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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

[https://
www.stmacartansparish.com.au/](https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au/)

Upcoming Holy Days:

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

- Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

NOT THIS WEEK

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Rose Parnis and Maureen Spargo

Anniversaries: Gwendoline Herbstreet

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

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28: 19.20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15–20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

SCRIPTURAL

CONTEXT

Acts

Throughout this Easter season, the first reading in the Sunday liturgy is taken from the Acts of the Apostles and so both the first and second readings come from the New Testament. (Normally, the First Reading is taken from the Old Testament.) This week's first reading account of the Ascension is the very beginning of the book of Acts. This book and the Gospel of Luke are now recognised as being by the same author. The book of Acts records the events involving the followers of Jesus after his death and the growth of communities of believers who sought to follow Jesus' ways.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The central point of this gospel is the instruction that Jesus gives to the disciples to continue his work and mission: to take the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world and to all creation. He warns that this task may not be easy and that some will reject the message the disciples bring, but for those who do accept it the rewards will be great. They will overcome all that impedes or threatens life and will be given great gifts. In the preaching of the Gospel, Jesus is still present and working with them. The disciples unquestioningly carry out the instructions they are given. The preaching and the sacramental life of the Christian Church is the continuation of the presence of Jesus in the world.

- What hope is offered to us by Jesus taking up his place at the right hand of God?

- What signs of hope accompany the work of the Church in the world today?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What 'good news' does our world need today?
- How do you experience Jesus' presence, even though he is absent?
- This gospel tells of the closing of one era and the opening up of another. What experiences have you had of closing off one chapter of your life and the opening of another. In what ways was your baptism or acceptance into the Church the beginning of a new way?
- Make a special effort this week to be good news for others or for the earth. Plant a tree, refuse plastic bags at the supermarket, recycle, conserve water and reduce waste.
- Use this simple prayer often this week: God draw us to you and lift our spirits on high.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In this gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to continue his work of bringing the Good News. This calls to mind the 'sending out' that occurs at the end of every Mass. Not all of us can go 'to the whole world', but all are called to bring the Good News in even simple ways in our daily lives. This bringing of the Good News is not just to people, but to 'all creation.'

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Ascension is not the celebration of a physical journey into the skies or the clouds, even though religious art often portrays this event in that way. The celebration of the Ascension of the Lord developed in the early Church to mark the fact that there was a period when Jesus of Nazareth was physically present and a subsequent period when he was no longer present in the same way. Heaven is often portrayed as a 'place' in the skies, but this can diminish the Christian understanding of heaven.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness ... This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description (CCC, §§1024, 1027).

Heaven is fully participating in the life of God. It is our ultimate destiny. St Augustine said, 'Our lives are restless until they find rest in God.' • Discuss the images that people have of heaven. Explore the differences between understanding heaven as a place or a state.

- This may lead to questions of 'hell' as a place or a state. Hell is the rejection of the life that God offers and for which we were created.
- You could use other sections from the Catechism of the Catholic Church to assist the discussion

DID YOU KNOW?

- These final verses of Mark's Gospel were a later addition to the original ending of the women at the empty tomb. They show that from the earliest of times, the disciples realised that although Jesus was no longer physically present, 'the Lord was working with them.'
- The word apostle comes from the Greek for 'one who is sent out'.
- Mark uses the dramatic figures of speech about serpents and poisons to illustrate that those who believe in the Good News and preach it can overcome all that threatens or destroys life.
- All the baptised share in this missionary task of the Church: to go out to proclaim the Good News 'to all creation'. Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis have all called on Christians to be bringers of good news to creation. We must be stewards of the earth and all its resources to ensure that future generations inherit an environment that God gifted to all humanity.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS COLLECTION 22ND & 23RD MAY

A special collection for both **food & money** will be held next weekend.

Food items preferred are to be placed in baskets at the doors.

Preferred foods: Cooking oil, Cans of fruit, tuna & tomatoes

Honey, Flour, Sugar, Salt, Basmati Rice, Coffee, Noodles, Biscuits, Spices

Donations: There will be collectors at each door after mass collecting monetary donations

Receipt for tax purposes please deal direct with:

NAB: BSB 083-004: Acct No. 56-924-663.

Provide name & address details so that you can be sent a receipt

Thank you for your continued generosity

[PARISH FOOTY TIPPING ROUND 7 & 8](#)

ROUND 7 was a round that produced some very good football and some unexpected winners. According to 90% of our tippers the Western Bulldogs would defeat the Tigers..but they were incorrect. The Bombers hoped for a consecutive win but Father Geoff's Blues had other ideas.

We have some changes in our leaderboard . Paul Stinear still leads the way with 43 points. We have two new tippers sharing second place only one point behind on 42 namely Irene Hackett and Jack Jansson. On 42 are Mike Barden and Adam Lane.

HISTORY. Fifty years ago the top four teams were Richmond, Collingwood, Hawthorn and St. Kilda Collingwood lost the 1st semi to Richmond.. Richmond lost the preliminary final to St. Kilda. Hawthorn won the premiership by defeating St.Kilda in the Grand Final. Scores Hawthorn 12/10/82 St.Kilda 11/9/75 118,192 attended including me.

ROUND 8 was the best round so far for our Tippers Over 75% tipped at least 7 out of 9. Two tippers namely, and Jack Jansson and Adam "Bulldog" Lane tipped 9 and earned the bonus point. We now have a new leader in Jack Jansson. He is one point ahead of Adam L. and two ahead of previous leader Paul Stinear.. A little loss of "faith" cost Paul the leadership. Those with 8 were Morprince (alias Mary Lane),Dynasty, Marie O'Halloran, Mr. Franks,Myke Schultz, Terry Roberts (Magpies won!!) and Mollie Meier Hopefully our tippers will keep up the high standard. The big question is will someone tip North when they have their first win. Some tried when they played Collingwood. Tasmanians are having a bad year with both North and Hawthorn not performing well. Carlton ran out of petrol. Hopefully their supporters on motor bikes do not run out of petrol



This weekend we Welcome

**Heidi, Curtis and Scarlet Paterson; and
Alexandra Banks, Reilly Mulligan and Ella Kemp**

Who joins our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations

May they always walk in the light of Christ



Hello parents and friends,

I would like to say what a pleasure it has been getting to know you parents and your children in this new ministry we have been running here at St Mac's! I truly hope we can create a space for your young people to flourish in: To grow in their faith, to grow in their relationships with their friends and to come and enjoy themselves. That is my dream! **Please see below next Events**

Encounter Youth Group! - Details:

- Friday 14th of May
- 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Location: St Macartans Hall - 10 Drake street Mornington.
- For all youth in years 7-9!
- A donation for pizzas is warmly welcomed!
- Bring: A friend and good vibes!

Would love to see you all there! If you are having trouble convincing your child to come, tell them to bring a friend! All are welcome.

Youth Mass! Details:

- Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month!
- Social hang outs and pizza after mass, concluding at 7:00pm.
- Musicians wanted! Contact me if your children or others you may know would like to assist with playing music at mass and gain some music experience in a group setting! All levels welcome!

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Like our instagram to have an update on all our events: <[https://
www.instagram.com/morningtonparish.youth/](https://www.instagram.com/morningtonparish.youth/)>

Rosters

The Ascension of The Lord – 15th & 16th May 2021

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Brian Scantlebury
Eucharistic Mins Anna Redmond

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Kathleen Ronchi
Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Delina Frank

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Bernard Butler
Eucharistic Mins John Spaziani, Ann Hancock

Pentecost Sunday – 22nd & 23rd May 2021

6.00pm Readers Michael Negri, Josie Raccanello
Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Paul Girolami
Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, Bernadette McLean
Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

5.00pm Youth Mass

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 be 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

Men's Night 20th May

"Men of St. Macartan it's winter, but come and be warmed at the Mens' Night, on Thursday 20th May, at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. Great company, food and BYO. All for only \$2.00 Looking forward to your presence. The 3 Amigos"

St Macartan's Gift Shop

Just an update regarding the St Macs Gift Shop, and new hours are listed below. If you should require something urgently outside of these hours please don't hesitate to give me a call, Trish 0425 749 379.

If you haven't popped in lately and had a browse, please come and have a look. With new stock in, we now have a great range of Rosary's, including an Olive Wood and a Wall Rosary for that special place in your home. It is beautiful. We have a great display of Bibles for both children and adults along with Sunday and Everyday Missals. There are now Mass Books for the children, even the very young.

As requested I have a few stainless steel medals on chairs for various Saints and for something different I purchased a few statues that sold the first day they were on display. I will order more but currently only one left. If there is something that you would like that we currently don't have, please don't hesitate to ask and I will look into it.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our volunteers especially Lynne Thorpe for covering Saturday night Masses, Marie, Rosemarie and Anne Anderson who is a tremendous support covering wherever she is needed, especially from 10.30am and after the 11am Masses each Sunday. Thanks also to Bridie, Sheila and Ann who also assist when able.

Saturday 5.30pm – 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am – 9.00am 10.00am – 11.00am Directly after Mass

Tuesday 8.30am – 9.15am 9.45am – 10.15am

Friday 9.00am – 10.00am

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Schools

St Macartan's Primary School

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Principal: Colleen McGreal

Deputies: Philip Hills & Kathleen Ronchi

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Parish Contact Details

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Parish Caretaker: John Spaziani: 0419 598 911

Pastoral Youth Minister: Joe Melham: Morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au

Music & Wedding Co-Ordinator-Veronica Ryan 0418 358 213. Email

veronicaryan2250@outlook.com

St Macartans Gift Shop: Trish Thomas 0425 749 379

Marriage & Counselling: *Charmaine Holmes* 5977 2567

Marriage Prep: *See Fr Geoff*

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays after 11 am Mass-Contact Parish Office 5975 2200

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - 2nd June 8 pm *Via Zoom*

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