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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:

After the Wed and Sat 9:15am Masses

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:

- Sat 1st May: St Joseph the worker
- Mon 3rd: St Philip & St James

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

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



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 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1Jon 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:1–8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



This weekend we Welcome
Harley Melderis, Hamish Djuve and Marlow Roche
Who joins our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism
Congratulations To: Harley, Hamish and Marlow
May they always walk in the light of Christ

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery that they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vinedresser, the Father must cut away anything that impedes that life or comes from a source that is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known, and so it must be with disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

- Discuss the ways in which you cultivate and keep healthy your connection to Jesus.

Who or what helps you do this? • How may you continue with this after the period of mystagogy?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- 'Cut off from me you can do nothing.' How are you connected to Christ?
- In what ways are you connected to all the other 'branches' who are the followers of Christ?
- What has been pruned from you?
- What fruit do you bear?
- 'You are pruned already by means of the word I have spoken to you.' Words can be powerful weapons both for healing and hurting. Share experiences of times when words have harmed or healed.
- Offer hospitality this week, not in the sense of offering food or drink but in making someone feel 'at home', secure and accepted.
- Today's gospel acclamation makes a suitable prayer for the week: Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord. My branches bear much fruit.

LIVING THE WORD

Practical ideas to employ in connecting Scripture and daily life, with suggestions for music and environment

- How is your community a sign of unity between those who are members and the broader community of the Church? Are there people in your local area with whom you can build better unity? In what ways does your community stand in solidarity with other humans and with the earth?
- Again, this session has been a prayerful reflection. Conclude simply with the Lord's Prayer and an Easter song

SHARING THE TRADITION

We continue the examination of the eucharistic prayer of the liturgy. Read the memorial prayer. This calls to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and links us with those events in our present time.

- In what ways are we called to stand in God's presence? How can we do this outside the liturgy? Read the invocation of the Spirit.
- In what ways are you aware of the Spirit present in the Church and the world? Read the intercessions. At every Eucharist, we stand before God as his people and intercede for the Church and its pastors, for the world, for those who have died and for ourselves. We entrust our needs and the needs of all creation to God's saving power. These prayers are made in union with Mary and with all the saints. These prayers of intercession recognise that our good is bound up with the good of all. We are called to stand in solidarity with all members of the human family and with earth and all living creatures.
- Talk about ways in which suffering, poverty and the degradation of our planet diminish us all. How can we commit ourselves to the service of the world?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

'Make your home in me.' Jesus invites his disciples to place complete trust in him and not be distracted by the cares of the world. Being 'at home' is a powerful image appealing to the desire of all people for acceptance, love and security. Even if our lives are troubled, in Jesus we can always be secure and at peace.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The vineyard was one of the ancient images of the people of Israel, God's chosen people, and God is the vinedresser.
- In John's Gospel, the term 'I am' has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mount Sinai, God revealed himself as 'I am who am.' Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission: I am the Living Water; I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; I am the Light of the World; I am the Bread of Life.

Well Done!
**To all the St Macartan's Parish
School students who just
enjoyed making their
1st Eucharist**

**A special thank you to
Mrs Ronchi & the other teachers
who were faultless in their
participation and organisation.**

**God bless you all
Fr Geoff**

Congratulations on your First
Holy Communion.

**May the blessings of Christ be upon
you always!**



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**YEAR 7
2023
ENROLMENTS**

Do you have a child in Grade 5?

If you would like them to attend Padua College, please visit the College website for details on how to enrol online.

Enrolments close Friday 14 May 2021.

**For further information,
contact the Registrar on 5978 2701
or email enrolments@padua.vic.edu.au**

www.padua.vic.edu.au



We rejoice that life is gradually returning to normal and we will soon be able to resume our support for **BASP**. In the meantime it might be helpful to consider the rights of those seeking asylum in another country.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the foundation of Human Rights law. This declaration can not be enforced legally; however, it is very influential.

The three rights of every person are-

1. To seek and to enjoy in another country freedom from persecution. This includes freedom from torture and freedom from cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment.
2. To be treated in the receiving country with humanity and dignity. This applies whether the person arrived legally or not. All who come seeking asylum are to be granted the same rights as citizens regarding freedom of religion, access to courts and legal assistance, elementary education, labour rights and social security. If some individuals need to be detained this is to be only as a last resort.
3. If an application for asylum is denied, an alternative country must be found. No person may be returned into danger.

Child Safety

We follow the 'Two Adult Rule' here



Two adults must always be present during ministries or activities for children & young people under 18 yrs.

Thank you to all parishioners, volunteers, employees and clergy who help make our parish a safe & welcoming environment for all!

The Macartan Club

The Macartan Club would like to resume their monthly luncheon.

Anyone who is interested in joining us for lunch at the Grand Hotel, please contact Mal Fordyce by

Email:

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Mobile:

0418372118.

Many thanks.

Mal. Fordyce

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

**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

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON

The appeal will run the length of May, the month of Our Lady, Our Saviour's Mother. She is mother to all mothers and knows full well the struggles and needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families.

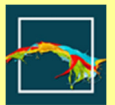
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**Direct deposit—BSB: 033 272
ACC: 318726.**

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Parish Footy Tipping Round 6

This round was special as it celebrated ANZAC Day. Unfortunately most Anzac Day celebrations had to be small except for the AFL Anzac game where a world record (Present circumstances) of 75,000 attended. Our tippers failed to select 9 winners but we have a new leader-- Paul Stinear alias SuperCat . He leads by one/ There are only 2 points between first and twelfth . The new rule re concussion is very positive but will make a difference to some results. Loyal tippers of Collingwood are having a bad time but we wish them well!!

HISTORY: Continuing on re "It is harder than playing football" in this octave of ANZAC Day. The saying came in a letter from Stan Brady (St.Kilda) in 1915 while serving in Gallipoli. Writing home to his mother he finished with the words " It is harder than playing football here...". Kevin Sheedy doing National Service was asked to coach an Army team, He had learnt from his former premiership coach TomHafey, the value of a good fire and brimstone speech in the quarter-time and three quarter-time huddle , Standing in front of a group of soldiers just back from Vietnam it was no time for cliches " get out there and show a bit of courage" These men had already shown a level of bravery, way way beyond anything required on a football field. A quote from the poem "For the Fallen" I forever stand in awe of how little these brave people ask in return .

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Baptisms: Saturdays at 11.30 am—Contact Parish Office 5975 2200

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th May 8 pm Via Zoom

Memorial Wall: Contact Parish Office **ONLY** on Fridays. 5975 2200