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that the kingdom  
of God will be  
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### MASS TIMES

#### **Sunday's Mass and weekday Masses**

On Line found on Parish's YouTube page:  
(Ctrl and enter) on this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions**

**ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE**

**ALSO**

**See outdoor Mass timetable below**

#### **Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Fri 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Wed 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

**Office: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**If you leave an audible voice telephone message. Fr Geoff will return your call.**

**BUT PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE!!!**

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

Email:

[Mornington.childsafety@cam.org.au](mailto:Mornington.childsafety@cam.org.au)

**St Macartan's Primary School**

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

**Music & Wedding Co-Ordinator-**

Veronica Ryan 5975 6981/ 0418 358 213.

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**Marriage & Counselling:** Charmaine

Holmes: 5977 2567

**Marriage Prep:** See Fr Geoff

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting - Postponed**

**All Baptisms: **SUSPENDED****

**Recently Deceased:** Barry Morris

Mass Intentions

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Janet Smyth, Tony Ryan, Graham Oliver, Laura Castelow, Julie Nash, Margaret O'Connor, Jay Keogh, Sophie Davidson, 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, Torquil Hansen **And especially for Ruben Pateman.**

**First Reading** Is 5:1-7

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

## **Second Reading Phil 4:6-9**

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Mt 21:33-43

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### **Communion Antiphon** Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



## Have you thought? The benevolent Landowner

*One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.*

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The reading from Isaiah and the Gospel are clearly linked today by the image of the vineyard. In the Old Testament Israel was imaged as God's vineyard and so the central image of the parable was immediately recognisable by Jesus' listeners. Before moving further into the story, it is worth considering how precious the vineyard is to its owner. To cultivate a vineyard in fertile land takes time and effort; to cultivate a vineyard in the harsh, relatively dry and infertile soil of Israel takes enormous work and constant vigilance. The land needs to be terraced to harvest any rainfall that comes; the ground needs to be slowly cleared of rocks to find good soil. The vineyard is an image of God's long term commitment to Israel.

When looking at a parable it is worth considering it at different levels.

- Ask yourself: How the parable might have been used by Jesus and heard by his original audience?
- Since this parable is found in Mark as well as Matthew and Luke it is likely to be a real saying of the historical Jesus. In all the Synoptics it is placed on the lips of Jesus at the end of his ministry as he faces the hostility of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. The parable speaks of his own experience of ministry, his sense of being missioned by God and yet his mission being rejected. Before he spoke this parable, you might imagine the hours Jesus spent in prayer contemplating the painful reality of his own mission and pondering why his words receive such a hostile reaction.
- Another level for interpreting a parable is to ask how the evangelist has used it, or why he has used it for his community. Matthew is writing at a time when Jerusalem has been destroyed by the Romans and the Gospel message is being received by the Gentiles. For Matthew's community the parable demonstrates that the vineyard has been taken from the original tenants and been given over to others. This parable not only interprets the meaning of Jesus' death at the hands of the religious leaders, but also offers an explanation to Matthew's community about the spread of the Gospel and the destruction of Jerusalem.
- Finally ask what the parable can say to us today. In our time we are the new stewards of the vineyard. God's Kingdom has been given to us. The parable cautions us that we will be held accountable for our stewardship. Is our tenancy being productive? Are we truly living out the Gospel? Will our tenancy go the same way as Israel's when God calls us to account? Other questions we might consider are: who are the prophets in our midst calling us to greater fidelity? How are we treating these prophets?

## **Pope at Audience: 'Make love go viral in the light of faith'**

*Concluding his series of catecheses on the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis reflects on the path of hope and love, as the world continues to suffer.*

*By Vatican News*

Pope Francis began his General Audience on Wednesday noting that in recent weeks “we have reflected together” on how to heal the world from the suffering highlighted by the pandemic. As disciples of Jesus, “allowing ourselves to be guided by faith, hope and charity”, he said, we have proposed to follow in His steps, opting for the poor, rethinking the use of material goods and taking care of our common home.

### **May the path continue**

The Pope continued by expressing his hope that we “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” who saves and heals the world and takes care of all “without distinction on the basis of race, language or nation”. In order to do this, and follow in his footsteps, he explained, we must “contemplate and appreciate the beauty of every human being and of every creature”,  
all conceived in the heart of God.

In this way can we recognise Christ present in our poor and suffering brothers and sisters, to encounter them and to listen to their cry and the cry of the earth that echoes, continued the Pope.

### **“Normality”**

In recognising Christ we will be able to regenerate society and not return to so-called “normality”, said the Pope, explaining that the normality we once knew was “sick with injustice”. The virus has highlighted so many injustices, all of which are the result of humankind, he continued, instead, we are called to the normality of the Kingdom of God, “where there is bread for all and more to spare, social organisation is based on contributing, sharing and distributing, not on possessing, excluding and accumulating”.

“To come out of the pandemic, we must find the cure not only for the coronavirus, but also for the great human and socio-economic viruses”, said the Pope.

### **Viralise love, globalise hope**

Finally, Pope Francis noted that “a fair and equitable society is a healthier society” and that together we can work towards the Kingdom that Christ inaugurated for us: “a Kingdom of light in the midst of darkness, of justice in the midst of so many outrages, of joy in the midst of so much pain, of healing and salvation in the midst of sickness and death”. Lets make love "go viral" and lets “globalise” hope in the light of faith”.



CatholicCare is the social service agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale. We've been supporting families and individuals for the last 85 years.

We provide family and relationship support services, relationship courses, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support, and school and education support.

Our services are offered to the whole community, regardless of religious belief or background.



## HELP! MARQUEE / PERGOLA REQUIRED

Does anyone have a Marquee that could fit approximately 20 people under it that they can loan the church for several weeks?

If so please call the parish office on 59752200 or email [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

Thank you  
Fr Geoff

## HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

**We have successfully completed 1st Reconciliation classes:**

Thank you to all the participants  
and especially to Faye Melhem

**NEXT will be 1st Eucharist classes - so enroll NOW!**

**To enroll your child or to get more details please email Faye at:  
[stmacshighspirits@gmail.com](mailto:stmacshighspirits@gmail.com)**

## CHILD SAFETY NEWS



Dear Parishioners,

And especially to the members of the many ministries at St Macartan's, we are reviewing and updating the parish register. Each volunteer and staff member's details are being checked so an accurate record of who is presently an active volunteer in each group can be attained. Details such as a current Working with Children or a current Police Check, are especially important. Members who may need to renew their WWC will be notified either by email or phone. Updating your WWC can be done online by following the attached link.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/current-cardholders/update-my-details>



## SKOOL NEWZ

### Wellbeing

This term has certainly challenged the wellbeing of all members of the community. The holidays mark an important chance to rest and reset before embarking on Term 4. This week students were asked to reflect on the term that has past.

The response to how you have felt most of Term 3 shows how resilient and positive our St Mac's kids are. It is wonderful to see over 80% of respondents shared they were proud, excited or happy. It hasn't been an easy term, but our young people have shown they can adapt and have a sense of pride and joy in any circumstances:

The students were also asked to explain why they felt this way and there were some great responses:

"I felt proud most of the time because I learnt new struggles then achieved them. This is what made me feel proud this term"

"i discovered new tasks that were really fun and i couldn't wait to do them i was so excited."

"I have just really enjoyed camp and seeing my friends online!"

"That I was going really well with my work and proud of what I had accomplished."

"I got to spend time with my family and play outside."

"For all that I have achieved and done at home on my own and with my family."

"Because I didn't give up on doing it"

"Well i always felt happy i always like to start new thing and this year i learn a lot about friendship, including others, and even feel proud about my maths improvement."

"I felt proud because I fought through all of the hard stuff."

"Because I have my family there all the time and I get to still see my teacher and classmates on zoom."

"I did some things this week that I was nervous about but I did them, so I feel really proud of myself."

"Nothing really, I wasn't sad but I wasn't excited or angry either. I've always been content with distance learning"

"I was happy because it was fun and I love all my classmates and teacher"

## St Vincent De Paul Soup Van Appeal



75% of calls to the Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line are from people asking for food. Please donate today and help feed individuals and families who are going hungry due to COVID-19.

Vinnies Soup Van have experienced a 25% rise in people coming to them desperate for a meal. For many, it's their first time. Sadly, at the end of the year, they expect this number of people coming to them to rise again.

Please help us meet the growing demand for food through our Vinnies Soup Van Programs and donate today by clicking on the link below or copying it into your browser.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>



### Daylight Savings



**Daylight Savings will begin this Sunday Oct 4, 2020 at 2 am.**

So you will need to bring your clock forward by one hour, smart phones will change automatically.

This means sunset will be about 1 hour later and we will have more light in the evening.

Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.

### CatholicCare Marriage and Relationship Unit Remote FOCCUS Program via Zoom.

FOCCUS is a pre-marriage education program which CatholicCare have been offering, to the great satisfaction of couples, for nearly 25 years. The Program is for individual couples to reflect on their relationship in a private, confidential setting. Couples complete an online inventory then work through their responses with a qualified facilitator. The setting allows couples to talk about their strengths and discuss the challenges they may face as their relationship evolves.

Whilst we know that it is a tricky time to be planning a wedding, we encourage couples to see pre-marriage education as a gift to their relationship. We know that our FOCCUS couples are really appreciating the chance to go deeper into their relationship to prepare not only for their wedding day, but for their marriage.

Couples will find booking and payment details for remote FOCCUS on <https://www.ccam.org.au/page/24/pre-marriage-education-programs>. You can book your sessions by ringing the branch listed closest to you.



## **2020 Live Streamed March for the Babies October 10 @1 p.m.**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual March for the Babies 2020 will be a Live Streamed event @ 1p.m. Saturday October 10  
Join in online [www.mftb.online](http://www.mftb.online) for Victoria's largest pro-life event in defence of the victims of Victoria's inhumane abortion laws, unborn children and their mothers. Featured speakers, powerful testimonies, music and opportunities to promote the "culture of life".

## **St Macartans Parishioners Photo Display**



### **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PHOTO**

The photos will then be included at the start of our Video Mass

Take a selfie and then e-mail it to our Parish Office at—  
[mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

## **World Mission Sunday October 18th**

This year due to the current situation, donations can be made via the website -

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-work-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal>

or

By texting the word “**GIVE**” to the number: **0488 854 436**.

This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.

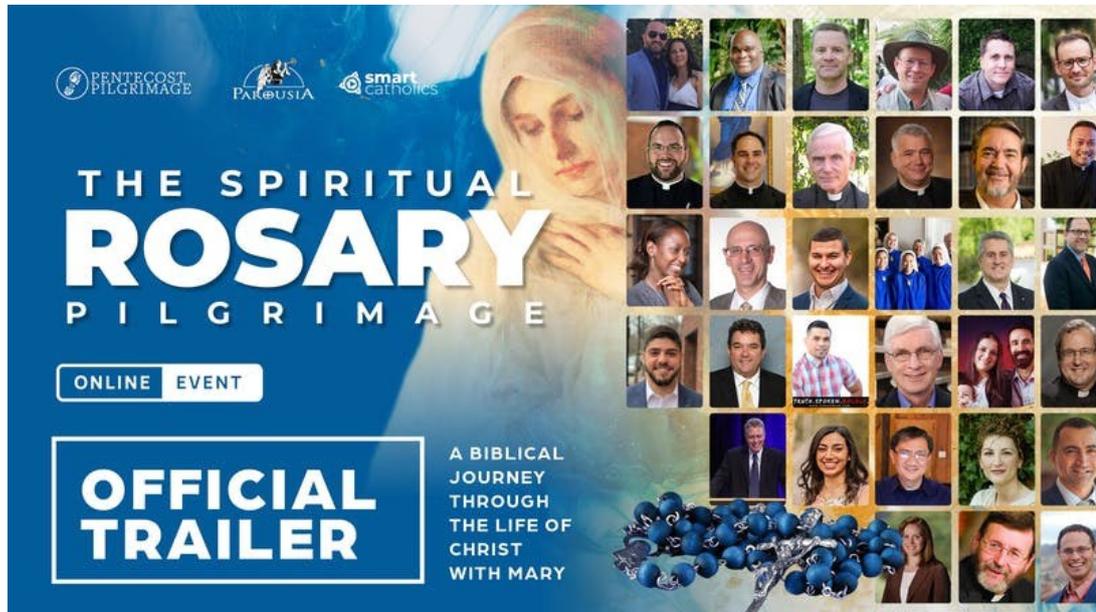


## The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage.

Your reflection for 'The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation', by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, is now available.

Click the link to watch this reflection.

<https://parousiaondemand.com/programs/deacon-harold-annunciation-v2mov-9f62e7>



We are so excited that are sharing the power of the Rosary with us.

## Parish Footy Tipping Home and Away. Season

The 2020 AFL Home and Away Season has been a strange one. It started and stopped after one week only to return a few weeks later. Instead of a season of 23 rounds, it became one of 18 rounds. Each team only played each other once which was fairer than the 23 games. The games were played mainly in Queensland with some in Perth and Adelaide.. Games mainly in Rugby territory. The St.Macartan's Parish tipping has been successful though due to ill health we lost some members.

The top ten tippers for 2020 were 1st. Borgie alias Delina Frank who has been a member from our first year and has always finished in the top 10. She wins the prize of \$400, Well done Delina and hopefully the Western Bulldogs will follow your example. 2nd prize(\$180) to a relatively new member in Barry Murphy. Barry started the season a correct 9 in the first round and repeated it a couple of times. Third prize(\$80) went to Paul Stinnear usually a top performer Others in the top ten(to receive a prize) were Hafey's Hacks, Granny Finn, Maree O'Halloran, John Frank, Carolyn Meier, Lizzie, Kees Duyvesteyn, The family prize went to the Meier family. Top Religious Father Bill, Youth prize Lachlan Meier. The Kevin O'Brien Memorial Trophy, Trapper. his prize is awarded to the tipper who can tip the most losers, for which Kevin was famous over many seasons.



Are you thinking of  
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic**

**WHO IS RCIA FOR?**

Adults who are not baptised.

Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.

Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

**Where do you begin?**

New sessions begin with an information night TBA.

There is no obligation – Call and find out more:

**LAST CALL!**

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation.

Those who join the process are encouraged to go at their own pace but on average the journey takes several months of weekly or fortnightly sessions leading to, if the candidate wishes, reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter, with an on-going attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

**Like to find out more?**

Ring the Parish office at 5975 2200

Or email: [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

## COVID-19: REOPENING ROADMAP FOR MELBOURNE WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US AT ST MACARTAN'S?

Yes, unfortunately my Predictions/Alerts last week have come true!  
This is the latest on what I am allowed to do  
and what I will be doing at St Macartan's.

- ⇒ MASS OUTDOORS: **Sunday** 9am and 11am - 5people + Priest  
⇒ MASS OUTDOORS: **Tue, Wed & Thur** - 5people + Priest  
This is how it looks set-up



### TO BOOK

Contact: Ann Hancock 0438 315 272

Leave message with Name, Contact No, Any day of week that is NOT suitable?  
You will be allocated the next available spot.  
You will receive a text / phone call to confirm your booking.

### Please note:

You must wear masks, bring an umbrella if weather looks inclement.  
Parking is on Drake St or behind Church - Not in the presbytery driveway!  
Service begins promptly at 10:30, please be there by 10:20.  
Where? In the garden behind Presbytery (Parish Office). No 4 Drake Street.  
To enter - walk down driveway to back of house.  
If booked but you cannot attend, please call Parish Office and leave a message.

### **Dear Parishioners**

**I will do everything I am allowed to do, to help share the Lord!**

[But - Pray for common sense to come into decision makers minds - Please!!!!!!]

ALSO

I will still be posting my usual daily Mass on line - YouTube

&

Sunday Mass on line - YouTube St Macartan's Parish

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

AND

Private OUTDOOR reconciliation after Mass or by appointment (call Office).



Blessings to you all & thank you

Ann - Fr Geoff