

1st Sunday of Advent Year B 29th November 2020

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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MASS TIMES

Sunday'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

WE'RE BACK!!!!

All regular Mass times!

ONLINE - ONLY SUNDAY MASS

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Monday 30th Nov: St Andrew, apostle

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REOPENS FROM Tues 1st December

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Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 2 Dec 2020

pm Via Zoom

All Baptisms: CALL OFFICE

Recently Deceased: Judith Anne Borghesi

Anniversaries: Geraldine Parson, Sr Gen Fitzpatrick

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, Betty Corke, **And especially for Ruben Pateman.**

Mass Intentions

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. (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.)

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 8:4-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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



Have you thought?

Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

EXPLORING THE WORD

During Advent, in each year of the three-year cycle, the theme of the first week looks to the end times—the eschaton—with an emphasis on the second coming of Jesus and the need to be ready. In the early church, there was an expectation that Jesus would return quickly. In their post-Easter faith, believers knew that Jesus had been taken up to heaven at the ascension (a man travelling abroad, as mentioned in this gospel?) and that he was remaining with God until the time came for him to return in triumph. For Mark, it is now the church that waits and must remain always ready to greet the master on his return. The 'waiting' theme of Advent is established: we await the birth of the child and we await the fulfillment of human history at the end times

when Jesus comes again.

- What must you do to be fully prepared for the coming of Christ into your life as a Christian?
- What is your greatest expectation at this point in your life? • In what ways does Jesus give you a glimpse of God?

DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time and the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present and future dimension.
- The season of Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year. The church's liturgical year follows a three year cycle, and we move today into the second of those, Year B. The gospel readings for this year come predominantly from the Gospel of Mark.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

Fr Geoff has just been appointed President of the Association of Canonical Administrators of Padua College & a Chaplain of the College.

At the AGM Wednesday night Fr Geoff emphasized that he intends on serving actively and giving greater support to Padua College.

"A brilliant and vibrant part of the Peninsular Parish communities".

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- This parable describes each of the watchful servants as having ‘their own task’. What do you see as your task at this point in your life? How well are you performing it?
 - Are you fully open to the possibilities that each moment offers? What ‘unexpected’ things may hinder being attentive?
- Reflect on the periods of waiting in your life. Pay particular attention to times during this past year when you have had to wait—for reflect on your year, and slowly repeat the ‘Maranatha’ prayer. Be attentive to the easing of restrictions, for news, for a test result. Use those periods of waiting to be joyful that is to come.
- Share stories of a time of waiting in your life: for a child to be born, a house to be built, a longed-for holiday to come around.
- What are some of the positive results of longing and expectation? What are some of the difficulties if the waiting is prolonged?
- Waiting is the dominant symbolic activity of Advent. It is difficult for modern humans to spend time waiting. We are so used to technology making things happen almost instantly and tend to become frustrated at being made to wait. But the waiting of Advent is an active waiting, not a frittering away of time. It is a waiting spent in preparation and reflection.
- The Maranatha prayer is one of the most ancient prayers of the church. This invocation of Christ conveys the sense of urgency felt by the first believers and their hope for a swift union with Christ. It is a fine short prayer to use often during Advent: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

LIVING THE WORD

Practical ideas for group leaders to employ in connecting Scripture and daily life, with suggestions.

- Discuss ways in which you prepare as a parish community for Christ’s coming at Christmas. Are there special ceremonies or gatherings that occur? Perhaps the parish has a tradition of collecting gifts for others in need or having a ‘giving tree’.
- Are there ways the group can become involved or even initiate such activities?
- Encourage participants to involve their families in this level of preparation for the coming of Christ.
- Use an Advent wreath as a focus for prayer during these coming weeks. Gather Australia includes brief candle lighting ceremonies for each week. Pray for all those who are waiting to enter fully into the church.

COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?

Hi All,

Many are asking - How do you get to attend Mass? Is it by Phoning? Emailing? Booking? etc. Well all these and other things have been tried but until we can support a larger number of people - at the moment 100.. We will be doing the following:

For **WEEKDAY & WEEKEND Masses**: NO bookings - First 100

Note: Church doors will only open 30 minutes prior to start of service. After Mass all must leave the Church, as the Church needs sanitizing and we are not yet allowed to be open for public worship outside Mass.

Note: These are NOT OUR RULES. But we are being obedient to what we have to enforce and avoid us ... and you, getting a large fine!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - THIS MEANS YOU!

If you attend Mass we need your help:

- 1) To open church 30min prior to service and count people in.
- 2) To help clean pews and contact surfaces after Mass
- 3) To help with some outdoor Christmas Liturgies we are planning - Coordinator, Gate attendants, ushers, Covid Cops, Eucharistic Ministers etc.

For any or all of the above, please email the office: mornington@cam.org.au or call 59752200 & leave a message and we will have someone contact you.

WITHOUT YOU, SOME THINGS WON'T GO AHEAD!

BAPTISMS - Are back!

Office is working on a schedule. All those who have contacted us will be notified. Parents please remember there is no urgency! But let me know of any exceptional circumstances and I will review.

St Macartan's School Confirmations took place very successfully last week. The children were brilliant, a real credit to the school, teachers and parents

High Spirits 1st Reconciliation took place last Thursday evening , and the and the High Spirits 1st Eucharist will be taking place Sunday 29th Nov at the 5.00pm mass

High Spirits CONFIRMATIONS: 10 children

5pm Sunday 13th December

Blessings
Fr Geoff

HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

1st Reconciliation 8 Children Thursday 26th November 7pm

1st Eucharist 9 Children Sunday 29th November 5pm

Confirmation 9 Children Sunday 13th December 5pm

stmacshighspirits@gmail.com



Wanted: Loving Married Couples

Become a Sponsor couple

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church.

Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT

www.smartloving.org/webinar

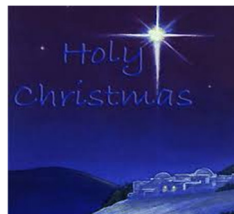
Give a Gift this Christmas

Christmas should be a joyous occasion for us all. However, there are many families in our local community for whom it is a very stressful time, especially those who are unable to afford gifts for their children.

Mornington Community Information and Support Centre, with the support of a range of local churches, organisations and businesses, run a Present Roo or families who have children on their parent's Health Care Card and who are struggling financially. Last year the program gave out 345 major presents to children who otherwise may have missed out at Christmas.

You can help by donating a gift. We invite you to donate an unwrapped toy or book for a child under 16 years (please no soft or stuffed toys). We have found that teenagers love a gift card or voucher.

You can drop them off at the Centre, 320 Main St Mornington from 23rd November to 11th December.



St Macartans Christmas Masses 2020

Children's 24th December Mass 5pm - Outdoor (weather dependant)

Family Mass 24th December 7.30pm - Outdoor (weather dependant)

Carpark behind Church—Currently allowed **300**, but if this number is increased with the next easing of restrictions, we can have **550**.

For both the Outdoor 5pm and 7.30 Masses bookings will be required. Bookings can be done via Trybooking –Details in next weeks Bulletin

**11pm 24th December Midnight Mass - Indoor
No bookings required - First 100**

**8.30am 25th December Sunday Mass - Indoor
No bookings required - First 100**

**10.30am 25th December Sunday Mass - indoor
No bookings required - First 100**



Pope at Audience:

Love is mystical root of believer's life

Pope Francis reflects on the prayer of the early Church at the General Audience on Wednesday [By Christopher Wells]

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis turned his gaze to the prayer life of the early Church, as he continued his catechesis on prayer.

"The Church's first steps in the world were interspersed with prayer," the Pope said. The writings of the New Testament, and especially the Acts of the Apostles, give us "the image of an active Church on the move, yet which gathered in prayer finds the basis and impulse for missionary action."

Prayer, the driving force of evangelization

The Holy Father pointed out four essential characteristics of ecclesial life, drawn from St Luke's account in the book of Acts: "listening to the Apostle's teaching" which involves preaching and catechesis; the continual quest for fraternal communion; the "breaking of the bread," the Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of Jesus' presence among us; and prayer, "which is the space of dialogue with the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit." Anything that arises outside of those "coordinates," the Pope warned, "is deprived of a foundation... deprived of ecclesiality." When these four characteristics are present, however, it is a guarantee of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis said that reading the Acts of the Apostles, "we then discover what a powerful driving force of evangelization the prayer gatherings can be." In prayer, he explained, we experience Christ's presence among us "and are touched by the Spirit."

Making Jesus present

The Pope quotes the Catechism: "The Holy Spirit ... keeps the memory of Christ alive in his Church at prayer, also leads her toward the fullness of truth and inspires new formulations expressing the unfathomable mystery of Christ at work in his Church's life, sacraments, and mission." This, Pope Francis explained, "is the Spirit's work in the Church: making us remember Jesus." He insisted, however, that this is not simply a question of recalling facts. Instead, "Christians, walking on the paths of mission, remember Jesus while they make Him present once more; and from Him, from His Spirit, they receive the 'push' to go, to proclaim, to serve."

Love, the mystical root

Prayer, the Pope said, "immerses" Christians in God's love for each and every person and provides the missionary impulse to preach the Gospel to every human person. "God is God for everyone," the Pope said, "and in Jesus every wall of separation has definitively crumbled." The exchange of love – God's love for us, and the love He asks in return – is "the mystical root of the believer's entire life," Pope Francis said. And, both for the early Christians and for Christians today, prayer enables us to live that experience. Through prayer, the Pope continued, every Christian can make his own the words of St Paul: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Pope Francis said it is "only in the silence of adoration" that "we experience the full truth of these words... And this prayer is the living flame of the Spirit that gives strength to witness and mission."

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?*



Deepest Sympathy

**We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of
Judith Ann Borghesi
on her recent passing.
Please remember her in your prayers.**

A poster with a blue background featuring several hanging Christmas ornaments: a red one with a yellow band, a holly leaf, a yellow one with a star, a green tree, and a green one with a white band. The text 'BLUE CHRISTMAS' is written in large, black, stylized letters.

**BLUE
CHRISTMAS**

The holidays can be difficult when you are missing someone.
It can feel like the whole world is happy and you alone are grieving.

Blue Christmas is a time of remembrance, comfort and hope. There will be quiet music, prayers, readings and an acknowledgement of those we have lost.

This will be followed by coffee, cake and an opportunity to share with others who are feeling 'blue' around Christmas time.

Remember...You are not alone this Christmas.

BYO chair or picnic rug and a photo of your loved one to display for the evening

**SUNDAY DEC 20th at 8.30pm**
Beauty Park, Frankston

This event is supported by Chasing Change, Frankston City Council and Support After Suicide
For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/Chasingchangespn/>



Roster—Readers

Fifth Sunday of the month

28th & 29th November

Saturday 6pm

Kees Duyvestyn

Sunday 9.00a.m.

Michael Kesik

Sunday 11.00a.m.

Myra de Jong

First Sunday of the month

5th & 6th December

Saturday 6pm

Fay Murphy

Sunday 9.00a.m.

Michael Kerr

Sunday 11.00a.m.

Bernard Butler

Second Sunday of the month

12th & 13th December

Saturday 6pm

Kees Duyvestyn

Sunday 9.00a.m.

Kevin Morley

Sunday 11.00a.m.

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