

Second SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 16 January 2022

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**MASKS ARE MANDATORY INDOORS!**

**Proof of vaccination is NOT required**

**QR code scanning is still encouraged**

### **Mass Times:**

**Weekdays:** Tuesday to Saturday  
9:15am

**Saturday night:** 6pm.

**Sunday:** 9am, 11am

**SUNDAY 5pm (NOT weekly) - ONLY  
2nd & 4th Sunday each Month**

**Begin again Sunday 23rd!**

**Holy Hour / Adoration**

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass

**Begin again Sunday 23rd!**

**RECONCILIATION:** After 9:15am Mass

### **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:**

- Mon 17th: St Anthony, Abbot
- Fri 21st: St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

### **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, Aaron Eastley and Val Carr.

**Death Anniversary:** Aleksandar Vuckovic.



### ***First Reading*** [Is 62:1-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,  
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,  
until her integrity shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,  
all the kings your glory,  
and you will be called by a new name,  
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,  
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',  
nor your land 'Abandoned',  
but you shall be called 'My Delight'  
and your land 'The Wedded';  
for the Lord takes delight in you  
and your land will have its wedding.  
Like a young man marrying a virgin,  
so will the one who built you wed you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,  
so will your God rejoice in you.

### ***Responsorial Psalm*** [Ps 95:1-3. 7-10.](#) [R. v.3](#)

**(R.)** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**

2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:4-11

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

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

## **Gospel Acclamation** See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

## **Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## from the perspective

### The servants

*What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.*

### EXPLORING THE WORD

In the Gospel of John, this is the first public act of Jesus, and it is the woman, his mother, who initiates this first display of his divine origins when he 'let his glory be seen'. Her total trust that he will respond to her observation helps to explain why we look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. Jesus takes the symbol of the old rituals of Israel—the water for ritual cleanliness—and transforms it into something new. This is a recurring motif in John. Another recurring theme is that of 'the hour' of Jesus. In John's Gospel, 'the hour' will not be finally fulfilled until the supreme moment when Jesus shows the fullness of his love for both his Father and for all people; the moment when he is 'lifted up' on the cross.

This story is about much more than the performance of a miracle at a wedding feast. In the performance of this sign, Jesus reveals something of the power and glory of God operating in and through him, and it is this revelation of the glory of God that has a transformative effect on his disciples as they come to believe in him. The miracle at Cana announces the richness of the gifts of God that Jesus has come to dispense, and for the disciples and for all who come to believe in Jesus, this is a life-changing event.

- In what ways has your encounter with the richness of God's bounty been a life-changing experience?
- How do you now experience the abundance of God in your life?

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What makes you believe?
- What does Jesus provide for you?
- Where or how do you experience God's glory?
- 'Do whatever he tells you.' What do you think Jesus is telling you at this point in your journey?
- Offer hospitality in abundance to someone in need this week.
- Share stories of wonderful meals or banquets that you have experienced? What were the occasions? Describe the abundance. What effect did it have on those who shared the experience?
- Repeat often this week: - *Lord, you provide drink for my thirst and food for my hunger. Lord, may I always share in your abundance.*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Ritual cleanliness was very important to the Jewish people. It was the custom to wash thoroughly before eating or drinking, after coming in from the marketplace or the road, in case they had come into contact with someone or something that may have rendered them 'unclean'.
- In John's Gospel, Jesus performs only seven 'signs', and each is designed to reveal something of who he is. Here he ushers in the messianic banquet, a symbol of the Messiah often used in the Jewish Scriptures.
- This is the third of the 'manifestations' of Christ, read in succession over the last three weeks.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

Marriage is one of the seven sacraments of the Church, and this gospel text has a particular significance. 'The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence' (CCC, §1613).

- Discuss the sacramental understanding of marriage.
- Discuss the way that the love of God can be seen to be mirrored in the love of husband and wife for each other.
- You could look at the structure of the Marriage Rite and some of the prayers to see how these reflect the sign of Christ's presence.

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

In the Old Testament, one of the images often used to describe the coming of the Messiah and the kingdom of God was a feast of great abundance. In this gospel, Jesus changes an extraordinary amount of water into wine. John is saying that the Messiah has come; the messianic banquet has begun; Jesus has inaugurated the kingdom of God. The abundance of God is already available.



## **Pope: Church needs entrepreneurs with "the smell of the sheep"**

*Pope Francis on Friday received in audience a group of French entrepreneurs. He spoke to them about how to implement the Gospel values in their businesses.*

*By Robin Gomes*

Pope Francis "finds it very beautiful and courageous that, in today's world often marked by individualism, indifference and even marginalization of the most vulnerable people, some entrepreneurs and business leaders have at heart the service of all, not just the interests of individuals or restricted circles". He made the remark to a delegation of some 90 French business men and women who are in Rome for a pilgrimage on the theme of the common good. To help them in the challenge of the common good, he spoke to them about two pairs of concepts based on the Gospel values: ideal and reality, and authority and service. These concepts seem always to be in tension, but the Christian, with the help of grace, can unify them in his or her life.

### **The ideal and reality:**

He pointed out that a ten experiences a tween the ideal he or and the reality he or ters. Just like the Vir- had to give birth to the the poverty of a stable, "there is a painful clash pectations and reality". for the common good concern for you, an context of your profes-



Christian of- 'collision' be- she dreams of she encour- gin Mary, who Son of God in the Pope said between ex- "The search is a matter of ideal, in the sional respon-

sibilities," the Pope told the group. It must come to terms with the obligations imposed by the economic and financial systems currently in place, which often make a mockery of the evangelical principles of social justice and charity. At times their task weighs on them and their conscience comes into conflict when the ideal of justice and the common good that they would like to achieve have not been realized, and the harsh reality presents itself as "a lack, a setback, a remorse, a shock".

### **Guarding and meditating:**

This situation needs to be overcome with faith so that they can persevere and not become discouraged. He offered them the example of Mary, who in the face of the "scandal of the manger", was not discouraged and did not rebel, but reacted by "guarding and meditating" it in her heart, demonstrating an adult faith, which is strengthened by trial. "To guard," the Pope explained, "is to accept, in spite of the darkness and in humility, the things that are difficult to accept, that we did not want, that we could not prevent; not to try to disguise or 'make up' life, to escape our responsibilities." "To meditate" is to unify in prayer the good and bad things that life is made up of, to grasp better the interweaving and the meaning in God's perspective."

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### **Authority and service: With regard to “authority and service”,**

Pope Francis offered the entrepreneurs Jesus the Good Shepherd as the model. Jesus “knows how to go in front of the flock to show the way, knows how to stay among them to see what is happening there, and knows how to stay behind, to make sure that no one loses contact”. He said that he has “often urged priests and bishops to have ‘the smell of the sheep’, to immerse themselves in the reality of those entrusted to them, to get to know them, to become close to them”. “I believe that this advice also applies to you,” he said, encouraging them to be close to those who work with them at all levels, to take an interest in their lives, to be aware not only of their difficulties, sufferings, anxieties but also of their joys, plans and hopes.



### **Subsidiarity - sharing authority**

Exercising authority as a service, the Pope said, requires sharing it. Here too, Jesus is a teacher and model, when He sends His disciples on mission, endowing them with His own authority. In this regard, Pope Francis spoke about the Catholic social principle of subsidiarity by which “the autonomy and capacity for the initiative of all, especially the least, is valued”. “All parts of a body are necessary and [...] those parts that might seem weaker and less important are in fact the most necessary.”

Thus, Pope Francis said, the Christian manager is called to consider carefully the place assigned to all the people in his or her company, including those whose duties might seem of less importance, because everyone is important in God's eyes. Subsidiarity, he said, allows each person to give the best, to feel that he or she is participating, to bear his or her share of responsibility and thus contribute to the good of the whole.

The Holy Father acknowledged the difficulties business leaders can face in implementing the Gospel values but he encouraged them to keep their gaze fixed on Jesus Christ through prayer and to offer Him their daily work. He also urged them to invoke the Holy Spirit in their choices, stressing, the Church needs their witness.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A PARISH EXTRAVAGANZA!!!!**



**After 11am Mass on Sunday 6th February**

Let us ALL come together and celebrate a NEW YEAR - 2022  
By welcoming our new prep / foundation children and their parent plus any new teachers, from our terrific Primary School.

How? - By having fun and food at a Parish run Picnic / BBQ & Parish Expo  
Where? - On the Church grounds.

And we would like ALL our parishioners there.

**If you are interested, please contact Cynthia on 5975 2200.**

## **PLEASE NOTE!**



**Because of COVID infections and the children  
still to get fully vaccinated.**

**This event may be POSTPONED?**

**We have everyones health to consider!**

**A decision will be made in the coming week.**

## **THANK YOU TO FATHER GEOFF & FATHER JUDE**

The liturgy Group would like to sincerely thank Father Geoff and Father Jude and all parishioners young and older who participated in the Christmas Liturgies. Your generosity of time and preparation is greatly appreciated, especially the young member of the Parish who happily attended a pre-reading and familiarization session, followed by their prayers and readings at the Masses.

Our Parish is blessed to have these Readers, Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers, who so generously donate their time on a regular basis.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

Patricia Duryea





# Jokes of the Week



1) **"Then why did you marry my mother?"** Little Tommy was so impressed by his oldest sister's wedding that he announced. "I want to have a wedding just like Linda had." "That sounds great," said his father. "But whom will you marry?" Tommy announced: "I want to marry grandma because she loves me and I love her." "You can't marry grandma," his father said. "Why not?" Tommy protested. "Because she is my mother." "Well," reasoned Tommy. "Then why did you marry my mother?"

2) **The same service?** A man who had been a husband for ten years was consulting a marriage counselor. "When I was first married, I was very happy. When I came home from a hard day at the shop, my little dog would race around barking and my wife would bring me my slippers with a heart-warming smile. Now after all these years everything is changed. Now when I come home, my dog brings me my slippers and my wife don't know what you about," said the counselor. "You are still vice."

3) **Countdown!** One woman asked the other, "Do you have a well planned life?" She responded, yes; my first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and my fourth marriage was to an undertaker." Asked the friend, "What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life?" "The first marriage was for the money, the second for the show, the third to get ready and the fourth to go!"



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## Father Jude - St Macartan's Assistant Priest

My name is Jude Albert Johnson, and I was born and raised in Myanmar in a family of six where faith and Sunday Mass were important. The awareness of my vocation started during the middle-school, and it became serious during university. My vocation journey started with a simple question from my parish server, my parish priest asked me "want to be a priest?" Not really understanding what that question meant, I answered "yes". Since then that question kept stirring in me and it became louder and louder during university. That murmur of my heart brought me to prayer asking, "Lord,



where do you want to use me as

your instrument?"

After some years of serious discernment, I entered the seminary in Myanmar in 2008 and then joined Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2014. It was an absolute surprise to my family members as I expressed them that I am entering into Seminary. Throughout this journey they have supported me in many ways especially praying for me. I consider that joining to Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2014 is the 'vocation within vocation' and I have spent last seven years at Corpus Christi College (Seminary) in Carlton. During these years I have overtook different pastoral ministries: primary school to secondary, aged care to hospital, parish ministry to detention centre.

I was ordained as a deacon early January 2020 at St. Jude's Church, Yankin, Yangon, Myanmar. After that I flew back to Melbourne and practiced my diaconate ministry at Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell. My priestly ordination was on 5th December 2020 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Through the joy and challenges of a priestly vocation, I am always reassured by the answer of Peter to Jesus: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). I am very much looking forward to meeting with you and working together with you in the vineyard of the Lord.



Fr Geoff took me for a spin on his Harley - I loved it!

**Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators**

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Cassemento: 0408 394 792

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, John McCullough

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Turner, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Mins: Marcelle Azzopardi, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: Anna Redmond, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Robert Thoppil, Emma Welsh

Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Mins: Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil

5.00pm Readers:

Eucharistic Mins:

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, John McCullough

Eucharistic Mins: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins: Joseph Thoppil, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Amaka Chiezey, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins: Sandra Barrett, Lisa Chiezey

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