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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

SUNDAY 5pm (NOT weekly) -

ONLY 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month

Holy Hour / Adoration

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 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>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days: None

Youth Mass - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm
+ Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday 9am - 4pm

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Schools

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Parish Contact Details

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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: Mary Cattermole

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Janet Smyth, Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, John Mahony, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Ruben Pateman, Sue Hale, Sheila Wright

Maureen Matthews, a longtime resident of Mt Martha and Mornington and in later years at Eagle Point, has passed away. She was involved in St Macs School, St Macs Church, the Mac club and Vinnies Mornington. Her service is at St Mary's Church in Bairnsdale on Wednesday and there will be a graveside burial at the Mornington Cemetery on Friday 12/3/21 at 1pm. Friends from St Macartan's are most welcome to attend.

First Reading Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) (R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading 1. Cor 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Scriptural Context

This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In John's Gospel, hostility exists between Jesus and the Jews from the very beginning of his public ministry. This is probably a reflection of the situation in which John's community finds itself: that of being excluded from the practice of Judaism after Christians had been ousted from synagogue worship. We should not, therefore, read this text as a criticism by Jesus of Judaism generally. If we read this text only as an example of Jesus' righteous anger over the greed of those who controlled commerce in the temple precinct, we miss much of the point that John is making. The Jews believed that the offering of sacrifice to God in the temple was a central part of their religious observance. Jesus now brings that practice to an end. He speaks of his own

body as the new temple, the new centre of worship. Effectively, Jesus is reinterpreting the religious traditions of the Jews to centre in himself. He becomes the physical embodiment of 'my Father's house'. He is the living temple of the Father's presence among us.

- In what ways does the Church represent 'the sanctuary of his body' to the world today?
- How does the Church 'embody' Christ and act to bring about the reign of God?
- How does Jesus help us to understand God more fully and to worship God differently?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What are the abuses we should be angry about today?
- What are some ways we can respond to those abuses?
- Express some 'righteous anger' this week about something that disorders our world—for example, inequality, human rights abuse, exclusion. How are Christians called to respond to these injustices?
- Exchange stories of times when you may have become enraged over an injustice. How did you manifest that anger? What actions did you take to right that disorder? What are some appropriate responses to that which disorders our world today?
- This week's psalm response offers great wisdom: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. Use it often this week.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The gospel readings for the next three weeks are taken from the Gospel of John. John's Gospel was the last one written down, probably close to the end of the first century. The followers of Jesus had had seventy years to contemplate who Jesus was and the meaning of his ministry. Thus we find a very different tone in John from the other three gospels, known as the Synoptics. Each of the gospels for these three weeks reflects in some way on the paschal mystery—that is, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in his own time, but also as it continues to be made present and powerful in the faith of the Church in all ages.

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains a lengthy section on the paschal mystery and its meaning (see §§571ff). This would provide ample material for discussion and exploration.
- The elect will soon enter into the paschal mystery. What are their thoughts and feelings about this as they near the end of their journey to baptism? Is there a changed way of being?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

For the Jewish people, the temple was the centre of worship of God. God's dwelling place on earth was the Holy of Holies. But now Jesus declares himself the new temple. True worship of God is now centered in Jesus himself, the embodiment of God. Members of the Church, the continuing presence of Christ in the world, are sometimes referred to as 'temples' of the Holy Spirit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The only coins acceptable in the temple were half shekels. Roman coins were not acceptable because they were imprinted with the image of the emperor, and the Commandments clearly state that there should be no graven images used by Jews. The money-changers were actually performing a necessary task for the proper functioning of the religious life of Israel. What may Jesus really have been angry about?
- The trade in animals was necessary for sacrifice at the temple. Ordinary people needed to sacrifice for a number of religious reasons—for example, to become ritually clean again after childbirth (See Luke 2: 22–25). But this trade was under a monopoly of the wealthy and elite Sadducees who controlled the temple cult. What may Jesus really have been angry about?
- Herod the Great (37–4bce) began a massive rebuilding of the temple in the hope of winning favour with the Jewish people, who saw him as a usurper of the throne (he was not even Jewish, yet was 'King of the Jews') and a Roman lackey. It took many years to complete.

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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.

Enjoy Slavery—Free Chocolate this Easter

Australians will spend more than 2 million dollars on chocolate this Easter! No doubt we will all join the fun. But how many of us will chic for Fairtrade certification before buying?

How many of us even recognize the three symbols -

Fairtrade, UTZ, Rainforest Alliance

Pope Francis remind us that “purchasing is always a moral act.”
That is especially true of buying chocolate.

It is estimated that there are up to 2 million child slaves picking cocoa beans in Ivor Coast and Ghana. These children are separated from their families and communities, some are even kidnapped from neighbouring countries. They are thrashed if they work too slowly, grow up knowing they are hated by society and hate society in return. They live in poverty and inevitably graduate to petty crime, violence and jail. They provide the beans for cheap chocolate.

No chocolate is worth such suffering.

Slavery-free chocolate is available in all the local supermarkets but you may have to look for it.

Regrettably some major manufacturers have not been able to meet their commitments to use only cocoa beans which are ethically sourced.

Names you can trust include Whittakers, Alter Eco, Moser Roth, Choceur, Haighs and many others.

Simply Check for the sign on the wrapper and we'll be part of a worldwide movement to abolish child slavery.



Attention Visitation Team

We have had a good response from most of the Nursing homes and Aged care facilities, Our visitation group can resume straight away.

These requirements must be produced upon the first visitations:

- **A copy of the Flu vacs for 2019 from the doctor or where it was given, pharmacy etc. This is the most important for entry.**
- **Please ensure your Police check and working with Children are up to date.**

If any one is unsure or requires more information, please call Barb(0410649622)

Thanks for your support

Barb and Clive

AV Operators needed for mass

Training available. Please contact parish office

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
Noah Young, Willow Young and Ryan Gukdea who
join our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations To:
Noah, Willow and Ryan.

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 : fayesayah@hotmail.com

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Would like to invite parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

Address: 362 Albert Street East Melbourne,

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 – Hold 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



Skills development and practice exams with solutions for Year 7-12 high school maths and physics. Try our free membership."

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Dr Michael McDonnell, Director Delphient Pty Ltd Developers of

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Pope's prayer intention for March: The sacrament of reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God. The Pope Video for March has been published, with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

It's a message full of hope, in which he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. "Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God," Pope Francis asks. This month's video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul."

"Jesus waits for us, listens to us and forgives us"

"In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes," says the Holy Father in The Pope Video, highlighting once more the power God's love has over our being and action. Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge, but of going to a loving encounter with a Father who receives us and always forgives us. "The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need," the Pope adds. And this love comes before all else, before our mistakes, the rules, judgments and failings.

Merciful priests

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, pointed to Pope Francis' final words in the video: "Let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers." And he added: "It's not the first time that the Pope prays for this grace. As a good shepherd, he knows the people's suffering, their sins, and their need to encounter 'ministers of mercy.' This is the time of mercy. In his apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, he invited priests to be like Jesus, full of compassion and patient. It's a path of conversion for each priest, to be 'witnesses of fatherly tenderness,' 'far-sighted in discerning,' and 'generous in dispensing God's forgiveness.' He asks that their heart be close to the heart of Jesus, and it's a grace."

In the Angelus on this past 14 February, the Holy Father asked that we thank and applaud merciful confessors. God never tires of forgiving. Let us pray, then, "that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God."

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need. The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us. Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God.



Working document released for Plenary Council journey

The working document for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia provides a catalyst for the Church to renew the journey of prayer and discernment toward the first assembly in October, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says.

The document, known as an instrumentum laboris, draws heavily on the voices heard during the Listening and Dialogue and Listening and Discernment phases of the Plenary Council, but also from other key sources. It is entitled Continuing the Journey.

“This is an exciting step forward and we take it together, amidst a time of great change. More than 220,000 people participated in the first stages of Listening and Dialogue, and those voices can be heard clearly in the working document,” said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Plenary Council.

“As writers, we drew inspiration from Scripture, writings and teachings of the Church including the documents of the Second Vatican Council, encyclicals and papal exhortations, Australian bishops’ pastoral letters and more.

“The abundance of wisdom in the writings of our rich tradition, together with the papers of the Plenary Council discernment thus far, provided an incredible foundation for the content of this working document.”

Archbishop Costelloe said an instrumentum laboris, whether for the Plenary Council, for a Synod of Bishops in Rome or a local synod, “seeks to offer an account of what the People of God have expressed as an invitation for ongoing discernment”.

A number of key themes emerge in the document, including:

- renewing a Christ-centred Church that heals wounds and warms hearts;
- strengthening practices of discernment and synodality;
- the call to co-responsibility in mission and governance;
- embedding a response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;
- renewing and supporting the ordained ministry;
- promoting discipleship in parishes, families and young people;
- forming prayerful and Eucharistic communities that are eager to engage in society for the service of all;
- proclaiming the Gospel in a change of era;
- renewing the Church’s solidarity with First Australians and those on the margins of society;
- promoting an integral ecology of life for all persons, societies and our common home, the Earth.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said a reflection guide has been developed to help people throughout the country engage with Continuing the Journey, maintaining the national focus for the Council.

“A document has the most value when it is brought to life through dialogue and response,” she said.

“In this particular time of changing norms in society and the emerging reality of post-COVID life, it is increasingly important to have as many faith communities, groups, agencies and individuals participate in this continued discernment as possible.

“Every single person is needed for God’s mission today.”

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/working-document-released-for-plenary-council-journey/>



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!

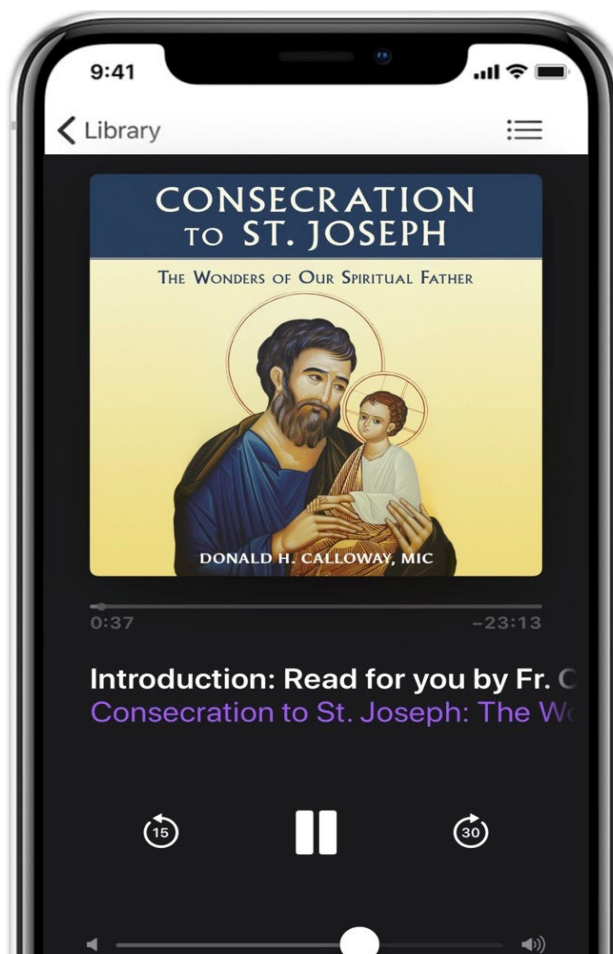
We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!* As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

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

YOU_{TH}

Youth Mass

St Macartan's currently has three congregational Masses
6pm Saturday, 9am & 11am Sundays.
The 5pm Sunday service was always intended for a Youth focus.
But over the years has become another congregational Mass.

We are trying again to allow a liturgical outlet for the Youth,
and so will NOT be having a 5pm Mass every week.
It will Only be on the
2nd and 4th Sunday's of the Month.

We will be encouraging the Youth to support the liturgy with:
Readers
Music
Singing
etc

It will be orientated to the style the Youth themselves want.

Anyone is welcome to attend and show your support for the Youth
and hopefully it will take off.
So keep them in your prayers.
(pray to Saint Frassati)

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: \$3,067

THANK YOU

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

Feast Day: July 4 Beatified: May 20, 1990

Venerated: October 23, 1987



Some people have called Pier, or Peter, Frassati **a saint for today's young people**. He was handsome and athletic. He hiked, climbed mountains, rode horses, and skied with his many friends. He loved to laugh, and he was famous for his practical jokes. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Pier was born in Turin, Italy, in 1901. His mother was an artist and his father founded and ran the Italian newspaper La Stampa.

As he was growing up, Pier developed two habits that became part of his everyday life. He went to Mass daily to receive the Eucharist, and he also prayed the Rosary. He never hesitated to

share his faith with others. Pier had a great concern for the poor, even as a child. One day a needy mother with a young son came to the Frassati home to beg for food. Pier noticed that the child was barefoot. He took off his own shoes and gave them to the boy, and then he and his mother fed the poor family. Pier used the money he got as a graduation gift to rent a room for a woman who had been evicted from her apartment because she had no money. He gave away his allowance to the poor, and sometime he chose to walk home from school because he gave the money for his bus or train fare to someone in need.

He joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society as a young man and spent hours on activities that helped the poor and sick. As a mining engineer, he cared deeply about the rights of the miners.

He wanted them to have just working conditions and fair wages.

When he was 24, Pier became very ill with polio. Some people said he got this disease from caring for people in the slums of Turin, but Pier saw Jesus in the people he served. In his last days, he whispered the names of people who still needed assistance to his family and friends who gathered at his bedside. He died on July 4, 1925.

Peter was declared "Blessed" in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, who called him a "man of the Beatitudes" and a "joyful apostle of Christ." Many people were surprised that the Vatican created an official portrait of him for his beatification that showed him outdoors, leaning on an ice axe, with one foot on a rock, in honor of his youthful vitality and his love of the mountains.

The Prayer for the Courage to Be Great

Heavenly Father, Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals,

to flee every temptation to be mediocre.

Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did,

and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness.

Free me from the fear of failure.

I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You.

Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession [list your intentions here]

by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2021

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- 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 over burdened; 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 !
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ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/ COMMENTATORS

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