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Mass Times

Weekdays: Tues-Sat 9:15am

Saturday: Vigil 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

Holy Hour / Adoration

3:30 to 4:30pm Sunday.

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- None

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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: Julie Edwards

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, Sheila Wright and Dean Pratt.

First Reading Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Communion Antiphon Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

GOSPEL FOCUS

A new vision

Part of Peter's mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the biblical tradition, a mountain is often used as the setting for close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law, and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified, and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing heavenwards is not enough; the disciple must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and

resurrection of Jesus. There can be no side-stepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.

- How do you understand the divinity of Jesus?
- When you contemplate the face of Christ, what do you see?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for personal prayer

- 'It is wonderful for us to be here.' Is this how you feel?
- 'Listen to him'. When you hear the voice of God's Son, what do you hear him say to you?
- How do you visualize Jesus?
- Read the story of Elijah experiencing God in 1 Kings 19:11–14 and reflect on how you experience God. Is God in the great wind, the earthquake, the fire or the gentle breeze and silence? Spend time alone reflecting on the majesty and mystery of God.
- What have been the occasions when you experienced God in a special way? What did they teach you about God? Share these 'religious experiences' with others.
- A variation of the collect from today's Mass offers a suitable prayer for this week: O God, you have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son. Be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word.

SHARING THE TRADITION

A closer look at the Scripture of the day, to see how it makes more explicit God's word to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Last week's gospel presented a picture of Jesus in his humanity, alone in the desert and wrestling with human fear and temptation. This week, Jesus is presented in his divinity, full of God's glory. The Church has taught since earliest days that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine but grappled for centuries with what that meant. It was the cause of some division: some denied his humanity; others his divinity. From a long process of refinement emerged the central truth that in Jesus Christ, God's Son became flesh and suffered and died for the salvation of the world. Christians believe that Christ is the definitive revelation of God. Our clearest insight into the mystery of God and our strongest hope for union with God is Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

- Explore together the human and divine nature of Jesus.
- You could give a simple explanation of the early controversy over this question.
- You could use the Creed to identify statements of belief about Jesus as God and man.
- What does God becoming human mean for our own human nature?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In the Old Testament, mountaintops were important as places of encounter with God. Both Moses and Elijah experienced the power and presence of God on mountaintops, just as Jesus does in this gospel. Where do you experience the most profound sense of God's presence in your life? Where is your sacred place?

LIVING THE WORD

- In what ways does our community provide opportunities to contemplate the face of Christ? The symbol of the cross of Christ looms large in this period of Lent. How will your parish celebrate the cross? What role may the elect take in this?
- You could light three candles, recalling the gospel and symbolizing the Trinity. Pray for all who journey towards baptism.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event in the life of Jesus is known as the Transfiguration. It is traditionally associated with Mt Tabor near Nazareth in Galilee.
- The words of the voice from the cloud echo the words from heaven at Jesus' baptism, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you' (Mark 1:11).
- The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died.
- Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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TWILIGHT OPEN DAYS 2021

Rosebud 7-9 Campus
Wednesday 10 March 4–7pm

Tyabb 7-9 Campus
Wednesday 10 March 4–7pm

Mornington 7-12 Campus
Thursday 11 March 4–7pm

Experience a taste of the curriculum, sporting, cultural and spiritual life that Padua College can offer your child.

Year 7 2023 Enrolments

Open 1 February 2021

Close 14 May 2021

Visit our website to enrol online or book a Twilight Open Day tour

www.padua.vic.edu.au

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.

Today is the second Sunday of Lent and it is Week 2 of Project Compassion. This is Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

This year, Project Compassion is built around the theme to 'Be More.' It is taken from the words of St Oscar Romero to "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" and challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion. The story of the transfiguration in today's gospel reading urges us to see with the eyes of faith and listen to Jesus. We are called to transfigure our suffering world.

This week, I want to share Marget's story with you.

Margret lives in the Solomon Islands and she was born deaf.

Now 39 years old, she is a teacher at a vocational school for students with hearing impairments.

The school has faced life-threatening water shortages over the last year, especially after Tropical Cyclone Harold struck.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone-proof materials to repair the damage.

Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 people.

The school has been able to increase its agricultural production – meaning more food for families, more capacity to teach students living with hearing difficulties, and more income to set the community up for the future.

Supporting Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our brothers and sisters in need.

During Lent, the Church invites us to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms.

The impact of the pandemic means that entire communities are in desperate need of support – now, more than ever.

Today, I'm hoping you can help by making a donation.

You can make your gift in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. You can also donate online by visiting lent.caritas.org.au

If you're keen to get more involved, we can help you run your own fundraising event.

Whether or not you're able to donate or fundraise, we ask that you keep Project Compassion, and the people we serve, in your prayers.

If you have any questions about how you can help, please come and see me.

You can also find out more about Margret's story on the Caritas website at

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners

at mass this weekend a representative from the Child Safety Committee will be addressing the congregation. The focus of the address will be to introduce the "Volunteer Application Form" that is now being used at St Macartan's for all parishioners who are interested in volunteering for any of the many ministries that form part of our parish. Tim Lambourne, one of the CSC members, is our Volunteer Application Support person who has made himself available to help anyone who may need help with the application especially those applying for a Working with Children card. There will be members of the CSC to answer questions or enquiries after mass, looking forward to meeting anyone who may be interested in helping make our parish a place where everyone is welcomed and respected and supported,

Yours sincerely
Carmel McGrath

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.



This weekend we Welcome
Ezra Jay Moore, Eden Baker and Lachie Wilkie who
join our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations To:
Ezra Jay Moore Eden, Baker and Lachie Wilkie

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 4:00 to 5:15pm in the Parish Community House

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** : fayasayah@hotmail.com



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 5th of March Time: 10:30

Location: The Salvation Army Hall

750 Nepean Hwy. Mt. Martha

St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours



Good Morning

I am excited that we have now in stock some beautiful books especially for lent that can be used this year and years to follow.

They Include: The Holy Week Missal which covers Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday including Holy Thursday/Lords Supper – Good Friday/Lords Passion – Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Celebrations, beautifully presented.

We also have limited copies of Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, Making a Holy Lent and others. As requested we now have in stock Weekday Missals which we usually only order as required. We have a Catechism of the Catholic Church and a few copies of Devotion to St Joseph. Sunday Missals are now in stock.

If you haven't as yet, come and browse the Christmas stock on sale

Gift Shop Hours –

Saturday 5.30 – 6pm / Sunday 8.30am – 9am / 10am – 11am and

Wednesday 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.

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

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

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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 Francis: 'Pass on the fire of Jesus' merciful love'

Pope Francis says we are called to pass on "the fire of Jesus' mercy", in a letter marking the 90th anniversary of the first apparition to St Maria Faustina Kowalska in Płock, Poland.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis has written a letter to the Bishop and Church of Płock, Poland, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of the Merciful Jesus to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The apparitions to St Faustina formed the basis of the Divine Mercy devotion.

In his letter, Pope Francis recalls the words heard by on 22 February 1931: "Paint a picture according to the pattern you see, with the caption: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." The image of the Divine Mercy has subsequently spread around the globe.

"I share the joy of the Church of Płock that this special event is already known throughout the world and remains alive in the hearts of the faithful,"
Pope Francis writes.

"Ask Jesus for the gift of mercy"

The Holy Father encourages the faithful to "ask Christ for the gift of mercy," to allow Christ's mercy "to embrace us and penetrate us," to have "the courage to return to Jesus, to encounter His love and mercy in the Sacraments," and to "feel His closeness and tenderness," so that we "might be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love."

He notes that his predecessor, St John Paul II, whom he calls "the Apostle of Mercy," "wanted the message of God's merciful love to reach everyone in the world."

In 2002, during a [visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine](#) in Krakow, the Polish Pope said, "This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!"

Pope Francis in his turn insists, "This is a special challenge for the Church of Płock, marked by this revelation"; for Sister Faustina's community, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; for the city of Płock, "and for each one of you."

"Pass on the fire of Jesus' merciful love," Pope Francis writes in conclusion. "Be for everyone a sign of His presence among you."



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!

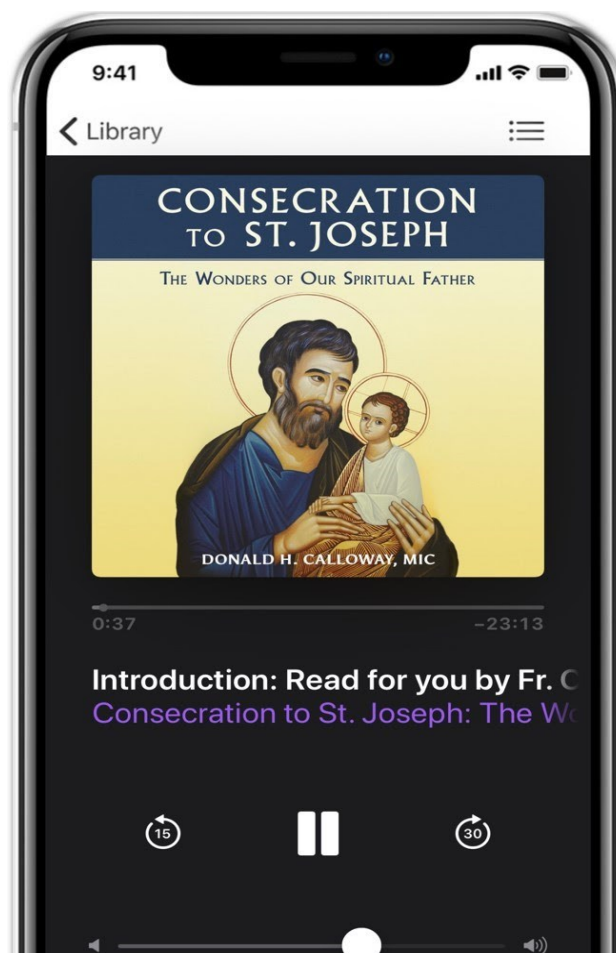
We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!* As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

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!





HE IS HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Welcome to your new Pastoral Youth Minister

Hello St Macartan's Parish,

My name is Joe Melhem, I am your new Youth Minister, and I am so excited to meet everybody and get started in this new role! St Macartan's is the parish that I grew up in, so I'm sure I'll be a familiar face to some. I am student, studying secondary education and I love good coffee, playing the guitar and good friends! My role here is to run a youth ministry where youth from all walks of life feel welcomed, loved, build meaningful friendships, and ultimately grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and the church that he established. If I could please ask for your prayers for this ministry and for all the young people that will step foot into this parish that their faith may come alive through God's grace and this ministry. Again, I cannot wait to serve here and I'll see you all very soon I'm sure.



God bless,
Joe Melhem
Pastoral Youth Minister

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Pastoral Youth Minister

Welcome Joe Melhem

Yes, welcome to Joe and what a nice bloke he is too.

Joe will be officed in the Community House and will work for the Parish for some 15 hours a week as he completes his studies for his Masters in Education. As his role progresses he will grow stronger links with Padua College, St Macartan's Primary School and help connect the youth via our Parish.

I'm sure, all in the Parish know, that in this day and age of spiritual and religious apathy, which society is living in. Where less than 10% of people with faith practice any congregational worship. The future of any Parish is in the hands of the generations to come. Ask yourself this: will you be here in 20years? Even if you were, will there be many of the faithful sitting next to you in the Church? Or will you be alone?

Every Baptised person has the ember of faith in their hearts, their souls. We all have a role to play in fanning that ember into a flame of
ACTIVE FAITH!

Yes, we can all help Joe do this. So please be prepared to get involved and let us support his new initiatives, his Youth Association, his endeavours to reach the youth with Christ. Let us have a positive say in the future of our Parish and that of the Catholic Church.

Blessings Joe - you have my full support.
Fr. Geoff

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Last Week:\$1,500

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 Week: \$2,416

THANK YOU

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

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