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Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



Mass Times

Weekdays: Tues-Sat 9:15am

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

No 5PM Mass or Holy Hour this Week
21/02/21

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

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Tuesday to Thursday 9am—4pm

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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/>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sunday 21st: 1st Sunday LENT
- Mon 22nd: St Peter's Chair

St Macartan's Social Justice Awareness

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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 Fridays.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Anniversaries: Callum Fox and Laurie Robinson

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 Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Communion Antiphon Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Living the gospel

Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us. Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heav-

ens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example. The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

Historical Context – The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

Have you thought? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

Men's Night

Was to be on Thursday 18th February, CANCELLED!
NOW on Thursday 25th 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 **26th 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 26th 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.

Tip Tickets

Dear Parishioners,

If anyone has spare Tip Tickets that they are not using, could you please drop off at the office (one we are out of lock down), we are needing to remove some green waste that has built up around the church grounds.

Thank You

5 PM Sunday Mass

21st February 2021

CANCELLED - THERE IS NO 5 PM MASS THIS SUNDAY
and no 3:30pm Holy Hour

Fr Geoff and the RCIA Team have a commitment at the Cathedral



Ash Wednesday 2021

Mass Time

**Due to the COVID-19 Lock Down
The Ash Wednesday distribution of Ashes Mass
Will now be held on:**

Friday 19th February at 9:15am and 7pm

NOTE:

**Sunday 5pm Mass or 3:30pm Holy Hour for Sunday 21st Feb
CANCELLED - This week only!**



**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.

Event highlight: Easter Time e-workshop

Tuesday 9 March, 7.45–9.15pm

This [online workshop](#) is an invitation to come together, pray and reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship.

You are invited to join us online to:

- hear and be inspired by internationally renowned speaker Dr Mary Healy on the topic 'Simply Jesus: An Easter Time Encounter'
- brainstorm ideas in ministry-specific groups

take away practical suggestions for placing Jesus at the heart of parish life.

Parish leadership and staff, parish pastoral council members, ministry group co-ordinators, school leadership and interested individuals are encouraged to register.

Alternatively, parishes are invited to gather in person in their parish space, watch the online presentation together and then discuss the provided questions in their own group(s). This would require only one registration for all parish attendees.

Registration: free

To receive the online event link, please register individually or as a group at: www.trybooking.com/BOVXZ by Wednesday 3 March.

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



This weekend we Welcome Tia Muratore and Harvey and Archie Parsons who join our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations To:
Tia Yi Le Muratore,
Harvey Patrick Parsons and Archie Albert Parsons

May they always walk in the light of Christ

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



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





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 Macartan's 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



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Dr Michael McDonnell, Director Delphient Pty Ltd Developers of

Autotutor: www.autotutor.com.au .



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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Tuesday 16 February, 2021

To the Laity, Religious and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Vaccine Program

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia.

Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus.

I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around.

None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being.

For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nation-wide process of vaccination for all residents.

Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately.

At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID-19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust.

The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

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However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term.

This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do.

For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor.

For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Comensoli', with a small cross symbol to the left of the first letter.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



Pope at Angelus:

'Overcome

prejudice and get involved in the lives of others'

Pope Francis invites the faithful to overcome prejudices and the fear of getting involved in the lives of others, and follow the example of Jesus who shares our wounds and heals our lives.

By Linda Bordoni

Reflecting on the Gospel reading of the day (Mk 1:40-45), Pope Francis spoke of how the Lord drew near to us, broke down every barrier, and touched our lives to heal them. Speaking during the Sunday Angelus in St Peter's Square, the Pope recalled the day's Gospel reading, which tells of the encounter between Jesus and the sick man who had leprosy. He noted that lepers were considered impure and, according to the prescriptions of the Law, were marginalized and excluded from every human, social and religious relationship.

But Jesus, the Pope said, allowed the man to draw near to Him, even to the point of extending His hand and touching him. "This is how He fulfills the Good News He proclaims: God drew near to our lives, He is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with Him, with others and with ourselves," the Pope said.

Two "transgressions"

"The first transgression is that of the leper," he said, whom "despite the prescriptions of the Law, comes out of his isolation and goes to Jesus." He explained that the man's illness was considered a divine punishment, but, "in Jesus, he is able to see another aspect of God: not the God who punishes, but the Father of compassion and love who frees us from sin and never excludes us from His mercy." The sick man, the Pope continued, is thus able to emerge from his isolation because in Jesus he finds God who shares his pain. "The second transgression is that of Jesus: even though the Law prohibited touching lepers, He is moved, extends His hand and touches him to cure him. He does not limit himself to words, but touches him," he explained.

To touch with love, Pope Francis continued, means "to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds." With that gesture, he said, Jesus reveals that God is not indifferent, does not keep Himself at a "safe distance": "He draws near out of compassion and touches our life to heal it with tenderness." This, the Pope said, "is God's 'style': closeness, compassion, and tenderness: the 'transgression' of God. In this sense, He is a great transgressor."

Do not fear "contamination"

Decrying the fact that in the world today, so many of our brothers and sisters suffer marginalization and exclusion because of social stigmas, the Pope invited the faithful to break these barriers and get involved with their lives. He said Jesus tells us that God "is not an idea or an abstract doctrine but the One who contaminates Himself with our human woundedness and is not afraid to come into contact with our wounds." The Pope urged Christians to go beyond selfishness, calculations or fears that prevent them from getting involved with the sufferings of others. Instead, he said, let us ask the Lord for the grace to find the courage to emerge from our isolation and self-commiseration, and open our hearts to "a love that goes beyond conventions, that overcomes prejudices and the fear of getting involved with the lives of others." Pope Francis



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!

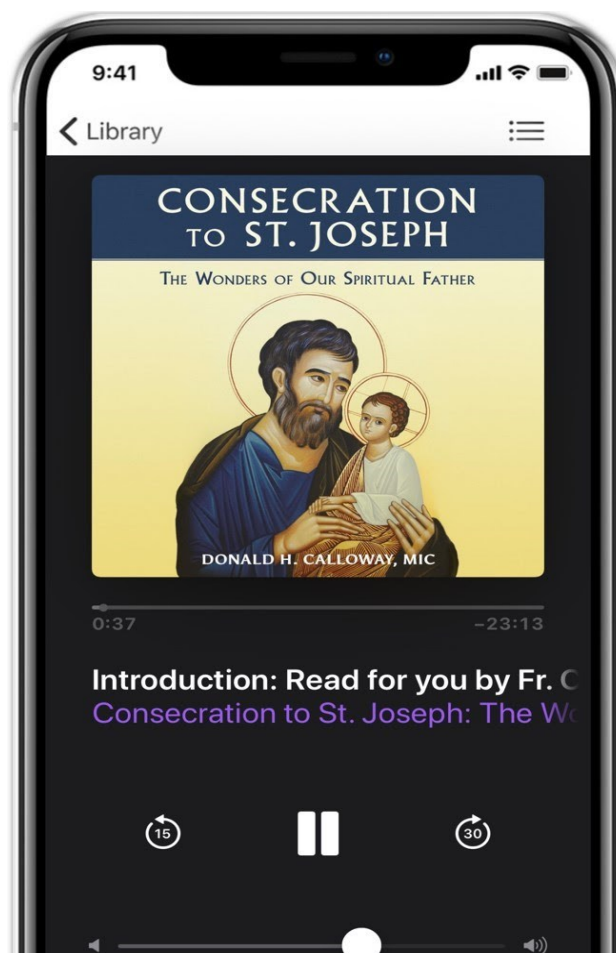
We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!* As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

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_{TH}

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



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, Iris Halliman 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 – 20th & 21st 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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ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/ COMMENTATORS

Second Sunday of Lent – 27th & 28th 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 – 6th & 7th 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 – 13th & 14th 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 – 20th & 21st 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.

27th & 28th March and 3rd & 4th April