

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B 11th April 2021

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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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:

Cancelled 14th & 17th April

After the Wed and Sat 9:15am Masses

Changes to Mass Times:

There will be **NO MASSES** on the following days -:

Wednesday 14th April 9:15am

Friday 16th April 9:15am

Saturday 17th April 9:15am

Morning Mass available at St Thomas More's Mt Eliza

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:

- EASTER

Youth Mass - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm

+ Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: John Weir, Alma Roe and Kathy Moran

Anniversaries: Mary Smyth

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

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1Jon 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jon 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19–31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Historical

Context

My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace, and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

- You could discuss the concluding rite of the liturgy and how we are sent out to continue Christ's mission in our own world.

When Thomas is told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following

week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

- Are there times when we expect God to behave as we want rather than being open to the presence of the risen Christ in unexpected ways?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What have been some of the doubts and uncertainties you experienced on your faith journey? Have these been fully resolved?
- Do you see yourself as now being 'sent'? What does this mean for you?
- How do you experience the peace of Christ?
- Have you ever been 'locked in' because of fear or being trapped in a certain way of thinking or responding? What was it that liberated you? Share your experiences.
- Have you ever had 'blind faith' in something or someone? What does this mean?
- Look for ways in which a simple touch can convey friendship, compassion or healing this week.
- Repeat Thomas' great acclamation of faith often this week: My Lord and my God.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent–Easter– Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that St Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India.
- In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means 'twin'.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

- Review the Rites of Reconciliation.
- Encourage the newly baptised to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. You could invite your parish priest to explain the rituals and provide an opportunity for the sacrament to be celebrated for the group.
- Discuss the value of privately reflecting on our human failings and weaknesses. Through being more aware of our sinfulness we open ourselves to God's mercy and love.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of compassion or support. This gospel passage is directed to the many believers who never knew the human Jesus and yet had faith in him as the Christ.

LIVING THE WORD

How and when is reconciliation celebrated within your community? The newly baptised may need to become familiar with the form of reconciliation. Invite them to participate in this sacrament or organise a special celebration of reconciliation for the newly baptised. Invite the community to participate.

Continue the Easter focus in prayer. Pray for the newly baptised that they may always echo Thomas' acclamation of faith. Recite together the Creed as their profession of newly accepted faith. Conclude with an Easter song.



Project Compassion



Project Compassion Boxes are now due to be returned, please leave your boxes at the Church. You can also donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



This weekend we Welcome Demi Jene Simonfi
Who joins our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations To: Demi Jene Simonfi

May she always walk in the light of Christ

Good Shepherd Sunday 2021 **25 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:
There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priest-

Volunteers needed to join the Visitation Team



With the number of nursing homes and aged care facilities
increasing in our area **more hands are needed.**

We would like to extend an invitation to volunteers to join our group.
There will be coaching and training provided to put you at ease.
please call Barb (0410649622)

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 ring Faye 0421443632

E-mail : fayesayah@hotmail.com

Flower Arrangers for the Alter Required

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



AV Operators needed for mass

Training available. Please contact parish office 59752200 or
mornington@cam.org.au



Parish Footy Tipping Round 3



Round 3 brought back memories of what AFL?VFL footy was. It is interesting that one change of rules can have such a major effect. More goals were scored in R3 than what have been seen in recent years. Making the man on the mark stand still has had a great positive effect. Two teams scored over 20 goals. One player scored 10. Perhaps this year we will see someone kick a 100 goals Hopefully Fr.Geoff enjoyed the Easter round with the Blues having a win Perhaps they may not have to hold up the ladder!1. Barry Murphy still leads with 21 points. He is followed by three on 20 namely GoatCat,Super Cats,AdamBullogs in fifth place with 19 Irene Hackett, Then seven on 18

HISTORY The year 1934 has a special importance this year. South Melbourne continued good form from 1933 and set a new record of scoring 2187 points (not behinds)in the 18 home and away games in 1934 They carried the record to 2462 in the finals.First Semi South v Magpies. Second semi Tigers vCats. Preliminary South v Cats Grand Final Tigers v South. in front of 65,335 people Premiers Richmond (Tigers) by 39 points Titus (R) and Nash(Sth.) both kicked 6 goals.

St Macartan's Gift Shop—Change of Opening Hours

For the Weeks of 5th – 11th April AND 12th – 18th April the Gift Shop will now be open on Tuesday in place of Wednesday

Tuesday 6th & 13th April	8.30am – 9.00am	
Saturday 10th & 17th April	8.30am – 9.00am	5.30pm – 6.00pm
Sunday 11th & 18th April	8.30am – 9.00am	10.00am – 11.00am

For the Weeks of 19th – 25th April AND 26th – 2nd May Gift Shop

Opening times are increased as follows

Tuesday 20th & 27th April	8.30am – 9.00am	3.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 21st & 28th April	4.00pm – 6.30pm	
Thursday 22nd & 29th April	4.00pm – 6.30pm	
Saturday 24th April & 1st May	8.30am – 9.00am	5.30pm – 6.00pm
Sunday 25th & 2nd May	8.30am – 9.00pm	10.00am – 11.00am

Men's Night 15th April

Men of St. Macartans rejoice for salvation is at hand at our next Soiree on Thursday 15th April at 5.00pm Come and enjoy the friendship of fellow parishioners. Masks not required but refreshments are BYO.

The three Amigos



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Marriage Prep: *See Fr Geoff*

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th May 8 pm Via Zoom



What a terrific Easter, thanks to you - St Macartan's

Yes, this is my first "real" Easter with you this year, as last year we were not allowed to gather together. So I said to the Liturgy committee I want to do Easter the St Macartan's way - whatever that may be?

It was refreshing to me that amid the complex liturgies with many parts and many different groups all came together collaboratively with minor glitches soon ironed out and with every one cooperating in a way that I was very impressed with.

I took this photo and posted it on Twitter and the first person to Like it was our Archbishop, Peter Comensoli. I too loved it as it showcased many people who helped, from the flower petal gatherers, the cross bearers, the ushers who assisted the elderly to place their petals, to the cleaning crew who cleaned afterwards. It also showed our resourcefulness to cope during the Covid restrictions - nothing stops us venerating the cross.



So I thank you all who assisted and all who came and participated by being there. I feel very privileged to be part of a faith community that enjoys our worship experiences and creating something special for others.

Well done St Macartan's - Well done!
Fr Geoff

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Saturday 17th April 9:15am

Fr Geoff at a training day as a Vocations Promotor and two hospital appointments

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