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### PLEASE NOTE

**Due to the Snap Lockdown being extended, All Churches are to remain closed and Masses suspended for a further 7 days.**

### Mass Times—Suspended

**Weekdays:** Tuesday to Saturday 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 or by appointment.

### Video Sunday Mass

On Line found on Parish's YouTube page: (Ctrl and enter) on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8IlyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

### Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sun 6th: Corpus Christi
- Fri 11th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Sat 12th: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

- Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

**Next Baptismal Meeting** - 3rd August 8 pm Via Zoom

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Recently Died:** Daisy Mary Rochecouste

**Anniversaries:** Luke Allen and Monsignor Kevin Toomey

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Ruben Pateman, Sue Hale, Sheila Wright and Wilma McCoy

**First Reading** Ex 24:3-8

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. (R.)

**Second Reading** Heb 9:11-15

### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

## **Sequence**

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.  
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;  
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

## **Communion Antiphon** Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Words of Institution

*The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.*

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The ritual meal of the Passover is always shared by families, and Jesus and his disciples have formed a family so it is natural that they will celebrate this great Jewish feast together. The traditional Passover celebration looked back to the experience of Exodus, but it was always understood not only as a commemoration, but also as a making present again of that experience of liberation through the saving action of God. The unleavened bread recalls the manna given in the desert, and the wine recalls the crossing of the Red Sea. At Jesus' meal, he changes the point of reference. He no longer looks back to the Exodus experience but

looks forward to the cross. The bread is no longer the manna of the desert but his own body, which will be broken. The wine no longer symbolises the crossing of the Red Sea but his own blood, which will be spilled for many. The blood of the Lamb sacrificed on the cross will be the symbol of a new covenant between God and people—no longer the covenant of Moses, but the covenant of love that Christ inaugurates through his death and resurrection; the gift of himself to the world.

• What might be required of those who drink the blood of this new covenant? What does our part of the agreement entail?

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Do you long to share in the Eucharist?
- What family rituals do you have in your home? Where or how did these originate? What special celebrations do you observe? Share your stories with others.
- Find ways to pour yourself out for others this week.
- Jesus' own prayer life was nourished by the psalms. Pray today's responsorial psalm often this week: How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

Just as the Jewish Passover not only recalled the Exodus experience but made it present again, so too does the eucharistic celebration of Christians. The Eucharist celebrates and makes present the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and calls us to live this sacrifice in our own lives each day. Every time Christians celebrate the Eucharist, the reality of Jesus' sacrifice is before them. To it they join their own sufferings, joys and preoccupations. Through it they bind themselves closer to God and commit themselves to the covenant. This covenant demands that they too must give their lives for others. Saying 'amen' to the body of Christ means we become what we eat! There are huge implications to this.

- In what ways can you give your life for others?
- In what ways does the Church give its life for others?
- You could introduce candidates to the structure and symbolism of the Mass and the sacrament of Eucharist.

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

For the Jewish people, blood was the life force of any creature. It was not to be shed indiscriminately. Today we speak of blood brothers or blood being thicker than water to show a particularly close tie. To shed blood, sweat and tears is to invest one's whole being in a person or project. Here Jesus consecrates his blood as the blood of the new covenant—a new way for humans to be in relationship with God.

## **DID YOU KNOW**

- The Passover is an important Jewish feast that commemorates the deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt (see Exodus 12:1–13:16). The blood of a sacrificed lamb was daubed on the doorposts of the homes of the Jews so the angel of death would 'pass over' their dwellings and kill only the first born of the Egyptians.
- The Passover festival included a ritual meal, with the eating of unleavened bread, cooked lamb and the drinking of a ritual cup of wine. Jewish families still practise this ancient ritual today.
- The Passover is more than a remembrance of a past event; it makes present again the reality of God's saving action.
- After Israel had been liberated from slavery in Egypt, God entered into covenant with them at Mount Sinai. This is a special relationship. 'I will take you as my people and I will be your God' (Exodus 6:7). This meant that Israel had to live in a certain way. They had particular obligations to follow in keeping their side of the agreement.

## COVID-19

**Due to the Lockdown being extended,**

**there will be No Weekday or Weekend Masses until  
at least 11.59 PM Thursday 10th June,  
or until the next  
Victorian Government Announcement**

**The Church, Hall, Community Centre and Parish Office will all  
remain closed.**

**St Macartan's Video Mass is back on this Sunday 6th June**

## **Child Safety**

**From time to time it is our goal to keep you informed as to the progress of  
St Macartan's Child Safety Committee.**

In this bulletin we wish to draw your attention to the following:

1. Sunday Liturgies. An important feature of our policy is that children are valued & protected at St Macartan's. We can achieve this by ensuring children do not go to the Parish toilets unaccompanied. They are not to go alone especially during mass. An adult needs to accompany their child to the toilet.
2. Posters: In our newsletter, website, foyers & Parish buildings, we have a display of two distinct posters. The first poster emphasises the value we place upon the safety of our children in the parish. The second poster demonstrates the Two (2) Adult rule which effectively states that a child cannot be alone with an adult, there must be at least two (2) adults in the company of a child.
3. Volunteer forms: in order to gather current information about our volunteers especially post COVID, all listed volunteers will receive a questionnaire via an sms. Please complete the survey & return asap, thank you.
4. Review & Audit: Last Thursday evening representatives from all parishes on the Mornington Peninsula met at St Macartan's to discuss & assist each other with Child Safety documentation. A report on this meeting will be in next week's newsletter.

## HELLO DEAR PARISHIONERS

Well just when we thought it was safe to go out without masks - they're back!

And, unfortunately, so is the Lockdown. If like me, you've had your whinge, complained to everyone who would listen and finally yelled at God (maybe not), then it is now time to just get on with it and make the best of what we can.

If you think you are doing it hard, then please share a prayer for families whose funerals can only have 10 mourners. Many relatives and friends can't attend and one deceased is a young 14yr old boy, whose mates can't even say their goodbyes.

On another note, I've been away on holidays for a week, spending time with my Mother at her unit and I was planning on visiting friends I hadn't seen for years but Covid had other plans. So I didn't get to see everyone I wanted, but I did complete some chores at my Mum's place and we spent some quality time together.

So I'm very grateful for that time - Oh, and of course, for her terrific cooking.

But it's nice to return to a beautiful looking St Macartan's Church. Yes, the Church exterior has been re-rendered and painted, not only beautifying it, but protecting it from further decay and preserving it for the future.

The next project is the inside of the Church, again to beautify, protect and preserve, then we need too look at the Community House, which, looking through OH&S eyes, is long overdue for major works.

So how are we affording all this?

Well, since I arrived 18 months ago, I have had 10% of our Parish income set aside for maintenance and improvements. This won't pay for everything that is needed but it has helped us so far. More will be shared on other building and maintenance projects in coming newsletters. So your regular contributions are vital and greatly appreciated, as is your attendance at Mass and other Parish activities.

Anyway, stay safe, stay 'relatively sane' and stay prayerful, don't let depression get a grip and speak to your Doctor immediately if you feel you need to.

Blessings to you all - I miss you already and I hold you in my daily prayers.

Fr Geoff



# VATICAN NEWS

## **Pope at Audience: Jesus the model of prayer for His disciples**

Pope Francis picked out a few examples from the Gospel to explain that prayer was fundamental in Jesus' relationship with His disciples. (By Robin Gomes)

### **Choosing His disciples**

Before choosing His disciples, Luke says, Jesus went up the mountain to pray and spent the whole night praying to God. At daylight, He chose His disciples naming them apostles. Prayer, which is dialogue with the Father, the Pope said, is the criterion of this choice, which many not appear to be the best ones, especially with regard to Judas, the future traitor. But the Pope said that the names of the disciples were written in God's plan. The Pope pointed out that the apostles are at times a cause of concern for Jesus, but He carries them in His heart even in their errors and when they fall because He receives them from the Father. Hence, prayer for them continually reappears in Jesus' life.

### **Patiently awaiting conversion**

As a teacher and friend, the Holy Father continued, Jesus waits patiently for the conversion of the disciple, as is evident with Peter at the Last Supper. Jesus tells Peter He has prayed that his faith may not fail and when he is converted, he should confirm his brothers. "Jesus' love during the time of the weakness of His disciple does not cease, rather becomes more intense, and we are at the centre of His prayer."

### **Prayer at turning points**

Pope Francis assured Christians that Jesus continues to love and pray even for those in mortal sin and the ugliest of sins. His love and prayer for each one of us never cease, rather it becomes even more intense. He assured Christians that at this very moment He is praying for us showing the Father his wounds, the price of our salvation. Again, Jesus was in a solitary place praying, when He wanted to verify the faith of His disciples. When He asked them who they thought He was, Peter answered, "The Christ of God." "The great turning points of Jesus' mission," the Pope said, "are always preceded by intense, prolonged prayer." This test of faith is "a renewed starting point for the disciples", because from then on, the Holy Father said, Jesus took on a new tone in His mission, speaking openly to them of His passion, death and resurrection. At this moment of the announcement of His end, which instinctively arouses repulsion in His disciples and in us, the Pope said, "prayer is the only source of light and strength". "It is necessary to pray more intensely every time the road takes a turn uphill."

### **The Transfiguration**

Soon after speaking about His lot in Jerusalem, the episode of the Transfiguration takes place. Luke says that Jesus took Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray, when His face changed in appearance and His garment became white and radiant. Moses and Elijah in their glory were conversing with Jesus about His departure which was to accomplish in Jerusalem. "Therefore," the Pope explained, "this anticipated manifestation of the glory of Jesus took place in prayer, while the Son was immersed in communion with the Father and fully consented to His will of love, to His plan of salvation." And out of that prayer came a clear word for the three disciples involved: "This is my Son, the chosen one; listen to Him".

### **Jesus perfects our prayer**

Thus, the Pope said, Jesus not only wants us to pray as He prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on His prayer.



## 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.

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](mailto:fayesayah@hotmail.com)

**Please note the rehearsal at the Cathedral on the 9th June has been cancelled due to the lockdown**

**Confirmations on the 11th June - To Be Advised**

### **All Night Vigil—St Macartan's Church**

**This is now cancelled due to the lockdown. Maybe Friday 11th? TBA**

### **Next Youth Mass! Sunday 13th June at 5PM**

**TBA DUE TO LOCKDOWN**

Social hang outs and pizza after



mass, concluding at 7:00pm.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Like our instagram to have an update on all our events:

### **St Macartan's Gift Shop—Opening Hours (CLOSED during lockdown)**

**Saturday** 5.30pm – 6.00pm

**Sunday** 8.30am – 9.00am and  
10.00am – 11.00am

**Tuesday** 8.30am – 9.15am and  
9.45am – 10.15am

**Friday** 9.00am – 10.00am

If you should require something urgently, please contact Trish on  
0425 749 379.

### **Parish Footy Tipping Round 11**

We are almost at the halfway mark of the competition. Round 11 had many unusual factors. There was the possibility of games being cancelled. Some matches were transferred to different grounds. The main game was played without any spectators. Despite this we had a tipper pick the 9 winners. Congratulations to Bomber stalwart, Peter Keightley. He earns a bonus point. The following scored 8. Carolyn the Saint, Lachlan the Star, Mollie (all from the Meier camp), leader Jack Jansson and another Bomber fan, Trish Duryea. Fifteen scored 7.

### **HISTORY**

Looking through the Encyclopedia of AFL footballers we noticed the name Clifford. There were only two. Robert who played for Richmond in 1958. He came to the Tigers from Millicent as a twenty year old. He was very tall and played 12 games. The other player was Stephen Clifford who played at Collingwood. He played 38 games starting in 1973 and finishing 1978. He came as an eighteen year old from Banyule.



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