. He said, ‘Despite many challenges, her prayers to Saint Joseph and her unflagging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom she dedicated her new congregation, gave this holy woman the graces needed to remain faithful to God and to the Church.’

As we face struggles in our lives, may we remember

St Mary MacKillop's unwavering courage and let charity be our guide.

Prayers of petition:

Father, we pray for children workers everywhere, who like St Mary MacKillop, have to work to support their families and themselves. May we pray for the forgotten and uncared for in our society and those who remember and care for them. Lord hear us. May our Catholic communities remember, like Mary MacKillop, that Catholic education should not only be available for the privileged but for all. Lord hear us. May we bear our troubles cheerfully remembering that obstacles are an invitation to trust in you. Lord hear us.



CATHOLICCARE CAN HELP

CatholicCare is the social service agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale.

Since 1935, we have offered hope and support to the vulnerable and marginalised, responding to the changing needs of the community with a commitment to addressing social disadvantage.

Relationships are at the heart of why we exist. We help people to build positive relationships, and repair connections when needed. We are not just a program, or even a series of programs - we're a safety net and a capacity builder. We aim to prevent relationship breakdowns, or help people get back on track when these issues occur.

We provide family and relationship services, relationship courses, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support, and school and education support. All services are offered to the whole community, regardless of religious belief or background.

With over 350 staff and volunteers in 11 CatholicCare offices, our geographical reach covers all of Greater Melbourne and Geelong, extends west to Melton, north to Castlemaine and includes all of Gippsland. Some of our programs operate state-wide.

Our services are funded through a mix of government and philanthropic grants, income from fees and investments, and contributions from donors and supporters.

CatholicCare has been independently assessed and accredited by Quality Innovation Performance for meeting relevant service standards.

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