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PLEASE NOTE

200 max in Church 4sqm rule!

Churches are now opened and
Masses can now go ahead, keeping
with the 1 meter square rule.

ALL MUST QR Code scan in.

If you cannot, find someone to scan
in for you.

Mass Times—

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 Satur-
days 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/
UCW8IyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/
videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8IyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 28th: St Irenaeus
- Tue 29th: Sts Peter & Paul
- Sat 3rd: St Thomas Apostle

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

- Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

THIS SUNDAY

Next Baptismal Meeting - 3rd August
8 pm Via Zoom

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: William Joseph Moloney and Alan Ross

Anniversaries: Sarah Fordyce

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

First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon Jn 17:20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

from the perspective of Jairus

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus treats with respect and concern two 'untouchables': the haemorrhaging woman and the young girl's corpse. This double story shows us not only his compassion for those who are sick and his power over death but also his willingness to go beyond social and religious prohibitions in the service of others. The sick and desperate woman overcomes her social inhibitions in order to touch Jesus, hoping that mere contact with his garments will ensure her healing. Her faith urges her to act. In the case of Jairus' daughter, the child herself cannot ask. Instead, it is her father who pleads for

her, even though, as a synagogue official, he was probably deeply suspicious of Jesus. In both cases, it is faith that is the key to healing.

- Have you ever been unable to help yourself, finding yourself totally dependent on another person for your needs?
- Do you feel any special bond with any of the characters in this gospel? In what ways do you identify with them?

LIVING THE WORD

- In what ways does your community recognise and give honour to the role women play in the life of the parish?
- Use the open Scriptures as a focus for prayer. Pray for all the women who have leadership roles within your local church community and in the Church more broadly. Pray for the women in your group that they may become models of faith and discipleship and lead others to know and love Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Jairus, as an official of the synagogue, belonged to one of the groups who were traditionally deeply suspicious and disapproving of Jesus. Here, however, Jairus' faith is contrasted with the lack of faith of the onlookers, who simply laugh at Jesus. His faith is rewarded.
- For Jesus to lay hands upon a young woman of twelve years of age (old enough to be betrothed) would have been seen as a scandalous act. Jesus breaks through the restrictions of social norms to bring life.
- Someone who had physical contact with women who were menstruating or with corpses became 'unclean' and therefore unable to participate in the religious life of Israel. Here Jesus

SHARING THE TRADITION

The emphasis on the role of women in this gospel passage is unmistakable. Over the history of the Church there have been many women who have played prominent roles in the faith life of the community, beginning of course with Mary the mother of Jesus as a model of faith. Today there can be a certain amount of controversy and misunderstanding about the role of women in the Church. It may be worth discussing this and allowing catechumens a chance to clarify their thinking on this issue. It should be pointed out that the Church honours many women as saints and 'doctors of the Church'.

- Open the discussion with a look at the way Mary acts in the gospels as a model of faith and discipleship.
- Introduce some of the great women who have helped shape the Church: Hildegard of Bingen, St Brigid, Catherine of Sienna, St Theresa, St Claire, some of the early martyrs. There are many to choose from!

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' Reflect on this statement.
- In the full text of this gospel, two people reach out to Jesus, seeking to have their needs met. What are your needs at the moment? How can Jesus help in having those needs met?
- Share reflections on a time when you felt ostracised by others. How did you feel?
- Who are the people in our communities, in our streets, who are the 'untouchables'? What are some of the ways in which welcome and healing can be extended to them?
- Be aware of your human connections with others this week. Look around for opportunities to extend a life-giving touch to others.
- Use this week's gospel acclamation for your prayer: Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away

COVID-19

Further easing of restrictions from Thursday 24/6/2021 11.59 PM

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

Permitted for up to 300 people per venue (numbers include celebrant, musicians and technicians). Density quotient of 1 person per **4 sqm applies** - So in fact this means **100 people** for St Macartan's. (The same with weddings & funerals = 100)

Face Coverings

- Must be carried at all times
- Must be worn indoors except if at home, or unless an exception applies
- Recommended to be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained

Hello Parishioners

Hopefully, no one will have to be turned away from Mass this weekend - I sincerely regret any who couldn't get in over the last two weekends. Thank you to some regular weekday Mass parishioners who forfeited their weekend spot for others.

QR Codes are becoming common place so please use them. Also all parish groups can resume as with restrictions that were in place before this last lock-down.

Contact me if you are unsure.

Stay safe, relatively happy, and look-out for others doing it harder,

Blessings

Fr Geoff



This weekend we Welcome

Lyla, Zane and Mason Wright

Who join our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations

May they always walk in the light of Christ

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is open for pilgrims, parishioners, and community groups on Monday to Friday from 9 am – 5 pm. Come and have a Cuppa with Mary and:

- View a dedicated Museum to Mary and the SOSJ's with emphasis on Victoria.
- Walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail (Virtual tour if preferred), which includes Mary's place of birth (Please register).
- Sit in a very spiritual and sacred space, the chapel, where Mary walked, lived and prayed.
- Purchase gifts from a wide range of gifts that includes books, cards, and souvenirs, including products from the Peruvian Women's Project.

Parish groups are invited to have a special **Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** on Wed and Fridays from 2 – 3.30 pm (other times by negotiation).

'Special Offers' to acknowledge Saint Mary's forthcoming Feast day on 8 August

(offer applicable during the period Mon 21 June – Tues 31 August)

Go into the draw to win a free nights accommodation with a purchase from the Museum gift shop - Any person that purchases from the Museum gift shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, paintings, books and Peruvian handmade items) will go into a draw for a free nights accommodation for two at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. [Click here](#) for the gift shop and to order contact Kate on (03) 9926 9300 or email admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au (The draw will take place on Wed 1 September).

Book accommodation at the Heritage and save off normal rates – Fully self-contained **one-bedroom apartments sleeps 2 (\$120) and two-bedroom apartments sleeps 4 (\$170)**. Off street parking is included and a light breakfast can be added for \$8.00 per person. Book and pay for your special event or Grand Final accommodation now at these rates.

We are seeking people interested in volunteering - If you have a love of gardening or maintenance and can do two hours per week, we would love to hear from you.

**For Parishes requiring special group bookings, please contact us
on 9926 9300**

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 29/6/2021 at 7PM

1st Eucharist Info night Aug 24th.

Enrolments will be taken now. Please ring Faye 0421443632

E-mail : fayesayah@hotmail.com



Next Youth Mass! **Sunday 27th June at 5PM**

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:

<<https://www.instagram.com/morningtonparish.youth/>>

The Parish of St Macartan's is looking for you to assist with the music and/or singing for Sunday YOUTH Mass 5pm.

**If interested, please contact the Pastoral Youth Minister: Joe Melham:
Morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au**



BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT

BASP - Committed Courageous Compassionate

"Sister Brigid Arthur of the Asylum Seekers Project, sends a heartfelt thanks to the Parishioners of St. Macartans, for the cheque donation of \$1,570.00 and the 40 boxes of food and other essential items, delivered on the 26th May."

Thank you

Social Justice Group



Pope to the elderly: God sends his angels to console your loneliness

Pope Francis reassures the elderly that God is always with them in his message for the first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He also reminds them of their vocation to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger ones.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

The Holy Father addressed the theme from the Gospel of Matthew to all Grandparents and the elderly, reminding them that this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" the Pope said, identifying with the elderly, as one of them.

Comfort amid the pandemic

The Pope's message comes amid the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected everyone, especially elderly people. Many, Pope Francis noted, "fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods."

"The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time," the Pope said, "He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic." Illustrating this, he recounted the story of St. Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, who, according to tradition, was consoled by a messenger of the Lord when he felt estranged from those around him.

The Lord sends angels, messengers through His words

Even at the darkest moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that He is with us always, the Pope assured.

These angels, he continued, will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, "the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

At the same time, the Lord also "sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand" the Pope noted, inviting the elderly to "try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets." He added that "the Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day, and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard."

Continued >>>Pope to the elderly: God sends his angels to console your loneliness

The vocation of the elderly

The Holy Father went to recall the words of Jesus to the disciples when he asked them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20) Addressing these words to the elderly, he highlighted that this helps them better understand that they have the vocation “to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones” irrespective of their age, if they are alone or have a family, if they work or not or if they are grandparents or not. The Pope underlined that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. Further encouraging the elderly to “set out and undertake something new” in spite of the doubts and questions they might have, he reminded them that Jesus himself heard a similar question when Nicodemus asked him “how can a man be born when he is old” (Jn 3:4). It can happen, “if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever he wills,” the Pope said.

Emerging from the crisis

Reflecting on collective efforts to put an end to the pandemic, Pope Francis stressed that we will not emerge from the present crises as we were before, but either better and worse. He noted that “no one is saved alone” and we are all indebted to one another because “we are all brothers and sisters.” In this regard, he went on to insist that the elderly “are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow” where, together with their children and grandchildren, “will live once the storm has subsided.” The Pope insisted that all of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” and the elderly, better than anyone else, can help to set up three of the pillars that support “this new edifice,” which include dreams, memory and prayer.

Dreams, memory and prayer

Recalling the words of Prophet Joel, “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions” (Joel 3:1), Pope Francis said that the future of the world depends on the covenant between young and old because “who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true?” For this to happen, “it is necessary that we continue to dream,” said the Pope. “Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.” Explaining further, the Pope said that “dreams are intertwined with memory.” The Pope then turned his thoughts to the painful memory of war and the importance of helping the young to learn the value of peace. He stressed that those among the elderly that experienced the suffering of war must pass on the message because keeping memory alive and sharing it with others is a true mission for every elderly person. “Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory,” he said. Finally, Pope Francis spoke on prayer, recalling Pope Benedict XVI’s words: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.” He reminded the elderly that their prayer is “a very precious resource; a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need” that “inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore” especially in these times “as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic.” “May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing,” the Pope said.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

**We will be have a collection for St Vinnies Winter appeal
on the Weekend of the 3rd and 4th July**



NAIDOC WEEK 2021
4th to 11th July



Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another. Heal Country is this years theme. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage.

NATSICC

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council promotes and celebrates the cultural identity of our Peoples across the nation by living and expressing, in all its endeavours, the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Peoples. Through this expression and recognition of our cultural identity we will find our rightful place within the Catholic Church in Australia. Visit: www.natsicc.org.au

St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours

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

Saturday 9.00am – 10.00am

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

Parish Footy Tipping Round 14

One game was switched to round 13 and as a result only 5 games were played.. Consequently it was not surprising we had 13 tippers pick the 5 winners. and they earned a bonus point. 14 tippers were unlucky in the first game as the team they chose was in front when the siren sounded. However a kick taken after the siren changed the result!! The 13 who scored 5 were Jack 149, Adam the Bulldog, Dynasty,78 Supercat, Mollie, Kees Duyvestyn,Maree O'Halloran,Granny Finn, Helen Babies (good Magpies were not playing),Debstar,LikeMisti,John Franks and Lachlan the Star.

HISTORY Players who changed Clubs and won a Brownlow Medal..Barry Round and Bernie Quinlan both left Footscray. Round to the Swans and Quinlan to Fitzroy. They tied for the Medal in 1981. Brian Wilson left Footscray (considered too fat) and went to North. who sold him to Melbourne so North could get the Krakourer Brothers. He won the Brownlow in his first season aged 20. Peter Moore won a Medal at Collingwood then moved to Melbourne and won another one.

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