

**First Sunday of Advent YrC 28 November 2021**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



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**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

*O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection  
we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins  
and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**ALL MASSES BACK ON!**

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 Saturday  
each month after 9:15am Mass

**RECONCILIATION:** After 9:15am Mass  
Wed & Sat.

**Note:**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES,  
WHICH CAN BE COLLECTED IN THE  
CHURCH FOYER. PLEASE CONTACT  
THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ENVELOPE  
NO.: #113.**

**Video Sunday Mass**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Tue 30th: St Andrew, Apostle
- Fri 3rd: St Francis Xavier, Priest

**Youth Mass** -

2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm  
And Holy Hour also on the 2nd and 4th  
Sundays 3:30-4:30pm

**Baptism Preparation:**

Michael McGrath:  
[mcgcoach@gmail.com](mailto:mcgcoach@gmail.com)

**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, Aaron Eastley, Chris Bull and Paul Girolami.

**Anniversaries:** Geraldine Parsons and Sr Genevieve Fitzpatrick (R.S.M).

### ***First Reading***

**Jer 33:14-16**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

***I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.***

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1**

**(R.)** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**

1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



## Have you thought?

### **Waiting, waiting, waiting ...**

*I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.*

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

Luke's Gospel is written for a Gentile church community who are caught in 'between' times. The early Christians believed that Christ's Second Coming was imminent—that Jesus would return soon as the Lord of Glory. As time passed, they had to rethink this belief. In this text, Luke addresses a community who are able to contemplate the past history of Jesus and the Church while looking forward to his future coming as the Son of Man. The text deals with how Christians are to live in the 'in-between time'. They must be attentive to the Gospel and live in readiness to meet their God. They must not be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but be

ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man.

- What are the things in your life that distract you from the Gospel?
- What are some of the strategies that make it easier to be attentive to the important things in life?

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- In your life, what things have been 'sprung on you suddenly'? How did you deal with such surprises?
- What does it mean to 'stand with confidence before the Son of Man'?
- Share with each other some of your hopes and fears for the future. Are there particular goals you have set for yourself? How are you preparing for the future? What would you like that future to hold for you? Do you see it as a time of uncertainty, or do you look forward with confidence?
- This week, be attentive to the time you spend in waiting— in traffic, on the phone, to cross the road, for the kettle to boil. Use these small moments of waiting to focus on, and prepare yourself for, the coming of Christ at Christmas.
- Repeat the gospel acclamation often this week: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- Today begins the cycle of readings for Year C in the Lectionary. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love, without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

The celebration of a feast to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by ad 336, such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians, for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the incarnation and the Second Coming. Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (ad 590–604) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas, but the eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

- You could discuss the liturgical symbols and colours of Advent and some of the ways that Christians can use this time of waiting to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

The images of the end times used by Luke in this text were common in Jewish apocalyptic literature of the time. For Christians, looking forward to the final coming of Christ as Lord of all history and all creation is an action filled with hope, because their 'liberation is near at hand.'



## **WEEK 1**

The time of Advent is a period of waiting. Christians wait for the most Important birth in history - Jesus Christ Our Saviour!

### **BE STILL**

Light the first candle on your Advent wreath. Or if you don't have a wreath, light a special candle.

We watch and wait. To this waiting time we bring the experiences of the year past. This circle of green reminds us of the love of God: endless, but ever new. Take a moment to allow whatever is in your heart to rise and offer your thoughts to the loving care of the Lord in this first week of Advent.

- As we focus on the Advent candle, what memories of the year rise up for us?
  - For what do we give thanks?

### **PRAY**

Loving God, Awaken our hearts as we keep this Advent time; allow us to draw near to you and to be attentive to your gracious presence. Awaken our hearts as we keep this Advent time: that we may make room anew for Emmanuel.

Amen.

### **Go out**

Pope Francis prays this month that those who are burdened in mind and spirit might find 'a light that opens them up to life'. This week, we celebrate the Apostle Andrew and the great missionary Francis Xavier. St Andrew announces that 'We have found the Messiah' (John 1:41), and St Francis Xavier lived the Gospel, providing a powerful witness for those hearing the Good News for the first time.

Each, in their own way, courageously witnessed to the Christ child and brought light to a suffering world through their words and actions. Take some time this week to be the face of Christ to the poor and to those in distress. Vinnies is holding its annual Christmas hamper appeal—explore ways you might become involved in this work through your parish.

Blessings to all this Advent season

Fr Geoff

## **Christmas Tree arrives in St. Peter's Square**

*By Vatican Radio staff writer*

*The 40th Christmas tree to light up the season in St. Peter's Square hails from the northern Italian Trentino region where it was chosen in line with the Vatican's policies for sustainability and respect for the environment.*

*The St. Peter's Square Christmas tree tradition was started in 1982 by Pope Saint John Paul II.*

*This year's red fir (*Picea abies*) comes from the Paganella area of the Dolomite mountains on the Italian border with Austria. It arrived in the Vatican accompanied by certification it was harvested according to a sustainable forestry project. It also came complete with handmade wooden Christmas decorations.*

*As has been the policy in the past years, the Vatican Governorate is in charge of "lighting" with a low-energy consumption LED electric system.*

*After being unveiled, the tree will be on show for pilgrims and tourists at the center of the Square, right next to the Nativity Scene until Sunday, 9 January 2022. The Nativity Scene this year has been donated to the Vatican by Peruvian authorities and pays tribute to an ancient Andean indigenous people and culture.*







## **Thanksgiving to St Joseph**

Mornington Peninsula-All Night Vigil

**St. Thomas More Parish:**

**313 Canadian Bay Rd. Mt Eliza**

**Friday 3rd Dec 7.00pm : Mass, Adoration**

**Reconciliation until 10.00pm**

**Adoration throughout the night.**

**Saturday 4th Dec 7.30am—8.30am: Reconciliation**

**8.45am Benediction**

**9.00am Mass for the Unborn**

**\* A Mystery of the Rosary will be prayed each 2 hours.**

**Phone Vicky (Parish Office) 9787-7777**

**if you are able to commit to a specific time to keep Jesus company: otherwise, come when you can.**



**St Macartan's Christmas Masses 2021**  
**TO ALL PARISHIONERS - ADULTS & CHILDREN**

**5pm Friday 24th December Children's Xmas Eve Mass**

Children; feel free to come dressed up as your favourite nativity identity: Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, wise persons, sheep, cows, donkeys, stars etc

**7.30pm Friday 24th December Family Xmas Eve Mass**

**11pm Friday 24th December Xmas Eve 'Midnight' Mass**

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**8.30am Saturday 25th December Xmas Day Mass**

**10.30am Saturday 25th December Xmas Day Mass**  
**[No Mass 6pm Saturday night]**

**Sunday 26th Boxing Day - 9am and 11am**

**ALL MASSES ARE INDOORS - NO CAPACITY LIMITS**

Until Government rules change:  
Above Masses are only for those **Fully Vaccinated!**  
(No other Masses are being considered at this stage)

**We need Volunteers for Christmas Masses**

There is an urgent need for the following + Other volunteers:

**Christmas Eve 24/12**

5pm Mass - 5 Ushers

7.30pm Mass – 3 Eucharistic Ministers, 1 reader and 4 ushers.

11.00pm Mass – 1 reader, 1 usher

**Christmas Day 25/12**

8:30am Mass – 4 Eucharistic Ministers, 1 reader, 2 ushers

10.30am Mass – 4 Eucharistic Ministers, 2 ushers

Please add your name to the sheets located in both foyers this weekend,  
or call Tricia 0418 139 599



## **ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Every Monday at 8pm.

ALL WELCOME!

**CUPPA AFTER 9AM MASS - IS BACK!**

**COME AND ENJOY A SOCIAL CUPPA AND  
CHAT  
(COMMUNITY HOUSE)**



## **PIETY STORE**

The St Macs Gift Shop is working hard to make sure we have a mixed variety of goods for all those special people in your life, goods for all occasions and for Christmas. Not knowing if we would be out of lockdown by Christmas, I held off ordering Christmas stock. This has now been rectified and stock is on the way. Hopefully all the orders will have arrived to have on display next Sunday. We have Christmas Cards, and more Columbian Calendars are on the way. Gift Shop Hours are for now back to normal. **Saturday:** 9.00am – 10.00am , 5.30pm – 6.00pm, **Sunday:** 8.30am – 9.00am, 10.00am – 11.00am and after Mass, **Tuesday:** 8.30am – 10.00am.

**If you require anything urgently outside of these hours, contact Trish on 0425 749 379.**

## **2021 ADVENT APPEAL**

**Donation envelopes are available in the Church Foyer.**



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

All Readers, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to check the Christmas Rosters in Front and Annexe Porches. If you are unable to complete your commitment, please contact Tricia on 0418 139 599.



Thank you for your dedication shown to these duties throughout the year. Your assistance is gratefully received, as is the depth of your commitment, Tricia Duryea.

There will also be a Liturgy Group Meeting on 1 December 2021 at 10.30am in the Community Centre.

Looks like someone has already thought of the idea before us, **WHICH IS WONDERFUL!! Thank you to the Volunteers that offered their time.** We will keep your details and use you in the new year.



## MORNINGTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Alone on Christmas Day?

Living in Mornington, Mt Eliza,  
Moorooduc, or Mt Martha?



Join us for a FREE traditional  
Christmas Lunch

**Christmas Day**  
**Saturday 25 December 2021 12pm to 2pm**  
**The Studio @ PCT**  
**91 Wilsons Rd, Mornington**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 10 DEC 21 - LIMITED NUMBERS**

Proof of double COVID-19 vaccination required when booking

Book with

Mornington Community Information & Support Centre  
via [front.desk@mcisc.org.au](mailto:front.desk@mcisc.org.au) or call 5975 1644

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**JAN** 21st - 23rd

Cost: \$170  
Early Bird: \$160

Arrival at 4pm

Venue: The Summit  
21 Cemetery Road,  
Trafalgar East, 3824

Speak to your youth  
minister about the  
possibility of further  
subsidies

Registrations close December 24th  
Early bird closes December 10th

To **register** contact your youth minister  
Contact us: [melbourne.catholic.collective@outlook.com](mailto:melbourne.catholic.collective@outlook.com)



# Jokes of the Week



**#1: Who came up with this?** A woman was in the mall doing her Christmas shopping. She was tired of walking through every aisle of every store to find just the right present. She was stressed out by the mounting debt on her credit card. She was tired of fighting the crowds and standing in lines for the registers. Her hands were full and when the elevator door opened, it was full. "Great!" she muttered and the occupants of the elevator, feeling her pain, graciously tightened ranks to allow a small space for her and her load. As the doors closed she blurted out, "I think whoever came up with this Christmas junk ought to be found, strung up, and shot!" A few others shook their heads or grunted in agreement. Then, from somewhere in the back of the elevator came a single voice that said, "Don't worry. They already crucified Him."

**#2: Sign on a Church bulletin board:** "Merry Christmas to our Christian friends. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. And to our atheist friends, good luck."

**#3:** As Christmas approached, two brothers were leaving the Church and the older brother announced to the younger that Santa Claus isn't real. The younger brother tearfully said, "Dad, he's disrespecting my religious beliefs!"

*Letter to the Editor: A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*

## **ROSTERS**

### **First Sunday of Advent – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

- 6.00pm:** Reader: Tricia Herd  
Commentator: Brian Scantlebury  
Candle: Lyn Thorpe  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Faye Murphy
- 9.00am:** Reader: Spencer Miere  
Commentator: Paul Girolami  
Candle: Kathleen Ronchi  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sophie Krause, Marcelle Azzopardi
- 11.00am:** Reader: Irene Hackett  
Commentator: Terry Roberts  
Candle: Elvira Spaziani  
Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett
- 5pm:** Reader: Harry Coyne  
Commentator: Marino Cassemento  
Candle: P Coyne  
Eucharistic Minister: Danielle Field

### **Second Sunday of Advent – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

- 6.00pm:** Reader: Carmel Coles  
Commentator: Iris Hallinan  
Candle: Joyce Ward  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kees and Mairi Duyvestyn  
Jesse Tree: Lyn Thorpe and Grandson
- 9.00am:** Reader: Michael Kesik  
Commentator: John Azzopardi  
Candle: Christina Llopart  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Patricia Thomas  
Jesse Tree: Robbie and Sam Thoppil
- 11.00am:** Reader: Bernard Butler  
Commentator: Joan Clements  
Candle: Sandra Barret  
Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil  
Jesse Tree: Gabby, Eloise, Milly



### **Parish Office Hours:**

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# PARISH OFFICE NEWS


We held a morning tea to farewell Theresa Collard, who was the previous Parish Secretary. Theresa did an amazing job and we wish her the very best in her future.

It is lovely to have all of our Ministry Groups back on! I am starting to get to know all of the different facets of the parish and will pop in to say hello and introduce myself.

Please let the office know if you are looking to donate your time as a Volunteer and we encourage any musicians to also come forward.

Sending lots of love xxx

Cynthia

 <p><i>"God's Love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." Rom. 5:5</i></p>	<h3>Prayer For Unity</h3> <p>One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son in whom all are baptized, one Giver of many gifts, one Tree of many fruits, one Speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost. Grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim the praises of God. Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family. Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being.</p> <p><small>Imprimatur: Most Reverend Carl K. Moeddel Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati February 19, 1997</small></p> <p><small>Distributed By Apostles of the Holy Spirit 2709 Woodburn Ave. Cin. OH 45206</small></p>
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