

The 31st Sunday Ordinary time, Year B 31st Oct 2021

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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PLEASE NOTE:

ALL MASSES BACK ON!

See details within.

Extra Mass Monday 1st Nov 9:15am

ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday
9:15am

Saturday night: 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 9:15am Mass
Wed & Sat.

Note:

ALL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO
BE EMAILED TO OFFICE BY 4PM **EACH**

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

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Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 1: All Saints, Mass of the Solemnity, Gloria and Creed
- Tue 2: All Souls Day
- Thu 4: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Youth Mass -

2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm

And Holy Hour also on the 2nd and 4th Sundays 3:30-4:30pm

Baptism Preparation:

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Baptism Meetings:

1st Wednesday of each Month (except school holidays) - at 8pm via Zoom.
None in January.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Pray for the sick and their Carers: Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Sheila Wright, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Maria-Louisa Di Rosato, Fiona Rush, Mignon Field and Aaron Eastley.

Anniversaries: Brenda Robinson

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you to-day be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Living Gospel

Love

Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself'. There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

EXPLORING THE WORD

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often in conflict with the leaders or elite of the Jewish people. This text is quite a contrast. This scribe came to Jesus to question him, probably seeking to entrap him in some way. Instead, the scribe sees that Jesus has a clear understanding of what God requires of us. The great commandments to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself summarise all the requirements of the Law of Moses. The scribe rightly sees that it is in the actions of loving God and neighbour in our daily lives that we really respond properly to God's call. This is more important than the legalistic requirements of worship in the temple, with burnt offerings and sacrifices on the

altar. Because of his agreement with the vision of Jesus, the scribe is declared to be 'not far from the kingdom of God'.

- What next step do you think the scribe needs to take to come close to the kingdom of God?
- In what concrete and observable ways can you put your love of God and neighbour into practice each day?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What for you is the greatest aspect of your faith? What does it mean to love God with all our heart, understanding and strength? What does it mean to love our neighbour as ourselves?
- Reflect on what were the most important rules or standards in your family when you were growing up. How have those values influenced what is most important to you as an adult? Has there been any change in what you value most? Share your reflections.
- Take on the challenge this week to love God more fully and your neighbour as yourself!
- Use today's psalm as an affirmation of faith: I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first commandment that Jesus quotes is the great Jewish prayer known as the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). Even today, this prayer is recited each morning and evening by practising Jews.

- In traditional Jewish practice, the Shema is written on a slip of paper and placed inside the mezuzah, a small box beside the front doors of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah in a symbolic action of reciting this great prayer. It is a way of reminding themselves often during the day of God's greatness and their obligation to love him.
- The second commandment quoted by Jesus comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both commandments are part of the Torah or Law.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The scribe who comes to question Jesus is described as 'not far from the kingdom of God'. The kingdom of God is often spoken of in the gospels and is clearly a central part of the teaching of Jesus. God's kingdom is radically different from any earthly kingdom since it has to do with the defeat of sin and death through the salvation won by Christ for all. Christians believe that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of God. This changes the way we live every aspect of our lives. It frees us from fear and self-absorption, and allows the possibility of love as the defining quality of Christian behaviour. We only have to look around at our world to see that this love and peace are not yet realised fully. But the kingdom of God is in the world, and in us, like a seed in the ground or leaven in dough, growing and rising, moving towards the goal of history, when the reign of God will be complete.

- What signs of the kingdom of God do you detect in the world?
- What signs of the kingdom of God do you detect in yourself?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

This text really gets to the heart of how we must worship God— by loving him totally and living out that love through being in right relationship with each other. It is in the action of our lives that we honour God, rather than in hollow gestures of piety.

ALL MASSES - BACK ON EARLY!!



Weekday; Saturday night; & Sunday Masses
are back to normal schedule.

Beginning this Saturday Night 6pm, 30th October

**NO BOOKINGS – But only 116 allowed in,
so be early!**

HOWEVER!

**All attending Mass (weekend & weekday)
must show proof of Vaccination**

Except for a special Masses on Sat 11:30am
(and if needed Wed 11:30am)

For **Unknown Vaccination Status people.**

Please call Office to book in.

Also an extra Mass this Monday only.
1st Nov at 9:15am - All Saints Day Mass
(weekday Gov't vaccination rules apply)

**See you there
Fr Geoff**

Hello Parishioners

From Monday 1st November, prayer groups and the youth ministry can resume at St Macartan's if they so wish?

I am happy to report, that if your group is under 30 people - There is no need for any vaccinated/unvaccinated division, as according to the latest rules for "Religious gatherings and Ceremonies", all can meet under the category of:

Unknown Vaccination Status:

Indoors & Outdoors cap of **30 people**. *DQ4 (see table below).

Now, if any other groups want to meet who are more than 30 people then they must ALL BE FULLY VACCINATED! Thus, all leaders and those attending be fully vaccinated (double dosed) with a designated Covid19 Marshall assigned.

Fully Vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500.
(Children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps.)

***DQ4 - 4sqm density limits per area:**

Church Main body + Annex = 100

Church upstairs = 10

Church entrance foyer = 6

.....Church total = 116 people

Community House large meeting area = 17 people

High Spirits area = 4 people

Community House small Marian Chapel = 4 people

Youth office = 3 people

Hall = 24 people

I do want to remind all:

It is not St Macartan's creating these rules, nor do we agree with many of them, but we are the ones also fined if we don't follow them. So I ask, all those running groups on Parish property, to please be vigilant in following all appropriate rules.

So as we welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering we remain mindful and respectful that some in our Parish community remain feeling cautious and anxious, and that we still cannot gather fully and united as we all would wish, especially at Mass.

Let us continue to pray that all divisions end soon.

Thank you

Blessings

Fr. Geoff



CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners, Welcome!

How wonderful to be able to pray together, the young & the not so young.

By quite an amazing coincidence this weekend recognizes the efforts of a family who have worked together to help other families become aware of the need to listen to the quiet, often unheard voices of children who need to be protected.

Day for Daniel is celebrated in many schools across Australia. The resources that are available concentrate on relationships within families & the social groups with whom families associate.

One of the resources that pertain in particular to the parishioners of St Macartan's is the Grandparents & Carers Resource. This resource has activities, videos, stories, that could be quite valuable to assist grandparents & their grandchildren.

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe-resources/grandparents-carer-resources/>

At St Macartan's, it is refreshing to see young families come to church, we are hoping that now that lock down is over we will see many more families.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McGrath

Child Safety Officer



Faith leaders urge action for climate justice ahead of COP26

Religious leaders from the five continents have signed a petition, titled “Sacred People, Sacred Heart”, urging a joint response to the climate and COVID-19 crisis.

By Lisa Zengarini

As COP26 approaches, faith organizations across the world are intensifying their calls for bold action against climate change, also in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Ahead of the UN summit due to convene in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 12, hundreds of religious leaders from the five continents have signed a “Sacred People, Sacred Heart Statement”, urging a joint response to the climate and COVID-19 crisis. The petition is sponsored by the multi-faith climate and environment Green Faith, and its signatories include Catholic and other Christian leaders.



Expressing concern about climate emergency damage caused by “especially to vulnerable people”, the signatories say that a better future is possible if our response to the pandemic and the climate crisis is guided by compassion, love and justice at a scale that meets this moment.

“The good life is one of connectedness — with each other and all of nature”, they stress.

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The need to change an outdated economic system

According to the faith leaders, Governments meeting in Scotland should commit to actions that “do not perpetuate an outdated economic system that relies on fossil fuels and the destruction of the very forests, waters, oceans and soils that make life possible”. Instead, “they should accelerate renewable energy development; ensure universal access to clean water and air, affordable clean energy, and food grown with respect for the land; create jobs paying family-sustaining wages to workers in safe conditions”.

Moreover, “wealthy countries must take responsibility for a larger share of emissions reductions to support a global just transition” and also “prepare to welcome those who will be displaced by COVID and climate change”. “Compassion, love and justice require no less of us all”, the faith leaders emphasize.

Ten suggestions

The statement goes on to list ten suggestions, or “Demands”, to invert this trend concerning: clean energy; compassionate finance; employment; Indigenous peoples self-determination; hospitality for migrants; restoration of the environment, biodiversity; divestment from fossil fuels and exploitative agriculture; climate reparations from wealthy countries; bold faith community leadership.

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Finance should serve the common good

Addressing financial institutions, the signatories say they need to "abandon systems based on exploitive returns", because money "must serve the common good, not exploit the vulnerable, destroy nature, and increase income inequality". Hence the call on the leadership of financial institutions across the globe to stop financing infrastructure in new fossil fuels and agribusiness that destroy the environment.

Zero emissions by 2030

The faith leaders further urge governments to enact and enforce laws that protect the people and the earth. In addition, they call on the wealthiest nations to "commit to reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and accelerate finance and technology transfers to poorer countries to ensure a global, just transition to zero before 2050."

They also address individuals, saying that they too can contribute with a different and healthier lifestyle, for example using renewable energy and choosing sustainable means of transport.

Pledge to become models of environmental leadership

On their part, the faith leaders vow to be "models of environmental leadership" and pledge to power their own facilities with 100% renewable energy where possible and as soon as possible and to divest from fossil fuel and industrial agriculture sectors and the banks that finance these industries. They also promise to invest in climate solutions and encourage the people under their care to participate in transforming the earth through advocacy, education, job training and other means.

The "Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition"

Meanwhile, thousands of people across the world have signed the "Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition", addressed to world leaders at the COPs. The initiative is sponsored by the Laudato si Movement (formerly known as Global Catholic Climate Movement) and was launched in May this year during "Laudato Si' Week". The petition, among other things, advocates for more binding agreements from policymakers to tackle the biodiversity crisis and reduce air pollution emissions. Furthermore, it stresses the need for greater awareness, backed up by active involvement of grass-root communities.

Jokes of the Week

#1: **The child's commandments:** A Sunday school teacher was talking to a class of five- and six-year-olds about the Ten Commandments. "Can you give me a Commandment with only four words?" she asked. "I know," said a little girl: "Keep off the grass." The discussion turned to family love and the teacher brought in the Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Then she asked, "What about a Commandment that tells us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" A little boy who had five brothers and sisters was quick to answer: "I know," he said, "You shall not kill." When the class ended, two of the boys began to poke each other. The teacher intervened saying, "Didn't we just finish talking about the Golden Rule?" to which one of the little combatants replied, "Yes but he did it unto me first"



#2: **No God, no potatoes!** A few years ago, on a routine visit to a Soviet collective farm, a Russian commissar demanded of one of the laborers in the fields: "How was the crop this year?" "Oh, we had a fantastic harvest — many, many potatoes. So many potatoes, in fact, that if you piled them up to the sky, they would reach the foot of God!" The commissar scolded, "There is no God, comrade." The laborer retorted, "There aren't any potatoes either."

I CANNOT CONTROL

(So, I can LET GO of these things.)

IF OTHERS
FOLLOW THE
RULES OF SOCIAL
DISTANCING

THE AMOUNT
OF TOILET
PAPER AT THE
STORE

I CAN CONTROL

(So, I will focus on these things.)

THE
ACTIONS
OF
OTHERS

MY POSITIVE
ATTITUDE

TURNING
OFF THE
NEWS

FINDING FUN
THINGS TO DO
AT HOME

HOW
LONG
THIS
WILL
LAST

HOW I FOLLOW CDC
RECOMMENDATIONS

MY OWN SOCIAL
DISTANCING

LIMITING MY
SOCIAL MEDIA

MY KINDNESS &
GRACE

PREDICTING
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN

HOW
OTHERS
REACT

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
MOTIVES

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PRAYER FOR A NEW NORMAL

The World as we knew it is gone, and for what feels like such a long time we have experienced so much hardship during this Pandemic. As we prepare to walk into the future, we pray for the “new normal” to come. May our hearts be unified in You Oh Lord, more than moments of seeing someone again in person be all the more richer and treasured. May the reunions, interactions, and moments ahead be held in such love that we turn to You in sincere gratitude.



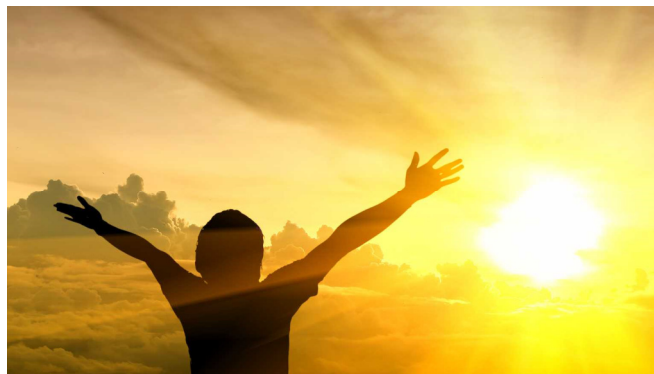
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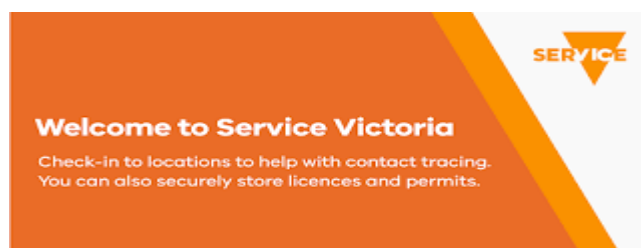
Lord, help us to come out of this Pandemic better, not bitter.

Help us to become more considerate of others, more mindful of how we can help one another, and how we can serve You well. We thank You that no matter how dark the night may get, how many angry people assign blame on us and others, there is hope of the dawn to come and of your presence strengthening us from within.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord
Amen



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St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours

CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID 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

Saturday 9.00am – 10.00am

If you should require something urgently,



VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS WANTED FOR
SATURDAY 6PM OR SUNDAY 11AM or 5PM MASSES:

Preferably an organist or pianist but any musicians would be welcome to help with either the Saturday 6pm or Sunday 11am or 5pm Masses at St Macartan's. Your GOD given musical skills are needed for our worship service, so please help where you can, even if you can't do it every week.

To apply or for more information please contact

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Thank you



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