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LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are **NOT** mandatory indoors!
(You may wear them if you want?)

Proof of vaccination is **NOT** required.

QR code scanning is **NOT** required.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday
9:15am

Saturday night: 6pm.

Sunday: 9am, 11am

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

Next School grade Mass:

Friday 11th March 9:15am

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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

Coming up this week:

- Project Compassion began on 2 March 2022 (see details within)
- Lenten Prayer Services (see details within)
- Stations of the Cross (see details within)
- Fr Kevin Mogg's Funeral (see details within)

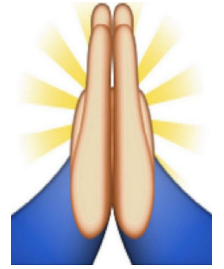
WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

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: Lenore Tiernan and George Fiorini - Lowell.

Death Anniversaries: Mary Cattermole.

Funeral Service: George Fiorini-Lowell at : 11.30am on 8 March 2022 at St Macartan's Parish.



First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(91):1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Scriptural Context

The temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus' fast of forty days in the wilderness recalls the stories of Elijah and Moses, and his temptation recalls the severe testing to which the people of Israel were subjected when they too wandered in the desert. Israel was found wanting and succumbed to the temptations, worshipping false gods, but Jesus uses the word of God to defeat the power of evil: 'Man does not live on bread alone' (Deuteronomy 8:13); 'You must worship the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 6:13). In testing Jesus, Satan is testing God himself and is dismissed from the story with the words 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test' (Deuteronomy 6:16). Jesus has reversed Israel's experience in the de-

sert and become the founder of a new people.

- Do you have the courage, like Jesus, to become sons and daughters of God?
- Which of the temptations faced by Jesus—material security, power or prestige—offers the greatest challenge to you?
- How do you overcome temptation when it arises?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What are the great temptations in your life?
- In what ways have you been 'led by the Spirit through the wilderness'?
- 'Man does not live on bread alone.' What nourishes your spiritual life?
- Today's gospel presents Jesus' struggle to remain true to himself and his faith. Spend time reflecting on how you are feeling about the Rite of Election and the commitment you will make at Easter. Share your hopes and fears.
- Spend time this week contemplating the difficult periods of your life and how they led you to new understandings of yourself, others and God. Reach out to someone who may be experiencing a difficult time in their lives.
- Use the response to today's psalm as your prayer this week: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period. Thus, in the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.
- This text comes immediately after the baptism of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. The baptism takes place in the lower reaches of the Jordan River, just north of the point where it enters the Dead Sea. This is a particularly desolate and barren region of dry river beds (wadis) and steep, rocky cliffs rising up from the Jordan Valley.
- The temple precinct in Jerusalem was built on a mountain. It comprised the temple itself and several courtyards surrounded by a very high wall. This is the parapet referred to in this text.

SHARING THE TRADITION

The whole season of Lent–Easter–Pentecost has a fundamental integrity and unity to it, despite being divided into forty- and fifty-day time frames, set each side of the Easter celebration. The word Lent is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'spring' and was associated in the northern hemisphere with the seasonal change from winter and the lengthening of the days. The forty-day period of fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter was not firmly set until the fourth century and had strong catechumenal and baptismal overtones, as this was the final preparation time for people seeking baptism. This focus has been revised in recent years, and of course the current catechumens have become part of that process.

- Give some background on the common customs associated with Lent: the use of purple; the absence of decoration; the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving; the ways that people observe Lent in their own homes.
- You could use the parish resource kit from Caritas to encourage participation in Project Compassion.

Pope: Let's accompany the people who are suffering from the bombings

In his greeting to the Polish faithful at the General Audience in the Vatican, the Pope thanks the people of Poland for their generosity towards people fleeing the war in Ukraine and asks all men and women of goodwill to be close to the population that is suffering the bombings and violence.

By Linda Bordoni



A child fleeing war in Ukraine at a temporary camp in Przemsł, Poland

“You were the first to support Ukraine, opening your borders, your hearts and the doors of your homes to Ukrainians fleeing the war,” said Pope Francis in his greeting to the Polish pilgrims present for the General Audience in the Paul VI Hall.

He expressed deep gratitude and bestowed his blessings to the people of Poland noting they are “generously offering [the refugees] everything they need to live in dignity, despite the drama of the moment.”

The Pope also turned to the friar present during the Audience to do the reading in Polish: “This Franciscan friar who is speaking now, in Polish, but he is Ukrainian!” he said, adding that “His parents are right now in shelters underground, defending themselves from the bombs, in a place near Kyiv. And he continues to do his duty here, with us.”

By accompanying him, the Pope continued, “we accompany all the people who are suffering from the bombings, his elderly parents and many elderly people who are in the underground to defend themselves. We carry in our hearts the memory of these people.”

During his greeting to English-speaking groups at the Audience, the Pope again referred to the Russian invasion in Ukraine reminding us that today we begin the Lenten journey with a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357
(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

FUNERAL INFORMATION

The Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Reverend Father Kevin Melville Mogg AM PE will be offered on

Monday 7 March 2022 at 12.00 noon in Holy Spirit Church,
120 Oban Road, Ringwood North, followed by a private cremation.

MAY KEVIN REST IN PEACE & MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM



The Pontifical Requiem Mass will be webcast live from the following link:

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

**Note: St Macartan's will be hosting a Mass and interment of the Ashes of Fr Kevin
date yet to be decided.**

CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners, our Code of Conduct gives very sound advice about guiding children & young people's behaviour (discipline).

It states that

"We strive to ensure that all children and young people have a positive experience in our Archdiocese.

When working with children and young people, setting guidelines in collaboration with children and young people assists in guiding behaviour to promote the safety and wellbeing of all involved.

From time to time, behaviour management strategies may be required to:

- ensure a safe, positive and effective environment;
- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people; and
- manage disruptive behaviour.

Clergy, employees and volunteers must use fair, respectful and age and developmentally appropriate strategies. The child or young person is to be provided with clear direction and be given an opportunity to redirect their behaviour in a positive manner.

If a child or young person continues to behave in a manner that is challenging, it is advisable to communicate with parents or guardians and to work collaboratively to encourage positive behaviour.

Under no circumstances is physical (corporal) punishment permitted; nor is any form of treatment that could be considered as degrading, cruel, frightening or humiliating."

Therefore as a community we are setting boundaries that will benefit the development of good behavioral skills.

Fr Jude will be running several training sessions for a group of enthusiastic young altar servers who have volunteered to serve at some of our Sunday masses. He will be assisted by other members of the parish and together they will ensure that these children will have a positive experience in a safe & effective environment.

Carmel McGrath
Child Safety Officer

Child
safety in
the church

Working against child abuse
in the Catholic church



2022 PARISH LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS

The 2022 Lenten program begins on **Tuesday 8th March at 7.15m and each following Tuesday at 7:15pm in the Community House**. We will be following the Archdioceses 7 week program. We will be sharing booklets each week that contains gospel readings, gospel reflections and personal stories. Everybody is welcome to join us on this Lenten journey. If you require any further information, please contact Jacinta Jolly – 0400 791 971

Many thanks - Jacinta

Also

Every Thursday **after morning Mass, from 10am-11am in the Community House**.

Geoff or Fr Jude, will be holding a Lenten prayer group, gathering.

All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2022

Each Friday of Lent at 7pm - 7:45pm in St Macartan's Church



**You can create
a better world
For All Future
Generations**



**PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS**

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Caritas Australia has launched an appeal with funds going directly to support Caritas Ukraine with their response, as well as other Caritas partners in the region who are supporting refugees. This year, the theme of Project Compassion is 'For All Future Generations'. It reminds us that the good that we do today extends far beyond the present, and impacts the lives of vulnerable people for generations to come.

Boxes will be available in the Church Foyer to collect Donations.

PLEASE RETURN BOXES TO THE SACRISTRY BEFORE 31 MARCH 2022

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

High Spirits Parish CONFIRMATION classes 2022

4pm in the Community House—contact Faye email: fayesayah@hotmail.com

Info night -Monday 28th February

Lesson 1 -Tuesday 1st March

Lesson 2 -Tuesday 8th March

Lesson 3 -Tuesday 22nd March

Lesson 4 -Tuesday 29th March

Lesson 5 -Tuesday 5th April

School Holidays

Lesson 6 -Tuesday 3rd May

Lesson 7 -Tuesday 10th May

Lesson 8 -Tuesday 17th May

Lesson 9 -Tuesday 24th May



Wednesday 1st June – Confirmation Rehearsal Day at St Patrick’s Cathedral (TBC)

Friday 3rd June – CONFIRMATION EVENING 7pm at St Patricks Cathedral

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.



The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 to follow Christ to serve those in need. The Australian Chapter was founded in 1854 - 168 year ago. Our local Mornington Conference, which is separate from the Vinnies Shops, was founded in July 1960 - almost 62 years ago. Our local Vincentians number about 20 and they distribute food and other help, including financial assistance, to the needy in our community with a focus on the wellbeing of the those in need of support. In an average year we visit about 900 homes and distribute around \$100,000 in food and vouchers. The local team are inviting any interested parishioners to join them in their work.

"Vinnies Day Celebrated on 5th March.

Our local St Vincent de Paul Society Conference is joining in the Australian-wide celebration on the 5th March of the Society’s work in helping those in need in the community. There will be a short talk about the Society’s work at Masses next weekend. If you are interested in knowing more about the Society’s work please contact Barry Murphy on 0419 225 455 or Pat McInerney on 0467 543 483.”



Jokes of the Week



1) **Satan or God?** A priest was ministering to a man on his death-bed. "Renounce Satan!" said the priest." No," said the dying man. "I say, renounce the devil and his works!" "No," the man repeats. "And why not, I ask you in the name of all that is holy?" "Because," said the dying man, "I want to wait until I see where I'm heading."

2) **"Get behind me, Satan!"** A little boy always went next door to play even though his mom had warned him against doing so. This worried his mom so badly that she asked him why he was so disobedient. He replied that Satan tempted him so bad and he did not know what to do. His mom then advised him to say 'Get behind me Satan' whenever he was tempted. She then built a fence around the house. This worked for a week, then one sunny afternoon his mom looked out the window and there was her son playing on the neighbor's lawn having cut a hole in the fence. "Jeremy", she yelled, "come here!" She then said, "Did I not tell you to say, 'Get behind me Satan' whenever he tempted you?" "Yes", the boy replied, "I said, 'Get behind me Satan', then he went behind me and pushed me through the hole in the fence."



6) **Picking Forbidden Fruit:** It is hard to pick forbidden fruit if you are a hundred yards away, but it is easy if you are at an arm's length. When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.



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 Casamento: 0408 394 792

First Sunday of Lent – 5th & 6th March 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel Coles, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Robert Thoppil, Emma Welsh

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton

Second Sunday of Lent – 12th & 13th March 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Failla, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins

5.00pm Readers: Jacinta Jolly, Marino Casamento

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Melham

Third Sunday of Lent – 19th & 20th March 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Trisha Hird

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil

5.00pm Readers: Danielle & Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento

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