

**Sunday 1st November 2020, All Saints Day**

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



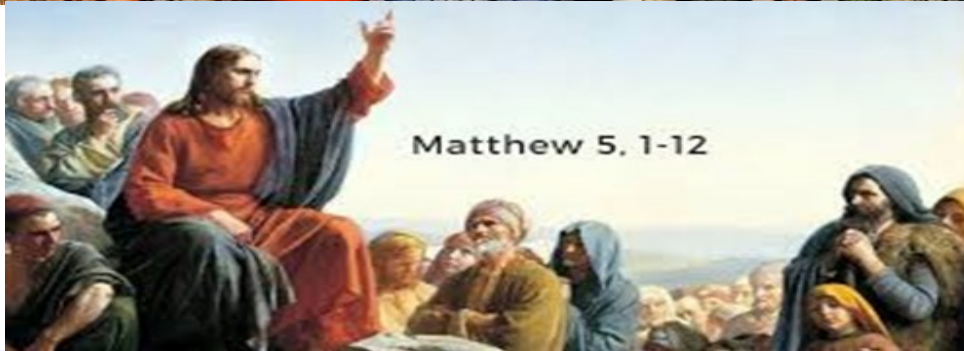
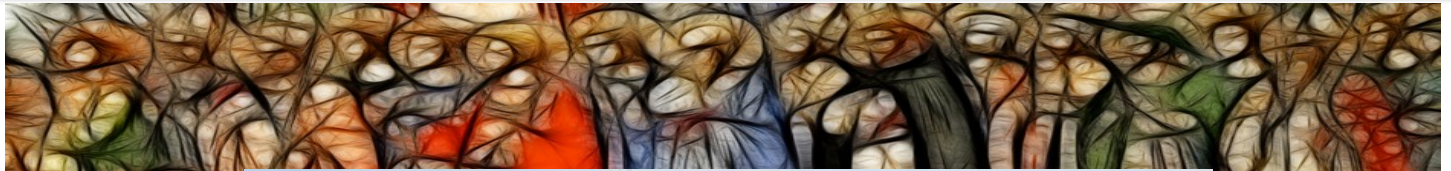
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**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

**Parish Secretary:** Theresa Collard



### **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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions**

**WE'RE BACK!!!!**

**All Mass times + extra!**

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

- Sun 1st Nov: All Saints Day - Solemnity
- Mon 2nd Nov: All Souls Day.
- Wed 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**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

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**Marriage Prep:** See Fr Geoff

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting - Postponed**

**All Baptisms: COMING BACK SOON!**

**Anniversaries:** Raymond John Ellis and Allan Duryea and Brenda Robinson

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** Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

### **A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

## **Second Reading** 1 Jn 3:1-3

### **A reading from the first letter of St John**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Mt 5:1-12

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

### **Communion Antihon** Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

# Scriptural Context

## Kingdom Attitudes

*Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.*

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The Feast of All Saints is a rich and beautiful tradition within the Church. It honours those who have died, it reminds us that we are part of a wider communion of holy people, and it affirms our faith in God's loving fidelity to life. In the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, from Vatican II, an entire chapter is given to affirm that the Pilgrim Church on earth looks to its final completion at the end of time, and that while awaiting this End Time, we are supported and nourished in faith by those already experiencing the fullness of life with God.

*Until the Lord shall come in His majesty, and all the angels with Him and death being destroyed, all things are subject to Him, some of His disciples are exiles on earth, some having died are purified, and others are in glory beholding 'clearly God triune*

*and one', but all in various ways and degrees are in communion in the same love of God and neighbour and all sing the same hymn of glory to our God... For by reason of the fact that those in heaven are more closely united with Christ, they establish the whole Church more firmly in holiness, lend nobility to the worship which the Church offers to God here on earth and in many ways contribute to its greater edification. (L.G. para 49).* Today's readings reflect that certainty of faith. In the context of today's celebration of the Saints, the Beatitudes may sound as if they are the promise of a future, heavenly reward, but it is important to notice that Jesus' words in the first and last Beatitude are in the present tense: 'Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' Along with the Saints in heaven who experience the fullness of God's desires, Jesus' sermon is directed to disciples now, offering them a vision of what life in the kingdom might mean.

### Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

### Have you thought? – Making Saints

Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has 'made' a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church formally recognises the saintliness of particular people partly to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration.

## **COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?**

Hi All,

As you may/may not be aware, recently we have only been able to have 5 people outdoors for Mass and 5 indoors for any video/live-streaming Mass. The outdoor masses are fought with environmental issues - wind, cold, rain, noise etc and only offers limited protection/cover for 5 people, so the more we are allowed to have the harder it becomes. But they have served a temporary purpose.

- \* Church cleaning roster can begin as soon as we are allowed to have the Church remain open for the public. Unless they want to book a time to enter?
- \* Office to remain closed as the rule is - "if you can work from home you must," quoting Daniel Andrews.

Baptisms - To pick up the back log. I will offer Baptism times other than Sunday **From midnight Tuesday 27th October**, we are allowed to have 10 people inside the Church for Mass and 20 outdoors for Mass. But I will be not doing any more outdoor masses, but will add extra indoor masses.

From the morning of Wednesday 28th October until Sunday 8th November (when new changes come in) the following will be available -

**Via booking in with Ann Hancock: 0438 315 272**  
**email: [annhancock5@gmail.com](mailto:annhancock5@gmail.com)**



**All Masses below are inside the Church  
(people must still wear a mask at all times)**

- ◇ **Tue 9:15 and 10:30am** (10 people at each)
- ◇ **Wed 9:15 and 10:30am** (10 people at each)
- ◇ **Thu 9:15 and 10:30am** (10 people at each)
- ◇ **Fri 9:15** (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Fri 1pm** - video recording of Sunday's Mass in Church - Yes you can come! (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sat 9:15am** Mass in Church (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sat 6pm** - Sunday vigil Mass in Church (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 9am** (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 11am** (10 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 5pm** (10 people allowed)

Also - **Monday night Rosary** group (10 maximum) can begin from Mon 2nd Nov.

- \* 12:30pm but also Saturday 11am & 1pm. Office is working in schedule.
- \* Other Sacraments (Confirmation) - ? Will know more next week.
- \* Reconciliation available after 9:15am Saturday and after 10:30am Mass Wed or by appointment with Fr Geoff
- \* Funerals can have up to 20 mourners

### **After Sunday 8th Nov - MORE TO SAY ON THIS LATER**

Inside mass goes to 20 and all reader schedules to begin as we were doing in June. Door monitors to be reinstated and sanitizers to start after each service.

Note: Up to 50 will be allowed outside (Option to be discussed with PPC)



## St Macartan's 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)

## HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

**1st Eucharist classes - Have begun!**

**If your child has missed out - Do not fret!  
Just let us know and we will see what we can do.**

**Please email Faye at:  
stmacshighspirits@gmail.com**

## CHILD SAFETY NEWS



Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare for opening our church for more masses and increased numbers, we also look forward to the opportunity to volunteer & assist the many ministries that help support the community of St Macartan's. Readers, special ministers of the eucharist, youth group, are only a few of the various groups that work within the parish. A volunteer application form is available on our website, please think about how you can give of yourself & join the strong force of volunteers that form the backbone of our parish.

Yours sincerely

Carmel McGrath - St Macartan's Child Safety Officer  
[Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au](mailto:Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au)

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

## **St Macartan's Parish Finance Committee - Accountant Required**

Our Finance Committee is looking now looking for an accountant that would like to volunteer their services on the Finance Committee.

The role is to assist in advising Fr Geoff with Parish Finance, yearly audit, decisions & attending a meeting approx. every 8 weeks.

If you are interested please e-mail [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au) or call the office on 5975 2200



CATHOLIC  
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### **Catholic Theological College 2020 Knox Public Lecture Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm**

**Sheree Limbrick**

**Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change**

**Bookings and Info: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture)**

**Enq: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or**

**Phone 9412 3333**

**Venue: online**

### **Parish Footy Tipping— The Grand Final**

Congratulations to Father Bill Gill who was the winner of the Grand Final Knockout Competition. There were seven left for the Grand Final but Father Bill was the only one to tip Richmond. Well done father Bill it compensates for the Swans not making the finals and well done to all the Tiger supporters.

In the Special for all tippers the winner was ten year old ,Jackson, Spencer;s Grandson who tipped Richmond to win. He said a margin of 27 just 4 short of the correct margin Well done Jackson.

It's Footy tipping at St.Macartan's It's well into its second decade This year has been most unusual with a start-stop-start Season. and very much an interstate affair. What would we have done without the TV!!

However we had the greatest number of tippers tipping the card and getting the extra point. If you tipped the card there used to be a prize but this was changed to gaining an extra point.

This did not influence the result, despite the fact that one tipper gained three cards.

Due to the virus and its effect on the hospitality places I did not approach the Grand, Kirks or the Dava who have generously given us vouchers each year. Instead I bought vouchers from them, only a small gesture but we wanted to let them know we have appreciated their support.

Thanks to all the tippers young and old and to Fr. Geoff for our space in the Bulletin and support Thanks also to Theresa for her help and patience with the reports.

Finally may we offer our prayers for our tippers who are now deceased and in particular, for "Meg' McCrae, who was one of the original tippers who died recently May they all rest in peace Finally again a quote from Peter Landy "Carlton kicked ten goals in one quarter, the old baker's dozen"



## 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.

### 'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom',

Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert.

Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise.

Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at

<https://www.trybooking.com/663916>

For more information, contact [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 9890 1101



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## **COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?**

### **What's NEW?**

Well as you have already read - We are back inside the Church with limited numbers but it's a start!

So like all starts, there eventually is a finish line, which like a long distance race we cannot see yet. But it is there somewhere ahead?

One stop along our long distance race is Christmas. The PPC, Child Safety and Liturgy committees, in conjunction with the school are looking at planning outdoor masses for Christmas eve.

Within the next few weeks we will have more to say on this and hopefully, if Gov't restrictions ease enough we can proceed?

Midnight Mass (11pm start), is scheduled to be inside, as outside in the dark in a car park, is a little dangerous, especially for elderly, elderly.

The usual Christmas morning Mass inside the Church will also be on the agenda.

More about these and the other Masses in coming weeks.

So let's all run this race together - slowly is Ok with me.

Blessings to you all

Fr Geoff

## *St Mac's - POETS CORNER*

*Have you got something to say, that's said in a nice poetical way.  
That's kind and uplifting, or spiritual and Christian.*

You maybe a Poet and just don't know it - Just send it in and we'll see?

### ***Kardia Path***

Stop.  
Notice where you are,  
how your choices have changed  
and whether you are  
regressing or advancing  
in God's imaginings.  
It is good to discern again  
amongst the goods available  
in this Covid-restricted time.  
It matters to be mindful,  
to stay the crooked and wobbly course.  
The path seems right –  
the endpoint is hidden.

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