

Eighth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 27 February 2022

PARISH BULLETIN

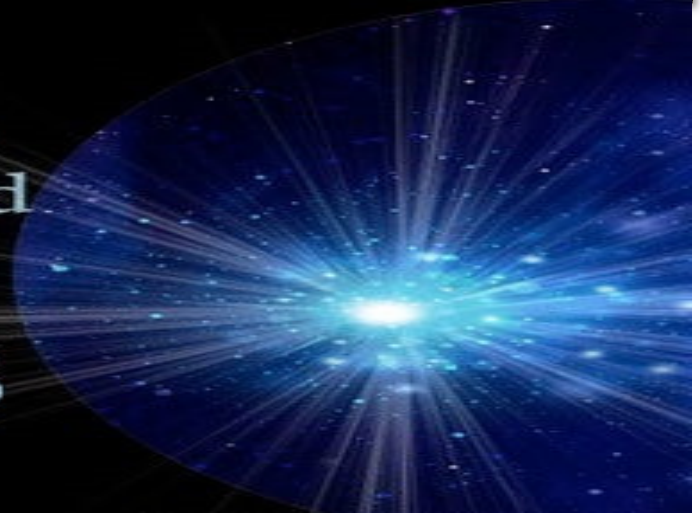
St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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be blameless
and innocent,
children of God
appearing as
LIGHTS
in the world



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

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:

- Wed 2nd: Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

Ash Wed Masses:

Wed 2nd March 9:15am & 7pm

Alter Servers Registration Form:

Please return completed Registration Forms to the Parish office at your earliest convenience. "Alter Servers: Come and See Evening" will be held on 5th of March 2022 at 4.30pm. The parish will contact you in this regard.

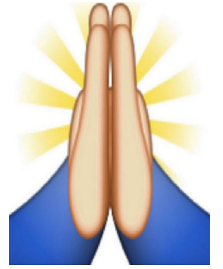
WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

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: Anthony Colby.

Death Anniversaries: Oscar Azzopardi.

Funeral Service: Anne McNair: 11am on 1 March 2022 at St Macartan's Parish.



First Reading

Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Living the Gospel

You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Luke continues with his examination of the new order ushered in by discipleship and turns to a very personal dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The 'fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.' Jesus offers himself as a model of non-judgment. This, after all, belongs only to God. There are echoes here of last week's text: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon and you will be pardoned.' Disciples must recognise their own shortcomings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth from their hearts are the good fruits that

only true goodness of heart can produce.

- How easy or difficult do you find it to be self-reflective or self-critical?
- How can you encourage each other to recognise and nurture the goodness inside us all?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Do you find it easier to judge the shortcomings of others than to face your own shortcomings?
- What fills your heart?
- Take a brief period of quiet time each day this week to undertake an 'examination of conscience' to discern what truly fills your heart and what fruit you can produce.
- Try not to judge others for what you may see as their shortcomings.
- Have you ever been the victim of someone's unfair judgment or criticism? How did this make you feel? Have you ever been too quick to judge someone else or been forced to confront your own failings? What steps did you take to make changes? Share your reflections together.
- You could use today's communion antiphon as your prayer this week:
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful to me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parables are often used by Jesus as a teaching tool. They are generally brief stories with a double meaning, and we should read them for their metaphorical interpretation rather than their literal meaning

SHARING THE TRADITION

From earliest times, the Church has provided an avenue to encourage the faithful to recognise and deal with our human frailty and weakness. The sacrament of reconciliation provides an opportunity to confess our failings before God, to seek his forgiveness for this and to become reconciled again in his love. The Church speaks of 'interior penance' as 'conversion of the heart, interior conversion' (CCC, §1430). This notion is at the heart of what Jesus is saying in this gospel text.

Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil ... At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace.' (CCC, §1431)

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

This text again follows immediately on from last week's gospel and continues the theme we have begun to explore. The demands of the Gospel are both surprising and challenging. Here the emphasis shifts to a need to subject our own conduct to scrutiny. The true disciple is in no position to pass judgment on others but must honestly confront what lies in the depth of their own heart.

LIVING THE WORD

- During Lent, there are opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation, which is a way to reconnect with God and begin a fresh - renewed.
- Use the open Scriptures and a candle as a focus. Provide some quiet reflection time. Pray for each other as you are about to enter the final stage of your journey. A suitable song could be 'A new heart for a new world' (GA 438).



ASH WEDNESDAY - 2nd March 2022 Mass at St Macartan's 9:15am & 7pm

What's with the Ashes?

Many of us have heard this question when we arrive at work, or home with the blackened cross on our forehead. The observance of Ash Wednesday is the most popular weekday celebration in the Catholic Church's liturgical year. During the celebration, children and adults process to the altar to receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is also a day when people discover how many Catholics there are in their community. This can nurture in all a greater sense of religious community. And because receiving the ashes is a sign of humility and contrition, we will also see how many people recognize the need for repentance.

The Ash Wednesday Ritual

Ash Wednesday is always the first Wednesday of the Lenten season and marks the beginning of Lent. The distribution of blessed ashes is typically done before the altar and, depending on the custom of the parish, people will hear the distributor say, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return." The atmosphere in the Church is quiet and the observance solemn. People reflect on how quickly human life can pass. All are reminded of the need for repentance.

Ash Wednesday Readings

The readings for Ash Wednesday offer a number of important images that help us understand the meaning of this experience. The first reading calls us to repentance but also emphasizes that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in kindness (Joel 2:13). In the second reading, Paul reminds us that the world sees the presence of Christ in the way we act. So, be reconciled to God today! (2 Corinthians 5:20—6:1). We are called to be the love and change we wish to see in the world. In the third reading, Jesus reminds us that the sacrifices and prayers called for in Lent are between God and us. It is insincere for us to show off contrite actions to win the praise of others—let others only see how our sacrifices and prayers help us love them.

Preparing for Lent

Ash Wednesday begins a wonderful season of reflection and preparation. Receiving the ashes as a member of the church community helps us recognize that they are an important part of the Catholic community and are united with the Church in its Lenten preparation.

Pope announces 2 March as day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine

By Vatican News staff reporter

During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused “great pain in my heart.” “Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks,” the Pope said, “increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up,” with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain.

“Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests,” he stressed.

Pope Francis appealed to those “with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.”

He also prayed that “all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”

Prayer and fasting for peace

Speaking at the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis invited everyone to make 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. “I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,” he said.

Russia and sanctions

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British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said Britain would stop Russia from selling sovereign debt in London.

The moves come after Russia deployed troops in separatist regions of eastern Ukraine.

Putin on Monday recognized the enclaves in the Donbas region which border Russia, raising increasing fears in the West of a major war.

Ukraine prepares

According to the Ukrainian military, one soldier was killed and six wounded in increased shelling by pro-Russian separatists using heavy artillery over the previous 24 hours.

The military also said Ukraine has started conscripting reservists aged 18-60 following a decree by President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

Meeting on hold

As the current situation intensifies, the White House said a possible meeting between U.S. President Joe Biden and President Putin is “certainly” not an option at the moment, adding that a de-escalation of conflict with Ukraine would be needed for such a summit.

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

From **3rd March**, and every Thursday **after morning Mass, from 10am-11am in the Community House**. Fr 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

Beginning Friday 4th March 7pm

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.

World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date and time: Friday 4th March 2022 (2pm—4pm)

Location: St. Macartan's Church, Mornington

Contact Person: Helene America

We will have a guest speaker, a Welsh Reverend.

There will be afternoon refreshments provided in the Community Hall.

We are seeking Volunteers from all churches and encourage people to attend.

We also encourage Parishioners to bring along a plate of food.

Please, let's all support this & attend this wonderful day of prayer - Fr Geoff

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."

TEA TROLLEY ROSTER

NAME:

Alwyn Azzopardi

Mike McDonnell

Cathie & Brian

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ROSTERED ON:

1st Sunday of month

2nd Sunday of month

3rd Sunday of month

4th & 5th Sunday of month



AS OUR TEA TROLLEY TEAM IS GROWING, WE WELCOME ANY NEW VOLUNTEERS TO COME AND ASSIST. ENJOY A CUPPA AFTER MASS AND GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW MORE PARISHIONERS OF THE PARISH.

New volunteers contact office 59752200 mornington@cam.org.au

Altar Servers Ministry

Altar Servers: "Come and See Evening" will be held on

5th of March 2022 at 4:30pm

The parish will contact you in this regard.





Jokes of the Week



1) **Judgmental husband:** There's the story of the conscientious wife who tried very hard to please her ultra-critical husband but failed regularly. He always seemed the most cantankerous at breakfast. If the eggs were scrambled, he wanted them poached; if the eggs were poached, he wanted them scrambled. One morning, with what she thought was a stroke of genius, the wife poached one egg and scrambled the other and placed the plate before him. Anxiously she awaited what surely this time would be his unqualified approval. He peered down at the plate and snorted, "Can't you do anything right, woman? You've scrambled the wrong one!"

2) **"Go thou and do likewise!"** After a minister preached a sermon on spiritual gifts, he was greeted at the door by a lady who said, "Pastor, I believe I have the gift of criticism." He looked at her and asked, "Remember the person in Jesus' parable who had the one talent? Do you recall what he did with it?" "Yes," replied the lady, "he went out and buried it." With a smile, the pastor suggested, "Go thou, and do likewise!"

3) **Judge Not**

I was shocked, confused, & bewildered, as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven, who made me sputter and gasp –
The thieves, the liars, the sinners, The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade.. Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor, who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

'And why's everyone so quiet, So somber – give me a clue.'

'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.

No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

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

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time– 26th & 27th February 2022

6.00pm Readers: Michael Turner, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Michael Kesik, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Barbara Ensil

5.00pm Readers: Jacinta Jolly, Marino Casamento

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly

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

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Tuesday to Friday 9am - 4pm

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Memorial Wall: Contact Parish Office: **5975 2200**

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