

The 33rd Sunday Ordinary time, Year B 14 Nov 2021

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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PLEASE NOTE:

ALL MASSES BACK ON!

Restricted to 116 people

See details within.

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

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Wed 17: St Elizabeth of Hungary,

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 7pm In Parish Hall.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



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

Recently deceased: Torquil Hansen, Elda Porta.

First Reading

Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Eschatology

Theologians refer to beliefs about the future and the end times of the world as 'eschatology'. The word itself comes from two Greek words meaning 'last' and 'discourse' – basically meaning talking about the end. In Christian tradition, eschatology concerns many different concepts: the end of the world; the return of Jesus; the Last Judgment; the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy; the accomplishment of the kingdom of God. These eschatological events are sometimes simply referred to as 'the end times' or 'the last things'. The whole of Mark Ch 13 – from which this gospel passage comes – is referred to as an eschatological discourse by Jesus.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Mark's Gospel is drawing to a close. This is just about the last teaching of Jesus to the disciples before entering into the momentous events of his final days in Jerusalem. It is little wonder that Jesus is concerned that they understand something of the end times. Jesus uses the commonly accepted language of apocalypse, just as the Book of Daniel does in today's first reading. While this language sounds strange to our modern ear, we should not try to understand it in any literal or scientific sense. Instead we must focus on the message that Jesus is conveying: we need to live in anticipation of the end of our own lives and of human history. Only God knows when that hour is to

be, but Jesus makes it clear that it will not take place until the gospel has been preached to the ends of the earth. Only then can the angels gather in the faithful from 'the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven'. By his words, Jesus teaches his disciples that they will live in the missionary time of the Church. They must spread the gospel (see Mark 13:10) and live in anticipation of that time when God will once again be Lord of all creation, when God's plan comes to fruition.

- What might the world look like if God were again 'Lord of all creation'?
- Do you ever contemplate your own death? What does the promise of eternal life mean to you?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What helps you to live in an expectant and watchful way?
- 'My words will not pass away.' What words of Jesus stay with you most?
- What signs of growth, life, death or change do you see around you—in the natural world, your community, your family, yourself? Be attentive to change this week.
- In today's world there are many signs of chaos or disorder. What are some of those signs? What are these signs indicative of?
- We sometimes experience chaos and disorder in our own lives. Reflect on times when you felt things were happening around you that you could not control. Share your experiences.
- Use the response to the psalm as this week's prayer: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The language that Jesus uses here to describe the end times is called 'apocalyptic'. Apocalyptic writing was very common and popular from about the second century before Jesus' birth through to the second century after his death. The Bible contains many examples of this apocalyptic style, such as the Book of Revelation. It is a particular literary form, with special rules for interpretation, and is perhaps the most misunderstood style of writing in the Scriptures. It is highly symbolic and should never be read literally.
- The first Christian communities believed that the 'end times' and Christ's second coming were imminent. It was only after many years, when this did not eventuate, that the language of the second coming was tempered.
- It is generally accepted by scholars that Mark's Gospel was the first one written, probably about ad 65–70, thus reflecting this belief in the imminent second coming of Christ

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Creed states that Jesus 'will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead' and that we 'look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come'. These can be very confusing notions for catechumens, especially when they become bound up in preconceived ideas about heaven and hell, reward and punishment, angels and clouds or eternal fire.

- This would be a good opportunity to explore what the Church teaches on some of these beliefs. Again the Catechism of the Catholic Church provides ample material. It will be important to allow openness in the dialogue and a chance to ask questions.
- We often hear reports of sects that develop bizarre theories or anticipate the end of the world. Such sects often read these apocalyptic texts in a literal way. It may be useful to discuss the way the Church interprets the texts that sometimes form the basis of such sects' actions. Our interpretive tools are very different! You could discuss the 'historical-critical method' mandated by the Church to interpret Scripture. It is this method that underpins these commentaries.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

By using the image of the fig tree as a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus is pointing out to his disciples that they should keenly observe the world around them. Reading the 'signs of the times' and responding in faith to changing circumstances is one of the tasks of a Christian.

Pope at Audience: Walking according to the Spirit makes us free

Pope Francis concludes his General Audience catechetical series on the Letter to the Galatians highlighting how the Apostle Paul teaches that "the fulfillment of the true Law is found in this life of the Spirit given to us by Jesus." And the life of the Spirit "can only be lived in freedom".

By Vatican News staff writer

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican for Wednesday's General Audience, Pope Francis noted that Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians shows his role as a great evangeliser, theologian, and pastor. He pointed out how he helps us discover "the shocking newness contained in the contemplating the mystery "creative intelligence" with At the same time, he ably and confused community at sensitivity, the Pope ob-strength of the Spirit had how his meeting with the entire life.



revelation of Jesus Christ", of Christ and sharing it with those to whom he preached. guided and encouraged a lost the time with great pastoral served, showing how the "truly entered his heart" and Risen Christ transformed his

Defending the freedom of Christ

The Pope emphasised the passion Saint Paul showed in defending the freedom that Christ brought - a passion that "still moves us today". With great conviction, Paul responded to the call he received to preach the Gospel, the Pope went on to say. Saint Paul pointed out to the Galatians that they, too, were called to the freedom that liberates them from every form of slavery by making them heirs of the ancient promise and children of God through Christ. Summing up what Paul teaches, the Pope said, "The fulfillment of the true Law is found in this life of the Spirit given to us by Jesus. And this life of the Spirit can only be lived in freedom: Christian freedom."

Walking according to the Spirit

Summing up this catechetical journey on the Letter to the Galatians, the Pope said the Apostle's teaching generates enthusiasm, being drawn to follow the way of freedom and "to walk according to the Spirit", which always makes us free. At the same time, he noted, we become more aware of our weaknesses as we see how challenging it is to be "docile to the Spirit, to surrender to His beneficial action". But we cannot let discouragement set in, the Pope said, recalling the Gospel episode of the disciples in the boat at the moment of the storm, when the Apostles woke Christ up to save them. In these very difficult moments of life, we need to "wake up Christ who is within us", adding, "We must rouse Christ in our hearts and only then will we be able to contemplate things with His eyes for He sees beyond the storm".

Calling on the Holy Spirit

In conclusion, the Pope said we should never grow weary of doing good, and we can always trust the Spirit will come to assist us in our weakness and give us the support we need. Therefore, we need to "learn to invoke the Holy Spirit more often", he said, and one of the great ways to do that is to recite often "the beautiful prayer" the Church recites on Pentecost: "Come, Holy Spirit".



Jokes of the Week



#1: **"You'll wish you were Jewish!!"** A Protestant minister and a Catholic priest enjoyed teasing their Jewish rabbi friend, continually asking him when he was going to convert to their Faith. When the Holidays rolled around, the rabbi sent them a card with the following: "Season's Greetings! Roses are reddish, Violets are bluish; When the Messiah comes, you'll wish you were Jewish!!"

#2: **The Second Coming.** A Sunday school teacher asked his class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Again the teacher asked, "Well, then, if I were kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, they all answered, "NO!" "Well then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!" Good insight for a five-year old!

#3: **Somnambulist or Methodist?** "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake," Jesus commands. The signs-of-the-times are such that, clearly, this is no time for somnambulists. A somnambulist, as you know, is a person who walks in his sleep. On the eve of his wedding, a young man decided to confess all to his fiancée. He went to her and said, "My love, there is something I feel I must tell you before we are married; something you must know. It may make a difference in your feeling toward me. You see, I am a somnambulist." The young lady thought for a moment, then replied, "Oh that's all right. There's no problem. I was raised a Methodist. We can go to your Church one Sunday and to mine the next."

St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours

Hello my fellow Parishioners

I hope you all came through the lockdown unscathed. I can't believe that I still haven't finished chores I intended to get through before lockdown ended. Babysitting Grandkids is so much better though. You laugh heaps; you hide in places they have trouble finding you even though it takes 10 minutes or so to get back on your feet. Aren't they just the most precious gift sent from God? I love my Grandkids to bits.

Just to keep you informed, we have managed to cover the price increases for the Columbian Calendars for the past few years but this year we will be selling them for \$12, a \$2 increase. If you want one for yourself or for a gift please place your order at the Gift Shop so you don't miss out, as only 20 will be ordered.

I have also ordered Christmas cards from a new supplier, with beautiful Nativity scenes which come in packs of 8. They will be approximately \$7 packet.

Half of the stock from Germany has arrived and hopefully the other half isn't far behind. We have chosen 16 different Lanterns and I'm sure you will find something suitable for whatever the occasion. There are a few colourful ones, a little different to what we had previously.

Saturday 5.30pm – 6.00pm, **Sunday** 8.30am – 9.00am, 10.00am – 11.00am and after Mass, **Tuesday** 8.30am – 9.15am, 9.45am – 10.15am, **Saturday** 9.00am – 10am. **If you require anything urgently outside of these hours, please contact Trish on 0425 749 379**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH?

We are considering putting on a Christmas lunch for those alone.

Do you know anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day?

Someone who has no one to go to, or no one to visit them.

Or are you going to be alone?

If you do know someone who lives in the Parish and would possibly like to enjoy a Christmas Day lunch. Please let the office know

If you would like to volunteer to serve Christmas lunch or help in some way - Please let the office know

59752200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

Thank you

WHAT CAN I **CONTROL?**

THINGS
OUTSIDE MY CONTROL

THINGS
INSIDE MY CONTROL

MY THOUGHTS

MY WORDS

MY ACTIONS

MY PLAY

MY FEELINGS

MY BEHAVIOR

MY OPINIONS

MY IDEAS

I AM ONLY EVER IN
CONTROL OF MYSELF!

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
THOUGHTS

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
OPINIONS

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
PLAY

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ALL MASSES - BACK ON!



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

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

HOWEVER!

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

Mass - For Unknown Vaccination Status people.
(See next page)

**See you there
Blessings
Fr Geoff**



Men's Night - We're Back!!!!

The Men's Night returns, at 5.00pm on Thursday 18th November.
Food provided, all for \$2.00. Please provide your double
Vaccination proof for entry.

The Meeting place will be in the Community House"
The 3 Amigos.

My phone is 5976 2155 and I will be happy to meet you and
answer any questions.

Slainte Kerry McInerney

Hello Parishioners

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli says he will continue working with other faith leaders on proposals that will allow for the vaccinated and unvaccinated to worship in person safely.

‘After many long months of isolation, continued forms of segregation within the community are deeply damaging. We cannot let this become the only way for COVID-accommodation,’ he told The Age, saying the government needs to be clear on when a unified gathering might happen.

Under the current roadmap, places of worship can now open to larger numbers of people who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or are able to present a valid medical exemption. Those aged under 16 years of age may also attend (accompanied by their parent/s or an adult who must be fully vaccinated). Face coverings must be worn indoors and density quotients observed, which for indoor gatherings is one person per four square metres (DQ4) and when outdoors, one person per two square metres (DQ2), with a cap of 500.

If a person is not able to show evidence of double vaccination or does not hold a medical exemption, they may only participate in gatherings for those with an "unknown vaccination status". At present, the maximum number allowed for these services is 30, both indoors and outdoors (DQ4).

Archbishop Comensoli has asked parishes to offer at least one (if not more) Masses for those with an "unknown vaccination status" per week to enable the faithful to attend.

Mass for Unknown Vaccination Status at St Macartan's:

Saturday 11:30am

Book via Office

Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30 people.

Children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps.

Let us continue to pray that all divisions end soon.

Thank you

Blessings

Fr. Geoff

ROSTERS

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13th & 14th November 2021

6.00pm:

Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am:

Readers: Paul Girolami, Kathleen Ronchi,

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am:

Readers: Terry Roberts, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, John Spazaini

Feast of Christ the King – 20th & 21st November 2021

6.00pm:

Readers: Carmel McGrath, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Trisha Hird, Michael Turner

9.00am:

Readers: Kevin Morley, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: Patricia Thomas, Sophie Krause

11.00am:

Readers: Joan Clements, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins: Terry Roberts, Sheila Goddard



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