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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy
Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



PLEASE NOTE

100 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/
UCW8IlyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/
videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8IlyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tue 6th: St Maria Goretti

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: Cheryl Kneabone

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

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7. 10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Communion Antiphon Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



This weekend we Welcome

**Cruz, Summer, Fredrick and Quinn Murphy,
and Florence Caminiti**

Who join our Parish Community through the
Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations

May they always walk in the light of Christ

Scriptural Context

Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.

EXPLORING THE WORD

The questions asked by the townspeople of Nazareth are interesting ones. They rightly seek to understand the origins of Jesus' wisdom and power. 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' They recognise that Jesus is not the source of his own authority. There is a greater power behind him. Their failure lies in the fact that they do not recognise the source of Jesus' power and authority. They do not see the presence of God in the words and deeds of their compatriot. Indeed, Jesus is designated as 'son of Mary', a slur on them both at a time when one's genealogy was traced through the line of

the father. Jesus is astonished by the inability of the townspeople to look beyond what they are familiar with to the obvious signs of the kingdom of God in his actions and words. The kingdom of God requires the cooperation of people if it is to become a reality. He can do nothing there!

- Are there times when you close your eyes to the presence of God in the ordinary things of life?
- How does recognising your own blindness make you more open to the presence of God around you?

DID YOU KNOW?

There is great debate about the relationship of 'the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half-brothers or step-brothers), while other scholars point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and even more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.

- The reference to Jesus as 'son of Mary' was a slur on his legitimacy because, in Jesus' time, people were usually identified as the child of their father.
- The man referred to here as 'James, the brother of the Lord' later became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

- You could give a brief introduction to the prophetic books of the Hebrew Scriptures and talk of the difficult message that the great prophets brought at various times in Israel's history.
- Who are some of the 'prophets' of today who challenge the accepted order and call for justice? You could speak of people like St Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King or Pope Francis.
- Identify ways in which the Church acts as prophet in challenging injustice.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What are the things that prevent your faith from taking root or growing?
- Recall times when you have felt rejected or scorned. What were your feelings at those times? What was it that caused your rejection? How did you deal with this?
- Have there been occasions when you have acted as the 'prophet'? How were you received?
- This week, try to become aware of those things which hinder your growth in faith. Work actively in overcoming them.
- Ponder the mystery contained in these phrases from the gospel this week: Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The rejection here of Jesus by the people of his home-town foreshadows his later rejection by the people as a whole. Their lack of faith and their hostility towards him means that he can work no miracles there. This indicates the importance of faith and hope. Jesus is not simply a magician who 'performs' at will. The human response of faith is necessary.



NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity for all Australians to join in celebrating the culture and aspirations and hopes of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders.

The theme of NAIDOC Week this year takes up an issue of concern to all Australians – the protection of country and cultural heritage. It comes at a time when the prevailing apathy, carelessness and vandalism about the destruction of sites central to Indigenous culture and history has been challenged. The reaction to the destruction of the Juukan Gorge caves in Western Australia aroused amazement and outrage outside Australia, and cost Rio Tinto and its investors reputation, money and the service of prominent office holders. Similar threats to heritage on Fortescue claims and on the Burrup Peninsula have also aroused widespread comment and will be difficult to ignore. The protests and publicity given them have shaken the insouciance of Australians to the importance of its history, revealed most strikingly in the blindness to the importance of preserving the national archives.

An ancient Roman observer of these things might well suspect that the barbarians had taken over the Empire.

That is why the theme of NAIDOC Week is so timely.

Heal Country

Indigenous relationships to people and to the environment, governments and other institutions show the respect which opens out to healing.

POSITION VACANT

The St Macartan's Parish Secretary job has become vacant.

There is an opportunity for an experienced Parish Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at St Macartan's Parish in a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Parish Secretary will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support to the Parish Team and parish volunteers.

The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous.

This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office in Mornington. The role is 26 hours per week, Tue-Fri. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

For more details about this role please go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Those wishing to apply are to send their resumes to:

recruitment@cam.org.au

Reframing Retirement

Day of Reflection

Saturday 24 July 2021, 10am-3pm

Facilitator: Simon Jenkinson, BA(Hons),
MS(Clin Psych), Grad Dip Spir Dir

Does our sense of vocation, or calling,
end with Retirement?

Does the final 'third' of life signal a decline,
or an opportunity to encounter
an unexplored terrain of life...and of oneself?

And what can our faith journey become,
at this time of transition?

*Whether voluntary or involuntary, Retirement
can be a wake-up call, summoning us
to reframe our vision and our purpose.*



Cost \$60

(Morning tea provided; BYO lunch)

Booking & Payment by: 17 July 2021



Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern Vic 3144

Tel: 03 9890 1101

Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne

Web: www.heartoflife.melbourne

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)

Dear Flower Girls

- Updated rosters are now available in the Church foyer, please take one.
- The roster runs from Thursday to Thursday, this includes doing the flowers for two weeks and their continuing care. Please change with one another if you need to and place any changes on the roster in the Parish Office (5975 2200) and also, on the roster behind the Altar.
- Flowers are delivered about 10am every second Thursday
- On special occasions i.e. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, please phone the office well in advance regarding colour of flowers and any special requests and they will contact the Florist.
- Michelle Coyne has retired from our roster. Thank you, Michelle, for joining us.

Happy arranging!

Mary Arter

Mobile 0437 102 483 / Tel: 5975 1133



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

1st Eucharist Info night Aug 24th.

Enrolments will be taken now. Please ring Faye 0421443632

E-mail : fayesayah@hotmail.com



Next Youth Mass! **Sunday 11th July 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

Mary MacKillop

'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).



[St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal](#)

**We will be having a collection for St Vinnies Winter appeal
this 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 year's 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 15](#)

This was a harder round with 9 games after the previous week when there were only 5. There were exciting games and some very surprising results. Only one person chose St.Kilda to defeat Richmond (Oh thee of little faith Saint supporters). St.Kilda not only won but kept the Tigers to their lowest score for over 60 years. It was an interesting game and it was more football than handball. It was great to see North Melbourne have a win, Our leader's margin has been reduced to one..The best scorers for the round with 6 correct were Dynasty, Granny Finn, and three WB supporters Judy Schultz, Delina Frank and GTL.

HISTORY Talking of Richmond's lowest score we go back to the 1927 Grand Final. Melbourne had been top in 1926 and led the field for the first 10 games in '27 then faded. Will history repeat itself!? The top four were Collingwood, Richmond, Geelong and Carlton. Richmond defeated Carlton in the 1st semi. Collingwood defeated Geelong in the 2nd semi. There was no preliminary final. Grand Final day was very wet and the MCG was waterlogged with one wing under water and the day bitterly cold. At half time Collingwood 2-6-18 and Richmond 0-4-4. The final score Collingwood 2-13-25 to Richmond 1--7--13 their lowest ever score.

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Schools

St Macartan's Primary School

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Deputies: Philip Hills & Kathleen Ronchi

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Parish Contact Details

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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 Office 5975 2200

Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

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

Catholic Mission Parish Ambassador: Jody Kerrins jody54@westnet.com.au