

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



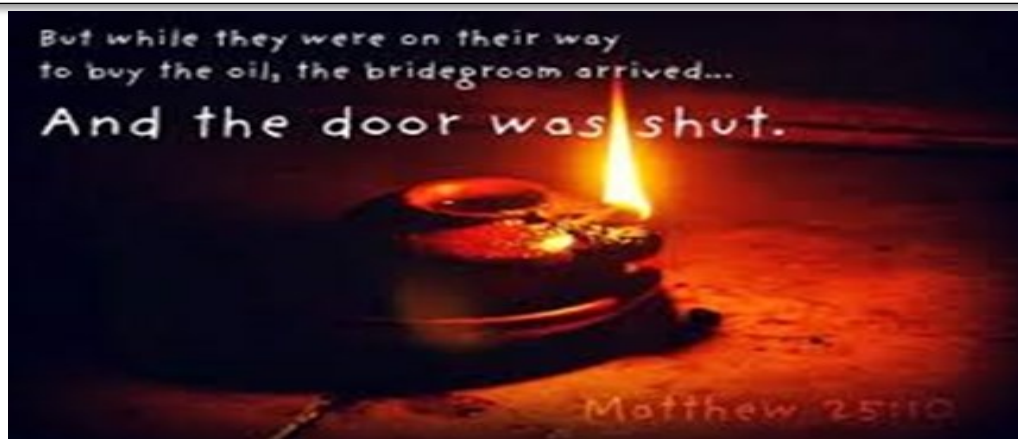
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MASS TIMES

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>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions

WE'RE BACK!!!!

All Mass times!

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 9th Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Tue 10th Nov: St Leo the Great, pope, doctor.
- Wed 11th Nov: St Martin de Tours, bishop
- Thu 12th Nov: St Josephat, bishop, martyr

Office: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

BUT PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE!!!

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Marriage Prep: See Fr Geoff

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - TBA

All Baptisms: COMING BACK SOON!

Recently Deceased: Patricia Joy Dean

Mass Intentions

Anniversaries: Pray for the sick and their Carers: Janet Smyth, Tony Ryan, Sue Hale, 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 Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antihon Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Historical Context

Where was the bride?

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the end of the liturgical year draws to a close the Gospel message becomes one of urgency. Time is running out. Be alert. Stay awake. Are you ready for the arrival of God's reign? The parable draws on two familiar images for a first century audience. In the Old Testament, the reign of God is frequently likened to a wedding banquet with God as the bridegroom reaching out in love to Israel the bride. On the day of the wedding, all those invited would gather and then the bride would process from her father's house to the house of her fiancé. This would be an opportunity to display her beauty and the wealth of her dowry to the entire village. She would enter the house with her companions to await the arrival of the bridegroom after the festivities. The bridegroom would also arrive in a procession and then the wedding festivities began, this was usually late afternoon. The companion of the bride and groom would escort the groom into the bridal chamber. A last minute delay could occur if there was some disagreement over the marriage contract and bridal gifts. In the parable some of the brides-

maids have come prepared for a long wait, while others were not ready. After the Resurrection, there was at first an enthusiastic expectation that God's final reign was about to dawn. Some members of that first community no doubt expected to be alive for Jesus' final coming in glory. By the time of Matthew's Gospel fifty years have passed and still people are waiting this final coming. Some are prepared for this and they have made an effort to have the necessary resources, while others find the waiting too long and their resources dry up. The Gospel asks us all to consider our own resources and what we are doing to ensure that these do not run out, as some of the companions ran out of oil.

- What resources my faith? Daily personal quiet time with God, maybe joining with others for reflective reading and prayer, being part of a local worshipping community, reading spiritual books, taking time for a retreat day occasionally and setting aside days each year for a retreat, checking out what is being offered at the local Spirituality Centre or taking a short course on some aspect of faith, and most of all, having a close friend one can talk with, about where God is in my life.

These are the ways we can find nourishment for our faith, that provide the 'oil for our lamp'. And yes, this takes some effort – the daily discipline of making time, the yearly determination to set aside some days, keeping an eye out for good reading or good seminars being offered. But without these resources, I suspect like some of the bride's companions we could soon lose sight of our purpose.

Living the gospel – Living in hope

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?

Hi All,

As you may/may not be aware, recently we have been able to have 10 people INSIDE for Mass. It has all have been going favourably, with people booking in and only a few walk ins having to be turned away. It wouldn't happen as smoothly or indeed at all, without the great organising gifts of Ann Hancock and the Liturgy team - well done! But more than 10 per Mass will not work the way we have been doing it. So assuming we will be allowed more in attendance, we will look at this scenario below. But what is written below, is written before Daniel Andrew's announcement on removing restrictions due on Sunday 8th, so please keep in mind this is only proposed until we know for certain, but an update on Monday will be posted on our website: www.stmacartansparish.com.au

At the moment for WEEKDAY Masses, we have a long list of all who have been attending, so depending on how many per Mass we are allowed a schedule will most likely be created and you will be informed on when you are scheduled to weekday Mass (with some flexibility). Others not on our list will have to apply to be on schedule via email:

mornington@cam.org.au

This will apply beginning Thursday 12th and remain until next relaxation of restrictions.



WEEKEND MASSES - Will be by attendance. Up to 20 will be allowed in but no pre-booking.

BELOW IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED!

- ◇ **Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat 9:15** (20 people at each Mass)
- ◇ **Fri 1pm** - video recording of Sunday's Mass in Church - By invitation only (20 people allowed). We will randomly invite Parishioners to attend.
- ◇ **Sat 6pm** - Sunday vigil Mass in Church (20 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 9am** (20 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 11am** (20 people allowed)
- ◇ **Sun 5pm** (20 people allowed)

Church will only be opened 30 minutes prior to Mass - Please no gatherings in groups outside, before or after Mass and always social distance!

Also - **Monday night Rosary** group (20 maximum) can begin from Mon 2nd Nov. **To be confirmed!**

BAPTISM - Are back!

- * Sunday's at 12:30pm but also Saturday 11am & possibly 1pm? Office is working on a schedule. All those who have contacted us will be notified. Parents please remember **there is NO URGENCY!** Parents if it is to be sure of school enrolment, rest assured, I have spoken to the Principal and as long as you have applied for Baptism you are Ok, or let me know of any extraordinary circumstances and I will intervene.
- * Other Sacraments (Confirmation) - ? Will know more next week.
- * Reconciliation available after 9:15am Saturday Mass and after 10:30am Mass Wed or by appointment.
- * High Spirits sacraments (1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist). These will be conducted at Masses coming up. Details to be announced.

Blessings
Fr Geoff

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

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**

Coming out of Lockdown—St Macartan's Groups.



As we eagerly await for the next announcement from Daniel Andrews on the 8th November, we need to start preparing for how we can recommence our **Prayer, Gathering and Visiting** groups in a COVID-19 safe way.

To all these Groups please start preparing so we are ready to go ahead once we can again come together. **All group leaders will be invited to a zoom meeting with Fr Geoff to discuss COVID safe plans.**

Please e-mail the office at mornington@cam.org.au with any of your ideas or plans on how we can begin to a COVID-19 normal at St Macartans.



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 or call the office on 5975 2200



Deepest Sympathy

**We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of
Patricia Joy Dean
on the recent passing of their loved one.
Please remember her in your prayers.**

Parish Footy Tipping



A weekend without AFL footy!! However it means we are a week closer to the start of the 2021 Season. We have now cleared all our memorabilia from 2019 Season all monies raised will be allocated to charities, with which the Parish is affiliated. All prizes have been given to the winners. Hope the tippers enjoyed the Season and thanks for their support.. A very sincere thank you to Theresa for all help and thanks to Fr. Geoff .

May Carlton win another game in September!!! May all tippers and their families and all Parishioners have a safe, happy and holy Christmas .
Kindest regards Geoffrey and Mary Lane.

PS - From Fr Geoff: Well done to Geoff and Mary for organising and running this years tipping under extreme circumstances. Being a Carlton fan myself, one can understand why I am not that interested in footy tipping but after meeting with Geoff Lane regularly, his enthusiasm has revived my interest for next season - so watch out, I'm going for the prize next year. C'mon take me on!



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.

RECONCILIATION

What a marvellous sacrament, who doesn't like forgiveness, who doesn't yearn for the opportunity to draw a line in the sand and start again. To start afresh, anew!

We all do regularly through our lives as we all hold sins that can weigh us down.
Yes, everyone hold sins - even Saints sinned!

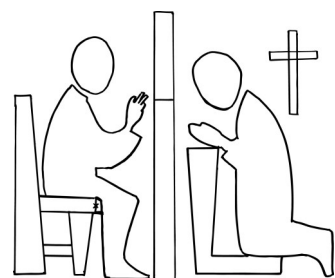
So why not come to reconciliation book in or stay after Wednesday or Saturday morning Masses and receive Mercy and forgiveness from God.

As a Baptised Catholic we come to reconciliation:

1. With a contrite heart (a yearning, a desire to say sorry) and want forgiveness.
2. To confess sins. Yes, you need to recall your sins. So something you have done / said / thought, that you want God to remove from your soul.
3. Accept and partake in a penance (a prayer, an action or deed) to show true sorrow and willingness, with the help of God, not to sin again.

Be set free and forgiven!

Blessings
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?*

PELICAN DREAM

In light a pelican soaring
Every dream revealing.
Dawn's hope come renewing
Compassion affirming, soothing.

Wings poised in awe and wonder
A psalm, a hymn, a prayer to ponder.
Transfigured splendour, exquisite sight
All miracles healing in soft light.

Mystic wings of grace unfolding
A story of thanksgiving.
In truth and beauty conforming
A story never ending.

Enraptured glider, wings outspreading
All schism, strife and fray transcending
O, sacred gentle spark indwelling
O, Holy Breath all harm repelling

O, Loving Heart all creatures blessing!
Who or what can you not redeem?
God, in Your Glory and your Mercy
All - embracing - a pelican dream.

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