

4th Sunday of Advent Year B 20th December 2020

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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WE'RE BACK!!!!

All regular Mass times!

Weekdays: Tues-Sat 9:15am

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass, Wednesday & Saturdays

Upcoming Holy Days:

Friday 25th: Christmas Day (Solemnity)

Saturday 26th: St Stephen, the first Martyr

Sunday 27th: The Holy Family

Monday 28th: The Holy Innocents

Video Sunday 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/>

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Next Baptismal Meeting - 3rd Feb 8 pm Via Zoom

All Baptisms: Contact Parish Office

Anniversaries: Mary Ebinger and Queenie Cattermole

Mass Intentions

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, Hugh Murphy

And especially for Ruben Pateman.

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Is Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Communion Antiphon Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Scriptural Context

Throughout the gospel of Luke, great importance is placed on the people in society who were regarded as the 'lesser ones'. The mission of Jesus, as described in Luke's gospel, is directed towards those who were unimportant in the eyes of society. In first century society, women were regarded as much less in status than men. So it is significant that the first revelation of Jesus is made to a woman, Mary. The angel Gabriel announces that Mary has won God's favour. For a woman to win God's favour would have been unimaginable to many Jews at the time, yet, through this woman God was revealed in human form.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Annunciation stories are an established literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures—for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel—and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense, they are a literary device rather than a strictly historical narrative, although clearly based on ancient memory. In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however, there are elements that surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit and on Mary's cooperation with

God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic messiahship, and on this last Sunday of Advent, we stand on the brink of the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

- Do you ever wonder why God has chosen you and set you on this journey of the catechumenate?
- Where do you think this journey will ultimately lead you?

DID YOU KNOW?

This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.

- From the time of the exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God, and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.
- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The tradition of honouring Mary has a long history in the church and there are numerous titles by which she is known.

- Look at some of the changing historical expressions of Mariology and some of the popular devotions to Mary. The Second Vatican Council emphasised Mary's role as the first disciple and model for all disciples. As such, she is Mother of the Church and Mother of God. The title 'Mother of God' conveys one of the great truths of Christianity: that Jesus Christ, Son of God, is also the son of Mary, a human being. It expresses the mystery of the incarnation, where God became flesh and dwelt among us.
- Look at other texts where Mary appears. What can we learn from her example of how to be a good disciple?
- You could explain the rosary as a special devotion. Incorporate the rosary into your reflections on 1 January, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.
- You could give a set of rosary beads to catechumens as a Christmas gift.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- • 'The power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.' Do you feel this presence?
- • Mary's perfect 'yes' to God's will establishes her as a model of discipleship. What are you called to say 'yes' to, to enable God to live within you?
- • How are we called to practise discipleship in our world today?
- • Recall an experience of receiving a total surprise—or perhaps a shock! Was it a welcome or unwelcome experience? How did you respond? Share your stories.

LIVING THE WORD

- God does not always act in grand or expected ways, nor does God manipulate human responses. God simply invites collaboration and we, like Mary, must respond freely.
- What depictions of Mary do you have in your church, parish house, school or community centre? What form of honouring Mary may catechumens be drawn to? How can your community encourage and support this?
- Light the fourth Advent candle. Pray the 'Hail Mary' together and give thanks for her model of discipleship.

COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?

Hi All,

Well all masses are back, no bookings and we are now allowed 1 person per 2sqm with each person 1.5m apart (social distancing). This means some pews are still taped off and still only 3 adults per pew, unless you are a family, which can sit together. But we can now fit 133 in church.

During the week:

Doors to the Church are open early as they used to be, so feel free to enter and pray but you must still sanitise and sign in or QR Code phone scan in. The seats need sanitising after each Mass so stay and help if you can?

Weekend Masses:

Because numbers are bigger, there will be a Mass usher, who will be counting people in the Church and when maximum number reached the Church doors will be closed. Again it is compulsory to sign in or QR phone Code register and sanitise hands **plus KEEP MASKS ON! when in a large numbers inside the Church - especially all Christmas Masses**, also when amongst strangers for a prolonged period of time. Again, we need people to assist in sanitising pews after Mass, please help if you can?

For **WEEKDAY & WEEKEND Masses**: NO bookings - First 133 people

XMAS MASSES - See following page

Note: We are now only doing one outdoor Xmas Eve Mass, the 5pm Children's Mass. We have cancelled the 7.30 outdoor Mass due to low numbers and we are now having the 7.30pm Mass inside the Church. No bookings required - First 133

If too wet, windy or hot, the 5pm will be cancelled and move indoors with restricted numbers. But so far the forecast looks Ok. We apologise in advance so if you are coming and it is forecast to rain, have a gale warning or be >35C expect it to be cancelled.

Parking will not be available in Church back car park for the 5pm outdoor service, so be prepared to park elsewhere and walk, or share a ride. There will be a drop off area for disabled and limited disabled parking. Chairs and or blankets would be an advantage to bring, with only limited chairs available.

Children coming to the 5pm Masses are encouraged to dress up as traditional Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Stars, Angels, Manger Animals etc. And take part in the procession and the liturgy, with two live donkeys - true!

All outdoor masses follow a COVID-19 plan, have marshals/attendants, child safety officers and the plan has been reviewed and approved by the Police.

Let us celebrate this Nativity, joyfully and have some fun.

Blessings
Fr Geoff

St Macartan's Christmas Masses 2020



24th December **Outside Masses**

5pm Children's Mass

Book via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BNINI>
(BYO chair/blanket)

In the event of inclement weather this outdoor "Christmas Eve Masses" will be cancelled, and a small number invited into the Church.

7.30pm Outdoor Family Mass—Cancelled
Now will be inside—NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Inside Masses

No Bookings required for these below:

7.30PM Family Mass (Inside)

11.00pm Christmas Evening Mass

25th December Xmas Day

8.30am

10.30am





St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2020



There will be a collection for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal after each Mass this weekend.

Official envelopes aren't available this year, but we have provided generic ones in each porch for donating by cheque or cash.

Please and leave the envelopes in the basket provided and only write your details on the envelope if you require a receipt

.Card donations can be done online at vinnies.org.au or by phone 13 18 12

No Food or Drink Permitted.

Please give generously for those in need this Christmas.



**JESUS IS CHRISTMAS: CAROLS SPECIAL
SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER, 7PM**

**Broadcast on channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV)
and streamed online via the Archdiocesan YouTube channel**
<https://t.co/NSoeV7UrNZ>

www.youtube.com/archmelb

While our Christmas celebrations may look a little different this year, thankfully we can always return to the familiar sounds of Christmas to inspire and remind us of the reason for our Advent hope: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is Christmas – then, now, always. Together with your families, join us for this one-hour Christmas special from the comfort of your home, and sing along to your favourite carols sung by some of Melbourne's most talented musicians.

Featuring Silvie Paladino, Gary Pinto, Michael Petruccelli, The Saga, Larissa Cairns, The Sully Family, Tongan Choir, Sunshine, CBD Parishes Virtual Choir and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

Proudly sponsored by Australian Catholic University (ACU), Mercy Health and Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH).

HOLIDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

WEEKDAY MASSES:

No Morning Masses on Thurs 24, Mon 28, Tue 29, Wed 30 or Thu 31st December.

Friday 1st Jan - **Yes, Mass is on 9:15am: Solemnity Mary Mother of God**

Also no Weekday Morning Mass from Monday 4th Jan to Mon 18th Jan. (This includes Saturday Mornings)

They resume on Tuesday 19th Jan 9:15am

SUNDAY 5PM MASSES:

No Sunday 5pm Mass from Sunday 3rd January to Sun 17th January.

Resume on Sunday 24th January.

WEEKEND Masses Sat 6pm, Sunday 9am & 11am - NO CHANGES.

All Masses as per normal.

DURING THE DAY:

The church will be opened in the morning for private prayer and / or rosary and locked in the afternoons. ALL people entering Church MUST sanitise and sign in. It would be helpful for any groups entering to also sanitise their pews after leaving.

I will be taking some time off during the weekdays to attend to some things and have a bit of a break. But returning every weekend to celebrate Mass.

The Office will be closed from 24th Dec and reopen on Tuesday 11th January.

Regards - Fr Geoff

CHILD SAFETY NEWS

Dear Parishioners, as we come to the end of a very different year I would like to thank the members of the Child Safety committee who have been a great support throughout the year. We have only meet once in person, all our meetings have been through zoom, email or phone. As a committee we have approved & written several documents:

**Child Safety Policy
Code of Conduct
Volunteer Application Form
Statement of Commitment
Risk assessments for High Spirits & Outdoor Mass Venues
as well as forming a Peninsula Parishes Child Safety Committee.**

In 2021 our aim is to present at all ministry teams the above documents and to conduct training sessions for all interested parishioners focusing on issues that centre round awareness & safety for all our young people.

If you are interested in being part of our team, you are most welcome.

Thank you once again for your time & energy & your commitment to protect & safeguard the young of our parish : Bernard Butler, Jacinta Jolly, Faye Melhem, Tim Lambourne & Fr Geoff.

Yours sincerely Carmel McGrath

Carmel McGrath - St Macartan's Child Safety Officer
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Pope Francis

celebrates 51

years of priesthood

Ordained a priest on 13 December 1969, the future Roman Pontiff discovered his vocation sixteen years earlier, on 21 September 1953, on the feast of Saint Matthew.

By Vatican News Service

Fifty-one years ago today, on 13 December 1969; and just a few days before his thirty-third birthday, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was ordained to the sacred priesthood. Eleven years earlier, on 11 March 1958, he had entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus where, less than four years after his ordination, he made his perpetual profession on 22 April 1973.



Family photo of Jorge Mario Bergoglio as a young priest

An experience of encounter.

The future Pope discovered his vocation in 1953, on 21 September – the liturgical commemoration of St Matthew. On that day, the 17-year-old Jorge Bergoglio, passing by the parish he normally attended in Buenos Aires, felt the need to go to confession. He found a priest he did not know, and that confession changed his life. “For me this was an experience of encounter,” Pope Francis later recounted. Speaking at the Pentecost Vigil on 18 May 2013, the Pope said of that long-ago visit to the church, “I found that someone was waiting for me. Yet I do not know what happened, I can’t remember, I do not know why that particular priest was there whom I did not know, or why I felt this desire to confess, but the truth is that someone was waiting for me. He had been waiting for me for some time. After making my confession I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like a voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.”

Jorge Bergoglio experienced the loving presence of God in his life, felt his heart touched and felt the outpouring of God’s mercy, which, with a look of tender love, called him to religious life, after the example of St Ignatius of Loyola. It was this episode of his life that inspired the choice of his episcopal, and later papal, motto “Miserando atque eligendo,” taken from the Homilies of St Bede the Venerable (Hom. 21; CCL 122, 149-151), who, commenting on the Gospel episode of the vocation of St Matthew, writes: “Vidit ergo Iesus publicanum et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi sequere me” (Jesus saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him:

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Priests in the heart of the Pope

Pope Francis often addresses priests in his homilies and speeches. This year, in particular, he mentioned them several times in reference to the current pandemic and his commitment to the faithful tried by the health emergency. When the Chrism Mass was postponed this year due to Covid-19 restriction, Pope Francis penned a Letter to the priests of Rome. The Pope warmly addressed the pastors of the people of God who “touched with [their] own hands the pain of the people,” remained close to them, shared with them and confirmed them on the journey. “As a community of priests,” Pope Francis wrote, “we were no strangers to these situations; we did not look out at them from a window. Braving the tempest, you found ways to be present and accompany your communities; when you saw the wolf coming, you did not flee or abandon the flock.”

The Holy Father urged priests to be wise, far-sighted and committed; and looking to the future, he wrote of the challenge to priests “to develop a capacity for listening in a way attentive yet filled with hope, serene yet tenacious, persevering yet not fearful.” He concludes his letter, noting that “As priests, sons and members of a priestly people, it is up to us to take responsibility for the future and to plan for it as brothers.”

The apostolic spirit of priests

Later, while speaking with doctors, nurses, and health workers from the Lombardy region in France, Pope Francis recalled “pastoral zeal and creative care” who “helped people to continue the journey of faith and not to remain alone in the face of pain and fear.”

“I have admired the apostolic spirit of so many priests, who reached people by telephone, or went knocking on doors, calling at homes: ‘Do you need anything? I will do your shopping...’. A thousand things,” the Pope said. “These priests who stood by their people in caring, daily sharing: they were a sign of God’s consoling presence.” Then he added: “Regrettably quite a few of them have died, as have doctors and paramedical staff too”; and he remembered, too, the many priests who had been ill, but, “thank God,” were subsequently healed. And he thanked all the Italian clergy, “who have offered proof of courage and love to the people.”



Stamps issued for last year's 50th anniversary of Pope Francis' priesthood



Pope at Angelus: Do not forget about joy

For those who believe, the season of Advent is filled with a joyful sense of expectation, "somewhat like when we await the visit of a person we love a great deal". The Pope explained that this excitement is caused by our closeness to the Lord. "The closer the Lord is to us, the more joy we feel; the farther away he is, the more sadness we feel", he said. Turning to the Gospel of the day, Pope Francis noted that Evangelist introduces John the Baptist "in a solemn way". He is the first witness of Jesus, excluding Mary and Joseph, said the Pope. He noted that John was a leader in his time but that "he did not surrender even for an instant to the temptation to draw attention to himself: he always oriented himself toward the One who was to come." Pope Francis went on to note that this is the "first condition of Christian joy": to decentralize from oneself and place Jesus at the centre. "This is not alienation" he explained, because Jesus is effectively the centre; He is the light that gives full meaning to the life of every man and woman who comes into this world, said the Pope. Of course, Pope Francis said, some of John the Baptist's personality traits are unique; "they cannot be recommended for everyone". But his witness is paradigmatic for whoever wishes to seek the meaning of his or her life and find true joy. "In particular, the Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others.

Aged Care Visitations

Dear parishioners and residence at Nursing homes and Aged care facilities.
Due to Covid restrictions and strict Government rules, we were unable to continue our visitations during 2020.

Protecting our elderly was our main priority.

We will keep you informed when we will be resuming in 2021.

On behalf of Father Geoff, The Visitation Team and all at St. Macartans We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Piety Stall

I know we have had it tough the last few months, but we are blessed to live in Australia , probably the safest place to be right now.

I'm excited that we can now open the Gift Shop and be there to assist you with any purchases you wish to make whether it be for Christmas, Confirmation or just a small gift for a friend or loved one.

Due to entering the Church by one door and leaving by another, the Gift Shop, for now, will only be opening 30 minutes before each Mass is due to commence, so drop in on your way into Mass as it will be closed at the end of each Mass.

Anyone who would like to Volunteer to work in the Gift Shop for half an hour one Sunday in the Month, Please let me know. We have had a few resignations during Covid.

I can be contacted on 0425 749 379

Regards Trish and Graham Thomas.



CAROLS BY HEADLIGHTS!!

A wide range of local organisations have been working hard to bring us "Carols by Headlights" at Dromana Drive-in on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December from 9pm-11pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets are free, but booking are essential at www.trybooking.com/687402.

Every Monday Evening at 8pm

**The Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
are prayed In the Church.**

All Welcome.



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

DIOCESE OF SALE WELCOMES NEW BISHOP GREG BENNET

A gathering of 91 people was present in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale on Tuesday 8 December to witness the ordination of the tenth Bishop of Sale - Greg Bennet.

Principal consecrator was the Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne assisted by Co-consecrators Most Reverend Denis Hart, Emeritus Archbishop of Melbourne and Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan, Archbishop of Adelaide, former Bishop of Sale.

Before the ceremony, a video of welcome was screened featuring messages to Bishop Bennet from people around the Diocese and beyond. The video was a creative response to the challenges of COVID 19 restrictions. Under normal circumstances, representatives from the parishes of the Diocese, Catholic schools, agencies, charitable organisations, ecumenical and interfaith leaders and civic leaders would formally receive the new bishop.

The joyful and heart-warming video enabled a 'virtual' welcome to Bishop Greg.

A Welcome to Country was made by elder Sandra Neilson before the commencement of the ceremony.

In his address, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli said, 'It is a gift to us all that Bishop Greg Bennet has said yes to the Lord, who has sent him to Sale Diocese to proclaim Jesus Christ.

In reference to Pope Francis, Bishop Bennet said, 'The Pope models for us in words, and often powerfully through his actions, what our mission is: We are called to be in engaging with the real experience and heart questions which people face.

'I have become aware of so many local initiatives across our towns and suburbs which need to be celebrated as the Good News in action; these are tangible examples of faith in action which bring joy, care and reflect the servant leadership of Jesus entrusted to his disciples in every age.'

I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Bishop Greg, as he supported and mentored me on my journey in the seminary, especially when I was overseas studying.

I very much wish him well and look forward to going to visit him when I get an opportunity.

Blessings to you - your Grace

Fr Geoff

	December 2020						
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