

Fifth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 6 February 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

Holy Hour / Adoration

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 1st Saturday 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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Thu 10th: St Scholastica, Virgin

Alter Servers Registration Form:

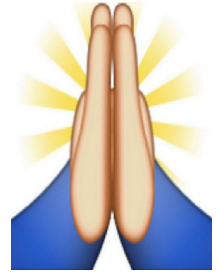
Please return completed Registration Forms to the Parish office at your earliest convenience.

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: Ilma Cody.

Death Anniversaries: Mavis McDonald and Varun Gooriah.



First Reading [Is 6:1-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Scriptural Context

The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text tells Luke's story of the call of Simon to become a disciple of Jesus. Jesus already knew Simon; he had cured his mother-in-law after 'they interceded with him about her' (Luke 4:38). Jesus had already spent time in Capernaum, Simon's hometown, and had performed miracles and cures. The large crowd who had witnessed these things now pressed on Jesus and he made use of the 'pulpit' of the boat. When asked to 'put into the deep', Simon, despite his misgivings, complies. The sheer wonder of the unprecedented catch of fish hints that somehow the action of God is to be traced in this extraordinary event. Simon—now with his Christian name, Peter,

added to his Hebrew name—confesses his unworthiness and addresses Jesus as 'Lord'. It is only then, in the face of Peter's faith, that Jesus reveals the vocation and the mission of the disciple, and Peter, along with James and John, immediately accepts that mission wholeheartedly. They leave everything and follow him.

- Spend some time imagining what 'putting out into the deep' may have meant for Peter and his companions.
- What does it mean for Christians today to confess Jesus as 'Lord'?
- What does it mean to you to 'leave everything and follow him'?

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Lake of Gennesaret is simply another name for the Sea of Galilee. It is also sometimes known as the Sea of Tiberias.
- This episode probably took place on the north-west corner of the lake near the village of Capernaum, where Simon Peter lived.
- The huge haul of fish is symbolic of the overabundance of good that is promised to those who believe in and follow Jesus. It is also a symbol of the abundance of the messianic banquet that Jesus brings.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are there ways in which you are already sharing in the task of being a 'fisher' of others?
- In what ways are you being asked to 'put out into deep water'? What does this mean?
- Is this prospect a fear-filled one?
- Spend time each day reflecting on being 'caught up' in the net of Christ and what that means for you.
- Have there been occasions in your life when, like Peter and his companions, you were 'completely overcome'? What was the source of this feeling? What happened? Share your stories with others.
- Repeat these words of the prophet Isaiah from this Sunday's first reading: *'Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?' 'Here I am, Lord. Send me!'*

SHARING THE TRADITION

Just as Peter became a 'fisher of men' and women, the Church has continued to spread the Gospel and draw people into the net of Christ. The norm in the early Church was adult baptism, but over the centuries, the sacrament became centred on infants.

- You could explore some of the historical reasons for this. You could also deal here with the separation of baptism from confirmation and Eucharist. Explain how the practice of the early Church has been restored in the RCIA. The Second Vatican Council prescribed the revision of the Rite of Baptism of adults and decreed that the catechumenate for adults, divided into several steps, should be restored. (Decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship, 1972)
- As catechumens are now approaching the Rite of Election, this may be a good time to reflect on the steps they have taken so far and to explain the remainder of the process leading to baptism or acceptance into the Church.

Pope to secular institutes: 'Bring the world to the Church'

In a message for the 75th anniversary of the Apostolic Constitution "Provida Mater Ecclesia", Pope Francis highlights the vital role played by Secular Institutes in the Church and society.

By Lisa Zengarini

Papal recognition of Secular Institutes: Secular Institutes are societies whose members attempt to attain Christian perfection through the practice of poverty, chastity and obedience and to carry out the work of the Church while "living in the world". They do not require public vows, a distinctive garb, and communal life. Though most of them are composed of the lay people, they may also be clerical, or both. Unlike Apostolic Societies, which are organizations dedicated to a particular work, they are organizations of Catholics who share a common vision lived out personally. Secular Institutes received papal recognition at a time when this particular form of Christian witness, dating back to the 16th century, was attracting a growing number of Catholic lay men and women. Their specific secular charism were further defined in 1948 in Pope Pius XII's Motu Proprio Letter in the Instruction "Cum Sanctissimus" by the Congregation for Consecrated Life.



A gift to the Church: In his message addressed to the Chairperson of the World Conference of Secular Institutes, Ms Jolanta Szpilarewicz, Pope Francis encouraged their members to preserve this identity and to continue their "creative and prophetic work" which, he said, has made them "a great gift to the Church before and after the Second Vatican Council."

Consecration and secularity: The Pope's letter highlights the importance of conciliating the two distinct dimensions of "consecration" and "secularity", remarking that their status must not be confused with that of religious life. "You should be animated by the desire to live a 'holy secularity', because you are a lay institution," the Pope says, stressing that "it is Baptism that constitutes the first and most radical form of consecration." He notes that both the Greek term 'hagios' and the Latin word 'sanctus' refer not so much to what is 'good' in itself, but to 'what belongs to God'. "With baptism," he explains, "we belong to Him. We are founded in an everlasting communion with God and with one another. This irreversible union is the root of all holiness, and also gives us strength to separate from worldliness."

Being seed and leaven in Church and society: Pope Francis goes on to say that the peculiar charism of Secular Institutes calls on their members "to be radical and at the same time free and creative" in their Christian witness so as to be "seed and leaven", both in Church and society. While noting that Secular Institutes "have experienced numerous changes in advance" and have played a vital role in bringing the Church to an ever-changing world, he stresses that "a further step" is needed today to "make the world (not worldliness!), present in the Church." "This", he explains, "does not mean returning to the sacristy, but being 'receptive antennas', which transmit messages."

Giving flavor to the faith: Recalling his encyclical Fratelli tutti, Pope Francis points out that secular consecrated life is a "prophetic sign" requiring concrete action rather than words, if it is to reveal the love of the Father. "This is a time for witness, because apologetic rhetoric divides, while beauty attracts," he says. The Pope therefore encourages Secular Institutes to continue putting into practice the Gospel's call to be "leaven and salt" of the world. *"Be a leaven of truth, goodness and beauty, making communion ferment with the brothers and sisters who are close to you, because only through fraternity can the virus of individualism be defeated. And be salt that gives taste, because without flavor, desire and amazement, life remains insipid and initiatives remain sterile."*

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

JOB VACANCY: Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's

Our Catholic worshipping communities across the Peninsular are integral to us living our faith. As such we need to be connected to every generation and one that needs immediate attention and connectivity, is the youth and young adults of our Parish between the ages of 13 – 25-year-olds. The purpose of the Pastoral Youth Worker is to encourage youth to gather in a safe Christian environment, in formal and informal ways. Exploring social and spiritual relationships, encouraging friendships, Parish, and community connectiveness, and potentially growing new youth leaders. This is a full time position - 20+ hours per week [20hrs Mornington and 5hrs+ at another Parish TBC]. Weekend work and some evening work is essential.

Required Skills:

- Experience in Youth Work/Youth Ministry
- The ability to work cooperatively with the group.
- A capacity to facilitate ministry initiatives using the skills of Parishioners.
- A capacity to work effectively with volunteers across various Parish ministries and other Parishes.
- Experience in Parish Ministry. Working closely with the Parish Priest on a common vision for youth ministry.
- Effective interpersonal, group facilitation, and network skills.

For detailed information, please go to:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Or contact St Macartan's Catholic Church: email: mornington@cam.org.au

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.



Men's Night

The drought is soon to break ! Keep Thursday the 17th of February at 5.00pm free. We shall resume at the Community Centre. Keep watching for future notices.

"The Three Amigos"

Thanks, Kerry McInerney

Volunteers needed to join the Visitation Team

With the number of nursing homes and aged care facilities increasing in our area, **more hands are needed.**

We would like to extend an invitation to Volunteers to join our group.

There will be coaching and training provided to put you at ease.

please call Father Jude on 5975 2200.

Dear Parishioners, following on from last week's introduction to the St Macartan's Code of Conduct, there are a number of expectations that need to be included into the code. **The first expectation is the "Never alone rule".**

"Clergy, employees and volunteers should **avoid one-to-one**, unsupervised situations with children and young people. Activities and/or discussions with children and young people are to be conducted in view of others."

For example at St Macartan's, Fr Jude is inviting young people to become altar servers. One of the expectations for the parents of the altar servers is to accompany them to the community centre to change into their vestments before & after the mass. Another example is when a child wants to go to the toilet during mass, the parents of the child are expected to accompany them to & from the toilet.

"Supervision" is the next expectation of the code.

"Where children and young people attend without their parents or guardians, clergy, employees and volunteers who are conducting programs, activities and events for children and young people **are responsible** for actively supervising children and young people."

For example the St Macartan's Youth group has a minimum of two trained adults that supervise all activities, as does High Spirits Catechism Group.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McGrath (Child Safety Officer)

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL

This year's Chaplaincy Sunday will be held during the weekend of 13 February 2022.

The Chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne support thousands of Victorians every year. They faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support.

Each year we highlight one of the four service areas of chaplaincy - health care, youth justice, prison ministry, and HIV/AIDS care. This year, we focus on health care chaplaincy. Our hospital chaplains are there for the spiritual and emotional health and support of the patients and their families at difficult times; times of pain, uncertainty, stress and fear.

In 2021 our hospital chaplains provided 4,682 episodes of care to patients and loved ones in Melbourne hospitals.

Chaplains give HOPE to people during some of their darkest days. Let's support them together.

WE WILL BE HAVING A LEAVING COLLECTION FOR ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND THERE WILL BE ENVELOPES IN THE PHEWS OF THE CHURCH. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL BE GRATELY APPRECIATED!!!



Jokes of the Week



1) Catching fish from the shop: A man had spent fruitless day fishing. He didn't want to go home empty-handed. He decided to stop at a local fish market. "I'd like three good sized fish," he said to the clerk. "But before you wrap them, toss them to me, one by one." The clerk looked puzzled at his request, "Sir? That's a strange thing to ask." Smiling the man said, "This way I'll be able to tell my wife truthfully that I caught them!"

2) "I am a fisher of men." The Reverend Dr. McStuffed-Shirt encountered one of his less-than-faithful parishioners returning from a day's fishing and engaged him in conversation. "Ah, Brother Jones," he began in his best preaching tone, "You are a fine fisherman, but I am a fisher of men." Jones, determined to get home after a long day, replied, "So I have heard. But I was passing your Church last Sunday, looked in the window, and noticed you had not caught too many..."

3) Priest Plays Hooky: The pastor was a fisherman, but he hadn't fished in months. One perfect Sunday morning he couldn't resist. He called up his associate priest and claimed he had laryngitis. The priest then headed out to his favorite spot. The hook five minutes before he got a strike and landed the biggest fish he had ever caught – although he had seen bigger ones caught by others. A half hour later, he caught the biggest fish he had ever seen. Another forty-five minutes later he landed a fish that broke the world record. All this time St. Peter and God have been watching the priest from Heaven. St. Peter turns to God, and says, "How can you reward this priest? He lied. He doesn't observe the Sunday obligation." — God smiled at St. Peter, and replied, "I am punishing him." St. Peter was confused, so God continued, "Well, after he finishes, to whom can he tell his story?"



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

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th & 20th February 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Mins: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Amaka Chiezey, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

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