

**URGENT  
NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTION!  
STAGE 4**

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED!**

**This weekend**

**From  
Midnight Friday 12th  
To  
Midnight Wednesday 17th**

**Also**

**ALL BAPTISMS CANCELLED  
and all meetings or group activities  
On Church/Parish property  
Also CANCELLED!**

**Information that follows in newsletter  
may no longer be relevant.**

**When we know more - hopefully  
Next Tuesday / Wednesday?  
We will let you know.**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



**4 Drake St, Mornington VIC 3931**

**Parish Office:** Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm; Ph: 5975 2200

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

**Parish Secretary:** Theresa Collard



**Mass Times**

**Weekdays:** Tues-Sat 9:15am

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm.

**Sunday:** 9am, 11am & 5pm (Youth Mass).

**Holy Hour / Adoration**

3:30 to 4:30pm each Sunday and

Every Friday & on 1st Saturdays each month  
after 9:15am Mass

**RECONCILIATION:**

After the Wed and Sat morning Masses

**Video Sunday Mass**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Wed 17th: Ash Wednesday. Masses at 9:15am and **7pm Wednesday**
- Sunday 21st: 1st Sunday LENT

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Tuesday to Thursday** 9am—4pm

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5977 2567

**Marriage Prep:** See Fr Geoff

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting** - 3rd Mar 8 pm

Via Zoom

**All Baptisms:** Contact Parish Office

**Memorial Wall:** Contact Parish Office

**ONLY on Friday.**

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Janet Smyth, Jim Kershaw (NZ), Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, John Mahony, Terry Smyth, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Hugh Murphy, Ruben Pateman, Sue Hale, and Dean Pratt.

### **First Reading** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

#### **A reading from the Book of Leviticus**

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation** Is Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia

**Gospel** Mk 1:40-45

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



**Ash Wednesday 2021**

**Mass Times**

**9:15 AM Wednesday 17th February**

**7:00 PM Wednesday 17th February**

Please Note: Mass time advertised for Tuesday 16th February has been changed to Wednesday 17th February, sorry for any inconvenience.

# **Historical**

## **Context**

### **Leprosy**

*To be a leper in 1st Century Palestine was to be utterly rejected from society. They were not permitted to engage in religious practice as they were permanently regarded as being ritually unclean and, indeed, unable to become clean as long as their disease lasted. The book of Leviticus, quoted in today's first reading, contains two whole chapters of rules regarding lepers. Lepers were forced to live outside of any village for fear of contamination and even had to call out a warning of 'Unclean! Unclean!' if anyone came near them. They were forced to beg for food and money because no-one would hire them. They were literally on the very edge of society.*

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

This is yet another confrontation between Jesus and evil. In recent gospels, we have seen Jesus overcome possessing demons, sickness and social taboos; many of the themes merge in this text. The leper takes an audacious step in approaching Jesus, defying all the rules and conventions of his society. Despite his exclusion and isolation, he has not lost hope. Jesus reacts in exactly the opposite way from that which may be expected. He is moved by pity not revulsion. Instead of sending the man away, he responds with immense compassion to the man's courage and faith. He reaches out and touches him. This is not only an act of ritual impurity but of human foolhardiness! Not wanting to be known only as a miracle worker, Jesus orders the leper not to speak

of his cure but to undergo the necessary rituals to enable him to re-enter the people of Israel. The priest should be able to recognise that in the cure of the leper, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled and the Messiah is among them. The great irony is that by curing the leper and allowing his re-entry into the community, Jesus places himself in a position where he is forced to go out into isolation in places where no one lived.

- ⇒ The leper took a bold initiative in seeking his own healing. Does this resonate with your own approach to Jesus?
- ⇒ What do Jesus' words tell you about God's attitude to human anguish and suffering?

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.

- ⇒ The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 and 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known as the Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.
- ⇒ By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived'.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

Jesus' dealings with the leper and with all those who came to him for healing dictate the church's attitude to those who find themselves isolated and excluded from the community for whatever reason.

- You could tell the story of the young Francis of Assisi, whose conversion began when he overcame his repugnance and embraced a leper.
- Damien of Molokai is another figure associated with the care of lepers. Mother Teresa found her calling among the outcasts of India. You could explore her inspirational writings and story. The mission of the church is to be with the sick, the marginalised, the suffering, the excluded. The church does this in a myriad of ways, both in Australia and in other countries of the world.
- What groups are on the edge in your local community? In our nation? In our world?
- In what ways is the church actively engaged in reaching out and offering help to those groups?

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

Are there ways in which you are a 'leper'—marginalised in some way, on the outer, in pain, disfigured, not able to fit in? Can you make the first move towards your 'cure' as the leper did?

- 'People from all around would come to him.' How have you experienced this drawing power of faith?
- Reflect on a time when you may have felt excluded or isolated. Share your story with others. How did you overcome the isolation or exclusion? Is it still with you? Who helped to draw you back in?
- This week, reach out and touch someone who needs a sign of acceptance or a gift of compassion.
- Repeat this prayer of trust often this week: ***I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

How powerful that action of Jesus is:

'Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him'.

The love and compassion behind that gesture are almost palpable. It is unlikely that the leper had experienced the intimacy and acceptance of human touch for a long time

### **Men's Night**

Thursday 18th February, at 5.00pm.  
Come and enjoy Chef Kevs famous BBQ and nibbles.  
Exclusive wines to be won.



Please note that as Covid restrictions still apply, we meet in the PARISH HALL and not the COMMUNITY CENTRE. Hands to be sanitised and yourself to be signed in, either by phone or pen.

A good catch up guaranteed. the 3 Amigos.

### **Macartan Club**

The Macartan Club will resume the Monthly meetings on Friday the **26<sup>th</sup> February 2021** in the Parish Hall after the 9.15 am mass.

The last general meeting was some months ago due to the Covid pandemic and members are requested to make a special matter to attend. Father Geoff has indicated that, he intends to come to the meeting. To comply with government regulations it will be necessary to sign in and maintain social distancing. Depending on the regulations at the time of the meeting it may be necessary to wear a mask, so please make sure you have one with you. In order that the club can immediately resume activities at this meeting we need to have in place nominations from the membership for positions on the committee. Any volunteers for committee positions are to be advised to John Azzopardi on 59752289.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Any queries please call me on 59752289.

With thanks and regards

John A

### **ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/COMMENTATORS**

Roster for the next 3 weeks are available for collection from entrance foyer to the Church. If you are involved with this ministry please take a copy.

There is also a copy of the roster on the last pages of this Bulletin.

Thank you

The Liturgy Committee.

### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**1st COLLECTION:** The Money Collected goes to the running of the Presbytery and the Parish Priest

**2nd COLLECTION:** This Collection consists of the Pledged Sacrificial Giving and any Loose Cash donated, this goes to the running of St Macartan's Church. Paying staff, Bills, Suppliers, insurances and maintenance of all Buildings plus Gardens.

#### **LAST WEEKEND TOTALS**

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION (1st) Collection): \$1,450**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING (2nd Collection) : \$2,990**





This weekend we Welcome Ezra Jay Moore  
who joins our Parish Community through the Sacrament of  
Baptism

Congratulations To:  
Ezra Jay Moore

May he always walk in the light of Christ



### Project Compassion

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**

**Project Compassion Boxes and Donation  
Envelopes are in both church foyers.**

**Please remember to take one home, and remember to bring back by  
Easter Sunday, 4th April.**

Each week during this Lenten season, **Caritas Australia** is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run **Tuesdays and Thursdays** for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).



### Lenten Retreats 2021

Week Lent Easter Retreat with Fr Peter Varengo  
21 - 26 February

Saturday 13 March: Family Retreat Day

Saturday 20 March: Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day

Friday 26 March: Seniors Retreat Day

Further information: [donboscoretreats.org.au](http://donboscoretreats.org.au)

Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply

### *Into a Strange Land*

### *A Country Called Forgiveness*

In this 5 days retreat we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness: the journey that has the possibility of leading to joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive. St Antonia osb will guide you throughout the retreat. Retreat begins: 21 Feb 2021 for 5 weeks during Lent.

Registration fee: \$200

For more information click on the following:

**[Online retreat – Into a Strange Land: A Country called Forgiveness](#)**





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Hi All

Well secular society is continually pushing the boundaries and with changes to the suppression (conversion) Practices prohibition bill, our Archbishop Peter along with all other Australian Bishops and heads of other religious groups have written to our Premier and others outlining our concerns - as the Bill infringe directly on matters that are personal and private, including conversations between parents and children, within families, pastoral and professional care to informed adults, and to prayer.

In which the State has no interest in how I pray, who I pray to, and what I pray for.

It is just all too strange for a law to be stating what kinds of prayer are legal and what are not.

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP  
Premier of Victoria  
Parliament House  
Spring St  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Premier

We write on behalf of the Muslim and Catholic communities in Victoria in solidarity with other people of faith, expressing profound concern over the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020. Every day we are working alongside our fellow Victorians to celebrate our diversity, care for the vulnerable and serve one another. We value our freedom to do so responsibly, by supporting and caring for people in their searching and questioning, with honesty, attentiveness, and compassion.

Unfortunately, this Bill doesn't just ban out-dated and insidious practices of coercion and harm, which we firmly reject. The bill also criminalises conversation between children and parents, interferes with sound professional advice, and silences ministers of religion from providing personal attention for individuals freely seeking pastoral care for complex personal situations. It includes ill-conceived concepts of faith and conversation, vague definitions, and scientifically and medically flawed approaches. It places arbitrary limitations on parents, families and people of faith. People change for all kinds of reasons, and should feel free to do so, whether it be on matters of personal identity, gender, sexuality, family association, or religion. Contrary to its intent, this Bill obstructs people's freedom by limiting, restricting and removing options for their good, thereby creating undesirable possibilities of harm.

If a simpler, clearer bill had been tabled, with adequate consultation, then we would be able to give full support to a focused and practical way to protect people from harm. Other faith communities, religious representatives and organisations have contacted you and the Attorney General to seek resolution to these difficulties. With this letter we stand with them and look for respectful engagement.

At present the Bill appears to target people of faith in an unprecedented way, puts limits on ordinary conversations in families, and legislates for what prayer is legal and what prayer is not. Various amendments can be made to rescue the Bill from taking Victoria into strange new territory, in which prayerful advice and guidance, freely sought by one adult from another, is criminalised. We are working together as faith leaders to offer a constructive opportunity to prevent such a step from taking place, and seek your active support. Specifically, we seek an urgent 'pause' on the Bill and a meeting with yourself and the Attorney General, and ask for transparent and comprehensive consultation. We make this request publicly and respectfully, always open to dialogue and to finding a constructive resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mohamed Mohideen,

President, on behalf of the Islamic Council of Victoria

Most Reverends Greg Bennet, Paul Bird CSsR, Peter A Comensoli, Terence Curtin, Shane Mackinlay, Bosco Puthur, Peter Stasiuk CSsR, Antoine-Charbel Tarabay  
on behalf of Catholic Dioceses and Eparchies of Victoria



## St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours

30 minutes before

The 6pm, 9am and 11am Masses

Wednesdays Mornings 9am – 10am

If you need anything urgently Contact Trish 0425 749 379



## Congratulations

St Macartans wishes to Congratulate John and Marcelle Azzopardi on their  
57th Wedding Anniversary  
Celebrated on the 9th February 2021



## HIGH SPIRITS - 2021

### **ENROL NOW!!!!**

This is catechism for primary aged school children, that do not attend a Catholic School and is designed to instruct them about the Sacraments.

It will held every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Community House

**Registration will be on the 23rd February Time TBA**

**Classes for Confirmation start on the 2nd March.**

Reconciliation Info night June 22nd & 1st Eucharist Info night Aug 24th.

Enrolments will be taken now. Please **e-mail** : fayesayah@hotmail.com



## Child Safety

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last week the St Macartan's Child Safety Committee, and the Peninsula Parishes Child Safety Committee have had their first meetings for 2021. The main topic of discussion centred around volunteers and how best they can be supported & encouraged to become involved in the many different ministries within the parish. As each group is starting to meet, there is an open & very welcome invitation for interested people to become members. This bulletin contains contact details and the website has a Volunteer Application Form that can be downloaded, completed & the returned to the office. Thank you for your ongoing care & interest in the protection of all children

Yours sincerely  
Carmel McGrath  
Child Safety Officer



### St Macartan's Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), is your voice. A voice of parishioners; created to assist and support the Parish Priest, in steering the Parish into the future. Its role includes; meeting regularly to discuss:- growth, improvements, and the ever-changing needs of the Parish community.

This committee is formed by volunteers and

**We would like more members of the PPC team.**

So if you are interested, please let Fr Geoff know,  
or email the office and we will give you a call.

The only requirements are;

- you live in the Parish
- attend Mass regularly and
- are keen to be active in helping the Parish grow.

### Business Owners

St Macartans would like to support our Parishioners who are business owners by advertising their Business in our Bulletin.

Please contact the office during business hours on 5975 2200 or e-mail your Ad to [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

### Prayers for the Sick



Dear Parishioners,

Please note, in future we will only be keeping names on the Sick List for two weeks unless we are notified.

Please contact the office on 5975 2200 by no later than Friday 10 am.

Thank you  
Theresa



## **Pope to participate in first International Day of Human Fraternity**

The Holy Father will mark the International Day of Human Fraternity in a virtual meeting on 4 February, the date set by the United Nations General Assembly for this new annual occasion. He will do so together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb. The event will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed.

"This celebration responds to a clear call that Pope Francis has been making to all humanity to build a present of peace in the encounter with the other," stressed Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot MCCJ, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. "In October 2020, that invitation became even more vivid with the Encyclical Fratelli tutti. These meetings are a way to achieve true social friendship, as the Holy Father asks of us," he added.

The date is no coincidence. On 4 February 2019, during an Apostolic Journey the Pope made to the United Arab Emirates, together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar (Cairo), Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, they signed the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.

### [Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.](#)

The Pope and the Grand Imam spent almost half a year drafting this Document before announcing it together during such a historic visit. A few months later, the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity was established to translate the aspirations of the Human Fraternity Document into sustained engagements and concrete actions to foster fraternity, solidarity, respect and mutual understanding. The Higher Committee is planning an Abrahamic Family House, with a synagogue, a church and a mosque, on Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi. It established an independent jury to receive nominations for the Zayed Award for Human Fraternity and choose winners whose work demonstrates a lifelong commitment to human fraternity. The 2021 prize will be awarded on 4 February.

On 21 December 2020, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 4 February as International Day of Human Fraternity. "In this decisive phase of human history, we are at a crossroads: on the one hand, universal fraternity in which humanity rejoices, and on the other, an acute misery that will increase the suffering and deprivation of people," Judge Mohamed Mahmoud Abdel Salam, secretary general of the High Committee of Human Fraternity, underlined during his presentation of the encyclical Fratelli tutti on 4 October 2020.

Pope Francis has encouraged the Holy See to join in the celebration of International Human Fraternity Day under the leadership of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. In the January edition of the Pope's Video, "At the service of human fraternity," the Holy Father highlights the importance of focusing on what is essential to the faith of all faiths: worship of God and love of neighbour. "Fraternity leads us to open ourselves to the Father of all and to see in the other a brother, a sister, to share life, or to support one another, to love, to know," Pope Francis emphasises in the video.

### [Pope's Video.](#)



# Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

A number of resources are being developed to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. Those resources will be posted to this page. They will include:

- Monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character;
- Prayers for various settings;
- Images and social media graphics.

[Click here to access the full Apostolic Letter \*Patris Corde\*](#)

[Click here to access the prayer from \*Patris Corde\*](#)

[Litany of St Joseph](#)

[Consecration to St Joseph](#)

## Monthly Reflections

Each month, a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character will be published. Each reflection can be shared and reproduced with appropriate attribution to the author of the reflection.

[Reflection for January 2021 -- Archbishop Mark Coleridge](#)

[Reflection for February 2021 -- Sr Michele Connolly RSJ](#)

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

(Ctrl and enter) to open these links:

# Year of St Joseph - continued

**Are you ready to take part in the world's largest spiritual consecration on March 19!**

*The 33 Day preparation to for consecration starts this coming monday on February 15!*

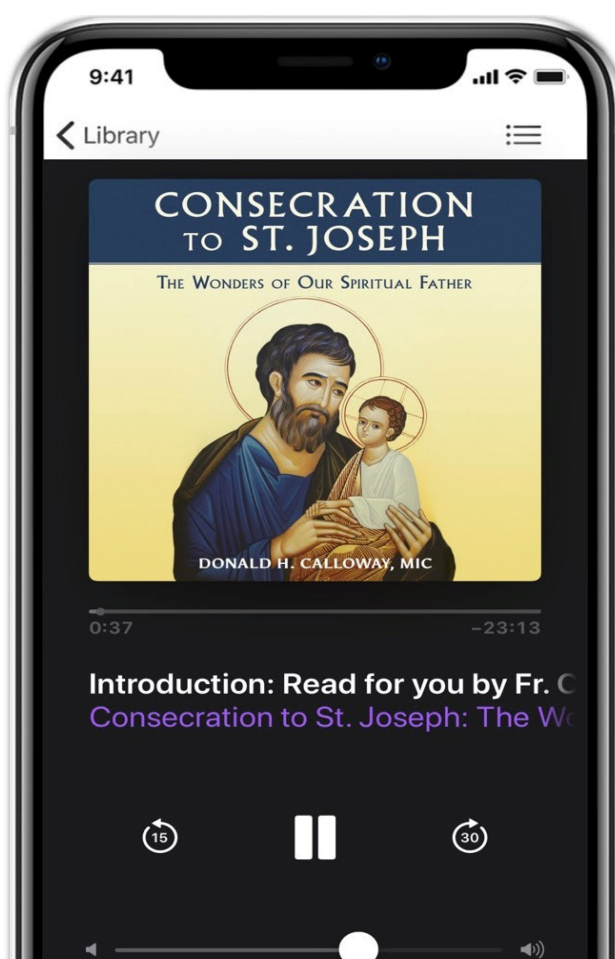
**We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!*** As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

*largest spiritual consecration on March 19th – the Solemnity of Saint Joseph!*

**Marian Press is offering the streaming audio book version of *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* for \$14.95! That's 50% off the retail price!**

Join us on an Immersive Journey With the Consecration to St. Joseph Audio Experience.

Visit **StJosephNow.org** and pledge your commitment now to take part in the world's largest spiritual consecration on March 19!







BE VERY AWARE!  
Your new Pastoral Youth Minister is coming.

WHO IS HE? - WAIT AND SEE!

But he is dynamic, energetic, charismatic and totally COOL

He will begin in March this year  
and has been charged with the objective -

To develop a peer led Youth ministry across the Parish.  
providing young people within the Parishes of St Macartan's  
the opportunity to deepen their faith  
and put it into practice in practical ways.

Bringing the youth of our Parish, together into a group who will enjoy:

- ⇒ Social awareness
- ⇒ Community involvement
- ⇒ Spiritual awakening
- ⇒ Christian realization

Enabling them to grow and develop into balanced caring individuals.  
So stay tuned for more!  
This is for

**YOU<sub>TH</sub>**



## FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2021

109 The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...
- b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements.

110 During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

### **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** -for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).  
- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves

in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021 and Trinity Sunday, 30 May 2021 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year

- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**HOLY WEEK** - The 2021 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

**FUNERALS** - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

**WEDDINGS** - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be *particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.*

*Father Joe Caddy AM !*  
**VICAR GENERAL**

# Happy Valentine's Day

## Valentine's Day Blessings

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 KJV

May Your Day  
be full of Love!



## **ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/ COMMENTATORS**

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th & 7th February 2021**

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Iris Hallinan Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kevin Morley Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Bernard Butler Eucharistic Mins John Spaziani

5.00pm Readers Jacinta Jolly, Marino Cassamento Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th & 14th February 2021**

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Frank Raccanello Eucharistic Mins Faye Melham

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kath Ronchi Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison Eucharistic Mins Elvira Spaziani

5.00pm Readers Craig Nugent, Michael Turner Eucharistic Mins Maureen Ellis

### **First Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February**

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Iris Halliman Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher,

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr Eucharistic Mins Delina Frank

11.00am Readers Bernadette McLean, Terry Roberts Euch Mins Anne Hancock

5.00pm Readers Danielle & Mia Field Eucharistic Mins Maureen Ellis

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## **Second Sunday of Lent – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Brian Scantlebury Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kevin Morley Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Bernard Butler Eucharistic Mins John Spaziani

5.00pm Readers Jacinta Jolly, Marino Cassamento Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly

## **Third Sunday of Lent – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

6.00pm Readers Michael Negri, Josie Raccanello Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, Bernie McLean Eucharistic Mins Elvira Spaziani

5.00pm Readers Craig Nugent, Zoe Warnbrunn Eucharistic Mins Maureen Ellis

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

6.00pm Readers Faye Melham, Iris Halliman Eucharistic Mins Maureen Ellis

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Ziino Eucharistic Mins Delina Frank

11.00am Readers Bernard Butler, Gabriella Failla Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins

5.00pm Readers Jacinta Jolly, Marino Cassamento Eucharistic Mins Joe Melham

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

6.00pm Readers Josie & Frank Raccanello Eucharistic Mins Trisha Hird

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr Eucharistic Mins Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Joan Clements Eucharistic Mins Barbara Ensil

5.00pm Readers Danielle & Mia Field Eucharistic Mins Marino Cassamento

## **EASTER CELEBRATIONS – TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April**