

Fourth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 30 January 2022

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love - Psalm 31:16

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

Holy Hour / Adoration

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

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

Video Sunday Mass

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 31st: St John Bosco, Priest
- Wed 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord
- Sat 5th: St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

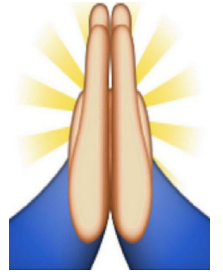
Child Safety: At St Macartan's Catholic Church, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display in the church, community centre & hall. All Parish Policies are available on the website.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Sheila Wright, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie and Val Carr.

Recently deceased: Maria-Louisa Di Rosato.

Death Anniversaries: Ellen Maria Negri and Hugh Murphy.



First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;

before you came to birth I consecrated you;

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,

or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,

its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you –

it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,

a mighty stronghold to save me;

for you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

from my mother’s womb you have been my help. **(R.)**

4. My lips will tell of your justice

and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 13:4-13

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Scriptural Context

Salvation for all

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text is the continuation of last week's gospel, where Jesus announces his mission in his hometown. His program is to bring hope to the hopeless, and inclusion to the outcast. Here we learn of how his mission is received: initial approval very quickly turns to rejection! What Jesus is pointing out is that God acts unexpectedly and that God's love and care are available to all people, not just to the people of Israel, even though their needs may be great. One of their own has dared to challenge their preconceptions, and they vent their disapproval with violence—a violence that will culminate on the cross. Jesus leaves Nazareth and never returns. The remaining action in

the Gospel of Luke occurs in Capernaum and on the road to Jerusalem, where the final rejection will come to completion.

- Have you ever been genuinely shocked by something said by someone you thought you knew well?
- Talk about why the people of Nazareth may have been shocked by Jesus' words.
- Have others been shocked by your decision to pursue a life of faith?

DID YOU KNOW?

- Capernaum is a town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles. It was the hometown of Peter.
- Elijah was one of the greatest prophets of Israel. He lived around 850 years before Jesus and was famed for resisting the idolatry of the time and for his preaching and wonder working. Elisha was his successor.
- Both Syria and Sidon were close neighbours of Israel, but they worshipped pagan gods and were not part of the chosen people. Despite this, both Elijah and Elisha worked wonders in God's name among them. They reached out to the Gentiles when they found people of faith there.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Physician, heal yourself.' Are there things within you that need healing?
- 'He won the approval of all.' When have you won approval from others? How did you respond?
- Have you ever had the experience of being ridiculed or rejected because of your faith? How do you respond to this?
- This week, reach out to someone who has experienced rejection. Offer solace to someone in need of healing.
- Have you ever had your opinions or comments treated with derision or disdain? Perhaps you were saying something you knew others may not want to hear. How did you feel? Were you able to hold your ground or was your opinion simply 'hustled' out?
- Who are the prophets of our own time who speak words we may not like to hear? How are they sometimes treated?
- Use an adaptation of the collect this week: Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone with truth of heart.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church' (CCC, §737). At the heart of the Church's action in the world is the program adopted by Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. The continuation of the mission to bring hope to the hopeless and inclusion to the outcast motivates many agencies of the Church, both locally and globally. All Christians have a role to play in this task. 'By living with the mind of Christ, Christians hasten the coming of the reign of God, a kingdom of justice, love and peace' (CCC, §2046).

- Discuss some of the ways in which the Church acts officially to implement the program of Jesus in the world.
- Discuss church agencies that work towards justice, peace and integrity of creation—who labour to bring hope to the hopeless and inclusion to the outcast.
- Highlight the role that lay people are called to play in this work.

Pope Francis appoints new ambassador to Australia



Archbishop Charles Balvo

Pope Francis has announced that American Archbishop Charles Balvo, a veteran of the Vatican's diplomatic service for more than 30 years, will serve as the next Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. Archbishop Balvo, currently the Vatican's ambassador to the Czech Republic, was born in New York City and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1976.

After serving in apostolic nunciatures in South America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, Archbishop Balvo was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and several Pacific Island nations in 2005. He was also Apostolic Delegate to the Pacific Ocean.

In 2013, he was named Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and took on responsibility for South Sudan after the country was established. While posted in Kenya, Archbishop Balvo also served as Permanent Observer to the United Nations Environment Program and Human Settlements Program. He has been in the Czech Republic since 2018. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge welcomed Archbishop Balvo's appointment on behalf of the Australian bishops. "Archbishop Balvo is no stranger to the Antipodes, having served as Nuncio in New Zealand and the Pacific – and I myself came to know him at that time," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"But he returns to this part of the world enriched by his service as Nuncio in Africa and Europe." Archbishop Coleridge said Archbishop Balvo "comes to us at a complex and challenging time in the Church and in Australia".

"But his combination of gifts and experience will equip him well for all that lies ahead," he said. "The bishops look forward to working with him closely as together we face decisions about the future of the Church in this country and beyond."

Archbishop Balvo succeeds Archbishop Adolfo Yllana, who last year completed six-and-a-half years in Australia when Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and Cyprus, and Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine.

Continuing to Keep Our Parish Secure: Now and in The Future

Dear Parishioners,

Last year we encouraged all parishioners to participate in thanksgiving contributions by using direct debit, thank you to many who have taken up this option. Our Parish contributions since Covid began has dropped considerably. This is leaving the Parish in a financially vulnerable position.

Contribution Envelopes - Those who have not yet collected theirs can pick them up from the Church foyer.

Direct Debit - Is the preferred payment method (Call Office for details)

Direct Deposit - BSB: 083-347 Account No.: 547373281

Could I please encourage everyone to use either of these facilities above to ensure that our planned giving contribution is maintained through these testing times. For those who are still contributing, I am deeply grateful. It means the work of the parish can continue in these difficult days.

Thank you for your commitment to the parish. It is deeply appreciated.

Blessings Fr Geoff

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

1st COLLECTION: The Money Collected goes to the running of the Presbytery and the Parish Priests. With two Priests now, more contributions are needed.

2nd COLLECTION: This Collection consists of the Pledged Sacrificial Giving and any Loose Cash donated, this goes to the running of St Macartan's Church. Paying staff, Bills, Suppliers, Insurances, Gardening and maintenance of all Buildings, plus Funding needed for future building works for our Parish and wider community.

LAST WEEKEND TOTALS ARE
PRESBYTERY COLLECTION (1st) Collection): \$1,675.00
SACRIFICIAL GIVING (2nd Collection) : \$1,110.00

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOYALTY

Altar Servers Ministry

There is a tradition in the Church that Children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion (1st Eucharist) are invited to assist the priest during Mass. Assisting at Mass is an opportunity for our Parish children to share responsibility in the life of the Church and also a calling for a deeper experience in their faith journey. This is the sign that these children will participate in the life of the Church uniquely as their faith has grown deeper and deeper.

The role of the altar server also encourages the children to change their thinking, from 'I don't get anything for going to Mass' to 'what can I give to make the Mass more special?'"

Therefore, in discussion with our Parish Child Safety Committee; running risk assessments and creating new procedures, we are reintroducing the "Altar Servers Ministry" at St. Macartan's Parish. We are asking school-aged children (Girls and Boys) who have received the sacrament of First Eucharist (1st Holy Communion), to consider joining the "Altar Servers Ministry".

There will be an "Altar Servers: Come and See Day" at which, the children will be trained on the different parts of the Mass, as well as how to assist the Priest, ring the bells and act as candle, thurible and cross-bearers etc. Children with an Expression of Interest may fill in the 'Application Form' (in the Church foyer) and return it to the Parish Office.
Or email myself at: jude.johnson@cam.org.au

The Parish welcomes more participation!

Fr Jude Johnson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A PARISH EXTRAVAGANZA!!!!

After 11am Mass on Sunday 27th March

Let us ALL come together and celebrate a NEW YEAR - 2022
By welcoming our new prep / foundation children and their parents, 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!

THE NEW DATE WILL BE 27TH OF MARCH 2022.

St. Vincent de Paul

Dear parishioners,

if you know of somebody, ANYBODY! who is in need, advise them to
contact SVDP Call Centre on 5976 4974 and they will endeavor to assist.



THANK YOU - JOE MELHEM

**Joe's 12 month contract has come to an end and he is moving on
in God's plan, to bigger and better things.**

**Joe has done amazing things with the Youth through the
restrictions of Covid and other obstacles that life presents.**

**We wish him all the best with his final year of study and his part-
time role with the "Proclaim Team" in the Archdiocese.**

Our Love & Prayers are with you.

Fr Geoff

NOTE: We have advertised for a Parish Youth Worker. If you are interested or
know of someone? Please contact Fr Geoff through the office 59752200
Or email: Geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au

CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners, last year the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne released to all parishes a code of conduct. The following excerpt is the introduction of St Macartan's Code of Conduct which is on our website. Over the next few weeks, sections of our code will be presented in the newsletter.



"The Archdiocesan Child Safety Code of Conduct helps to create a positive, respectful and safe environment by setting expectations in relation to the appropriate behaviour of clergy, employees and volunteers in their interactions with children and young people engaged in programs, activities and events.

This Child Safety Code of Conduct reflects our acceptance that each child or young person 'has a unique worth created in the image and likeness of God' and deserves protection (Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors 2016).

Clergy, employees and volunteer in ministry or working with children and young people within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne have a responsibility to understand the important role they play individually and collectively to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people.

While participating in parish, agency or entity activities, clergy, employees and volunteers are required to act in a manner that safeguards children and young people from abuse and harm at all times." (St Macartan's Code of Conduct)

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McGrath

Child Safety Officer

Mercy Connect Melbourne



PARISH BULLETIN NOTICE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne (Tel: 9326 1895)



Jokes of the Week



1: **Rejection at the Pearly Gate:** A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and announces his presence to St. Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book. Upon reading the entry for the cabby, St. Peter invites him to grab a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven. A preacher is next in line behind the cabby and has been watching these proceedings with interest. He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the preacher's entry in the Big Book, St. Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in, but you will have only a cotton robe and wooden staff." The preacher is astonished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and a silk robe. Surely, I rate higher than a cabby." St. Peter responds matter-of-factly: "Here we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabby drove his taxi, people prayed."

2: **Rejection resulting in the resignation of the pastor:** There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of a church. It seems the first hint of trouble came when the Pastor preached on "Dedicating Oneself to Service" and the Choir Director chose to sing: "I Shall Not Be Moved." Hoping it was a coincidence, the Pastor put it behind him. The next Sunday he preached on "giving". Afterwards, the choir director led them in the hymn: "Jesus Paid It All." Now, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week and his sermon on the "sin of gossiping." Would you believe the Choir Director selected, "I Love to Tell the Story." There was no turning back. The following Sunday the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: "Why Not Tonight?" Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Pastor resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The Choir Director could not resist singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th January 2022.

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel Coles

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th & 6th February 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins: Alice Fisher

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Mins: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th February 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel Coles, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Robert Thoppil, Emma Welsh

Eucharistic Mins: Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins: John Spaziani, Bridie Sexton

5.00pm Readers: Craig Nugent, Michael Turner

Eucharistic Mins: Richard Jolly

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