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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 & 1st Saturdays each month
9:15am Mass. Also 3:30pm to 4:30pm before
Sunday Youth Mass

RECONCILIATION:

After the Wed and Sat morning Masses

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday 9am - 4pm

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Schools

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Volunteer Application Support Officer:

Tim Lambourne - email Office

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

St Macartan's Social Justice Awareness

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Marriage Prep: See Fr Geoff

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th May 8 pm

Via Zoom

All Baptisms: Contact Parish Office

Memorial Wall: Contact Parish Office **ONLY**
on Fridays.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Recently deceased: Ron Grigalius

Anniversaries: Daniel Ryan Snr.

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

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

gospel focus

Not to condemn ...

The gospel passage tells us that God's Son was not sent into the world to condemn it, but rather, "so that through him the world might be saved." It also tells us that whoever refuses to believe "is already condemned." God does not condemn the world, nor individuals within it. Indeed, God is absolutely determined to save the world. However, we do sometimes condemn ourselves. When we turn our back on love; when we hide from relationships; when we wallow in selfishness – we shut ourselves off from relationship with God and condemn ourselves. We only have to open our eyes to see the alternative!

EXPLORING THE WORD

Nicodemus comes in search of truth but has difficulty in accepting who Jesus is. He struggles to reach beyond the understandings of his upbringing within Judaism. In a sense, Jesus' words to him are a reassurance that if he publicly embraces faith in Jesus, his life will be saved. Condemnation only comes to those who have had the opportunity to embrace faith but have refused it. In John's Gospel, the greatest moment in Jesus' life is the moment of his death on the cross. This is not simply a moment of suffering and death but a spiritual exultation because it is at that moment that God's love for the world is made manifest. 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' so that we could have life. The only proper response to this great love and gift of

life is to choose light and not darkness.

- What have been some of the moments of exultation in your life?
- What have been the periods of darkness?
- Is there a struggle in coming into the light?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What areas of your life have been touched by the light of Christ?
- How do you think of 'eternal life'?
- What does it mean to be 'children of the light'?
- Light a candle each night this week as you pray. Proclaim God's truth and act for the light this week. Carry the light of the gospel wherever you go.
- Nicodemus comes at night to speak secretly with Jesus. Are there barriers to your being open about your exploration of the gospel? How do you explain to friends and family your search for the truth? How easy or difficult is it to 'come into the light' —that is, to make your faith public? Share your thoughts on this.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The darkness of ungodliness and the light of truth are contrasted in this reading. Jesus is called the light of the world because he is the bringer of God's truth. This gospel invites us into this light.

SHARING THE TRADITION

When we speak of God's great love for the world, which he created as good, we are challenged by the existence of human suffering and the apparent triumph of evil and darkness. If God is good and loves the world, how can we make sense of evil and suffering? Job wrestled with this question. As Christians, we can only make sense of it by contemplating the cross on which Christ was lifted up as a sign of both agony and triumph of a hope that reaches beyond death. 'The revelation of divine love in Christ manifested at the same time the extent of evil and the superabundance of grace. We must therefore approach the question of the origin of evil by fixing the eyes of our faith on him who alone is its conqueror' (CCC, §385).

- Our world has witnessed extremes of evil in recent years. Explore some responses to such events. How can faith help us to make sense of such events? How are we called to be bearers of hope?
- Christians are called to challenge evil. How can we do this? You could share stories of people who have challenged evil in the world.
- Christians believe that Christ's life, death and resurrection brought salvation to the world. This may be an opportune time to explore a contemporary understanding of what it means to say the world and humanity have been redeemed.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the ruling Council of the Jews, the Sanhedrin. He was attracted to the teaching of Jesus but was afraid to openly become a supporter, so he came to see Jesus during the darkness of night.
- We meet Nicodemus again in John's Gospel when he brings myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus after the crucifixion (John 19:39). He brings a lavish amount, 'weighing about a hundred pounds'! Nicodemus' journey to faith is complete, and he openly acknowledges Jesus as Lord.
- Jesus' words about being 'lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert' refer to an incident when, while wandering in the desert, the people of Israel were attacked by venomous serpents. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze image of a serpent on a standard. All who looked on it were cured (Numbers 21:8–9). Jesus being 'lifted up' on the cross was to become the salvation of all.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Be More”**.



As Saint Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

Through your generosity and by aspiring to “Be More”, you are assisting some of the world’s most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 Ivory 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 & working with Children are up to date.**

There is a meeting for our Visitation Group on Thursday 18th March at 10.30 in the Community House

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

Thanks for your support

Barb and Clive



This weekend we Welcome
Hunter White who
joins our Parish Community through the Sacrament of
Baptism
**Congratulations To:
Hunter White**



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to
"Take fresh courage."

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit
marymackilloptoday.org.au

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

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

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

Footy Tipping



The St.Macartans Parish Footy Tipping start on Thursday the 18th March. If you wish to re-join or a new member go to ESPNfootytips and join The password is drake. Good luck to all tippers This the 14th season.

AV Operators needed for mass

Training available. Please contact parish office



Flower Arrangers for the Alter Required

If you love Flower and arranging, please contact Mary on
0437102483



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.

Child Safety

Dear Parishioners, last weekend one of our Child Safety Committee members, Tim Lambourne addressed the 11.00am mass. Here is a précis of his address.

"My name is Tim LAMBOURNE. I am here to give you a brief overview of the role of Volunteer application support person. In doing so, I hope to provide a name to the face, some contact details and encouragement to all parishioners to get involved in the many church ministries, in a post-COVID space.

It is important that as we come out of COVID and parishioners seek to engage with the church community in a variety of volunteer roles, we ensure we comply with the legislative obligations and Church policies whilst providing a safe and vibrant parish.

One of these requirements is a working with children check. The Catholic Church, as part of the 'Code of Conduct for the caring of children' stipulates that all adults working and or volunteering in a parish setting hold a WWC, with little exception. Those of you that don't know, a WWC is a document that simply indicates (in general terms) that the holder has neither been convicted of certain sexual, violent or drug related offences, nor has charges for such offences pending. It is not exhaustive and does not replace a Victoria Police check. These checks are valid for five years, and to comply, must reference St Macartans church as an organisation you volunteer or work for.

As part of the volunteer application process to begin volunteering here at St Macartans, each person will be required to have a current Working With Children Check. However, the policy goes further and is applied retrospectively. The co-ordinator of the role or ministry you volunteer in will approach you to either supply your reference number or make an application to obtain a check.

For most, the application is straightforward. If you have applied for other government documents online, the process will be similar. In that, you are required to supply various forms of identity and have the ability to take a photo of yourself using a smart phone and upload the photo to the application.

Not meeting this criteria only means certain parts of the process are done in person.

My role is to try and answer your questions, explain the process and for those not computer literate, assist with the WWC as to contribute to our aim of ensuring that St Macartans always remains a safe and inclusive community for all parishioners, children and adults alike.

Certain roles within the parish require a police check and I can answer specific questions as those in the specific roles require further."

Tim can be contacted via his email address, timlambourne@yahoo.com.au or through the Parish Office.

Carmel McGrath
Child Safety Officer



'The Church in Iraq is alive': Pope Francis

"Today, I can see at first hand that the Church in Iraq is alive, and that Christ is alive and at work in this, His holy and faithful people," Pope Francis said in his Homily during the concluding Mass for his Apostolic Journey to Iraq.

The Holy Father based his homily on a passage from St Paul: "Christ, the power and wisdom of God." Jesus, he said, "revealed that power and wisdom above all offering forgiveness and showing mercy."



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Too often, we "fall into the trap of thinking that we have to show others that we are powerful or wise" the Pope said. Suffering from "wounds of war and violence" we are tempted to react "with human power, human wisdom." "Yet the truth is that all of us need the power and wisdom of God revealed by Jesus on the Cross," said Pope Francis.

Cleansing the temple of our heart

Turning to Sunday's Gospel reading, which tells how the Lord drove the moneychangers out of the Temple, Pope Francis said God the Father sent Jesus to cleanse not only the Temple built of stone, "but above all, the temple of our hearts." Our hearts, he said, must be cleansed "of the falsehoods that stain them, from hypocritical duplicity," of "deceptive securities"; of "baneful temptations of power and money." But we cannot cleanse our hearts by our own effort, the Pope said. Instead, it is "Jesus Christ, He alone, [who] can cleanse us of the works of evil... He has the power to conquer our evils, to heal our diseases, and to rebuild the temple of our heart."

Confirming Iraqi Christians in their faith

Turning to the Iraqi Christian community, the Holy Father concluded his homily, saying, "The Church in Iraq, by God's grace, is already doing much to proclaim this wonderful wisdom of the Cross by spreading Christ's mercy and forgiveness, particularly towards those in greatest need." This, the Pope said, "is one of the reasons that led me to come as a pilgrim in your midst, to thank you and to confirm you in your faith and witness."

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic liturgy, Pope Francis blessed a statue of the Virgin Mary that had been vandalized by Islamic State militants. The head and hands of the statue had been cut off, but the head was later recovered and reattached.

Father Samir Sheer, director of Radio Mariam in Erbil, explained that the statue originally came from the Christian village of Karamles. "After the blessing," he said, "the statue will return to the Nineveh Plain. The hope of local Christians is that Our Lady will soon return to embrace her children in Karamles."



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!

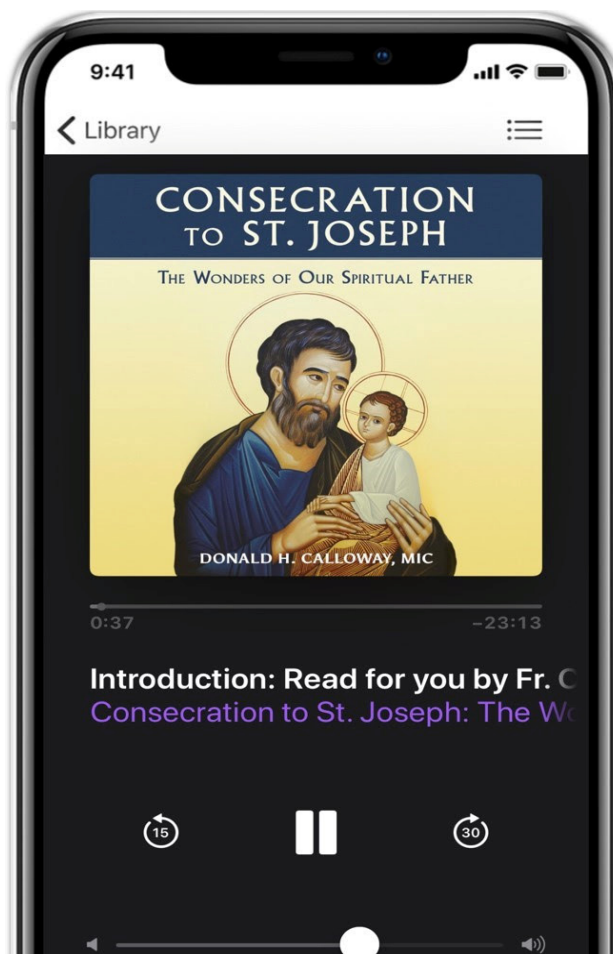
We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!* As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

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

Men's Night



"Mens" night, will be on the 18th March at 5.00pm at the Parish Hall.

Chef Kev will supply a BBQ to kill for. Odd nibbles provided. Exotic wines to be won.

All for \$2.00. A years problems to be sorted and Richmond supporters to be tolerated.!! See you there.

The three Amigos."

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Last Week:\$1,325

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: \$2,805

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



CHESS ANYONE?

A parishioner is looking at starting a Social Chess Club at St Macartan's.

It is planned to be open to adults at all skill levels, who enjoy the game and wish to play. There maybe even a junior section separate to adults if numbers are good?

Let us know if you are interested?

Contact the office

Call 5975 2200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

Jesus reflection

Sunday, think of Him who rose,
Who comes again even as He goes;

Monday, think how in His light
His faithful Church is calm and bright;

Tuesday, of His pierced side,
Wounded for His sister-bride;

Wednesday, of His sure return,
Soon may we that day discern;

Thursday, of His truth and love
Shining on us from above;

Friday, of His hour of anguish,
Lest our love of Him should languish;

Saturday, His silent grave,
Dying those He loved to save.

Regards
Spencer Meier

ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/ COMMENTATORS

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