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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
(Holy hour 3:30-4:30 before Mass)

Next Whole School Mass:

Thursday 24th 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/>

See an article on Fr Geoff: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/faith-is-a-verb-fr-geoff-mcilroy>

Holy Days:

- Fri 25th: The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

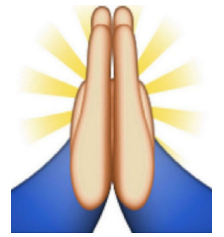
Coming up this week:

- Project Compassion began on 2 March 2022 (see details within)
- Lenten Prayer Services (see details within)
- Stations of the Cross (see details within)

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Death Anniversaries: Daniel Ryan and Raymond Clements.



First Reading Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these

Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is read:

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Living the Gospel

Bad Things/Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is really about the loving care and patience of God. It was commonly believed that a loving God could not be responsible for terrible calamities that befell people, but that these events must somehow be a result of their own sinfulness. Jesus takes the opportunity to say that the recent deaths of both Galileans and inhabitants of Jerusalem did not mean that they were any more sinful than others. They were no more deserving of death than anyone else. Indeed, we must not look to the sinfulness of others but to our own need for repentance. The parable of the owner of the vineyard tells of God's infinite patience in dealing with the sinfulness of humans. De-

spite our failings, God will graciously allow us time to produce our best fruit. The theme of this gospel—God's forgiveness and care—will be taken up in the gospels of the next two weeks.

- Lent is a special time of preparation, particularly for the elect. In what ways can you cultivate your own garden of faith in this special time?
- Are there still areas of your life that are yet to produce their best fruit?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How 'fruitful' has your life been? What 'fruit' have you borne?
- Do you need a second chance to bear good fruit?
- In what ways can you make it even more fruitful?
- Have you ever had an experience of needing to nurture someone or something for a long period before they 'produced fruit'? Were there failures along the way? What was it that eventually brought about the growth? Share your reflections.
- Attend carefully this week to cultivating your own relationship with God. Try to bring out the best in someone else as well.
- Use this section of today's psalm as your prayer this week:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The pool of Siloam was a reservoir that lay within the city walls of ancient Jerusalem. During the reign of King Hezekiah, an extraordinary tunnel was dug through bedrock to connect it to the spring of Gihon outside the city walls so that the city would have an ample water supply in times of siege.
- We have no evidence outside the biblical text of the incident referred to here where Pilate 'mingled the blood of the Galileans with their sacrifice,' but such an act is not out of character. Pilate had a reputation for being a brutal military leader.
- At the time in which Jesus lived, suffering was often considered to be a punishment from God for sin committed.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Knowing how to explain the problem of suffering and evil in a world created by a good and loving God has always been a dilemma for people of faith. How can God allow terrible things to occur, especially to the innocent?

The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice, and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it. (CCC, §164)

As Christians, we believe that the only answer to these profound questions lies in faith in the risen Christ, who overcame death and evil.

- Explore with people their ideas of how to make sense of the bad things that happen in life and in our world.
- You could ask how the elect have made sense of suffering in their own lives. What personal growth came from those experiences?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The vineyard was often used in Scripture as a symbol of Israel, God's people. God is depicted as the owner of the vineyard, who attends to it with great care—planting, cultivating, feeding and pruning the vines to make them fruitful and abundant. Israel will be judged on what fruit it bears or fails to bear. So too will we be judged on how fruitful our lives are.



The Pope's voice, crying out in the desert

The Successor of Peter, who in recent years has prophetically warned of the Third World War already in the offing, follows in the footsteps of his predecessors and stands with the innocent, fighting evil with good.

By Andrea Tornielli

At the Angelus on Sunday, 13 March, the ninth anniversary of his election as Bishop of Rome, Francis unequivocally spoke about the "barbarity of the killing of children, of innocents" that is taking place, urging a halt to the "massacre" and an end to what he called the "unacceptable armed aggression" against Ukraine. The Pope also noted that those who support violence by justifying it with religious motives, "profane the name" of God who is "only the God of peace."

Even before the invasion by the Russian army began, Francis had said at the Angelus on Sunday, 20 February, "how sad it is when people and peoples who are proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think of waging war against each other! It is very sad." He also asked that Ash Wednesday, when the Lenten journey began, be dedicated to fasting and prayer for peace. More so, the day after the outbreak of the conflict, after the first bombings of Ukraine, the Pope personally went to the Embassy of the Russian Federation to the Holy See to present all his concerns about the war to the representative of the Kremlin, urging for the pursuit of the path of negotiation and for civilians to be spared. At the Angelus on Sunday, 6 March, Pope Francis also highlighted the reality of the hypocrisy of the Russian government, which insists on calling the ongoing war a "special military operation" masking its true and raw reality, behind word games: that of a war of aggression.

To make concrete his personal closeness to the victims and to the millions of displaced persons fleeing the war, the Bishop of Rome has sent two cardinals to bring help and support to the refugees and to those who generously welcome them. Meanwhile, on several occasions, Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, has expressed the Holy See's willingness to assist in any way possible in any form of mediation, and has asked Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to cease attacks and to guarantee genuine humanitarian corridors. Vatican diplomacy keeps repeating that it's never too late to initiate real negotiations, and it's never too late for a ceasefire in a war of incalculable and unrelenting consequences that risks leading to a terrifying escalation of war.

In recent weeks, Pope Francis has been the subject of some criticism from those who hoped that in his public statements he would explicitly mention the name of Vladimir Putin and Russia, as if the words of the pastor of the universal Church were supposed to reflect the dictates of a television news set list. Since this did not happen, the voice of the Pope was not given much attention, as his appeals did not correspond to the desired cliché of the Pontiff "chaplain" of the West, ready to enlist God and bless war in his name.

There are those who have accused the Pope of "silence" for not having explicitly named Putin, forgetting that when the war began, the pontiffs never called the aggressor by name and surname, not out of cowardice or an excess of diplomatic prudence, but in order not to close the door, in order to always leave a crack open to the possibility of stopping evil and saving human lives. Even St. John Paul II, born in a martyred nation like Poland, victim of Nazism and Communism, during the war in Kosovo in 1999, never named the perpetrators of ethnic cleansing, always keeping a channel of contact open with Serbia.

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The Holy See believed that efforts should be made to put an end to the massacres against the Albanian population, even if it deplored the grief and wounds caused by the massive recourse to NATO bombing. Pope St. John Paul II did not even name the Western Heads of State who, in 2003, wanted to wage war against Iraq on the basis of false information about weapons of mass destruction. He tried, in some cases, to stop the attacks, the ethnic cleansing and the wars, he tried to encourage the opening of humanitarian corridors and to ensure that no stone was left unturned to avoid the use of arms. This does not mean and has never meant putting the aggressors and the attacked on the same level.

It is paradoxical, then, that we forget these pages of our recent history, wanting to explain to the Bishop of Rome what "right" words to use, after years of disregarding the words that he actually uttered countless times, warning against the race for nuclear rearmament, against arms trafficking, against war and terrorism, against an economy that discards and kills, against the destruction of Creation.

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crying out in the desert. In pontificate, Pope Francis about the Third World War way, even if "in fragments". spoke strongly against arms arms race and against war. Michele Serra remarked are enough to destroy hu- atomic bombs are not fifty.

They are fifteen thousand". War "destroys," Pope Francis had said in September 2014 at the military shrine of Redipuglia on the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, "It also ruins the most beautiful work of his hands: human beings. War ruins everything, even the bonds between brothers. War is irrational; its only plan is to bring destruction: it seeks to grow by destroying." In this prophecy, often unheard by the great, but welcomed by many people around the world, Pope Francis follows in the footsteps of his predecessors of the last century, who like him had to deal with world wars, with wars in different areas of the planet, with violence and terrorism.

So, what can the Pope do, now that people are being shot and killed? "Perhaps nothing more than praying to the Lord," the journalist Gianni Valente recently wrote, "begging for the miracle of shortening the pain of the poor, of ending the slaughter. But if he will be able to do something on the political diplomatic level, it will only be possible because the Russian leaders know that he is not a biased mediator, a camouflaged agent of the West, with which they have entered into an apocalyptic collision course".

The Successor of Peter does not have the problem of making known "which side he is on", because the Vicar of Christ, like his Lord, is always with the innocent who suffer as Jesus suffered on the cross. Every word he says, every attempt he makes, is aimed at saving human lives, at not yielding to the logic of evil, at fighting evil with good. In the heart of Europe, in this dirty war that we feel is so close to us, as well as in the peripheries of the world, where in these years forgotten wars have been fought and are being fought, with their daily grim count of dead, wounded, displaced people similar to what is now being recorded in Ukraine.

LENTEN REFLECTION

OPENING PRAYER Host: Let us pause and call to mind God's presence within and among us, today and always. Brief pause. All: You who are over us, you who are one of us, you who are: give us a pure heart that we may see you, a humble heart that we may hear you; a heart of love that we may serve you; a heart of faith that we may abide in you. Amen. (Dag Hammarskjöld)

Do these words seem familiar to you: "For heaven's sake, leave it alone!" Perhaps they were said to you as a child, and the shudder you felt then creeps upon you even now! Perhaps you can remember when you have said these words yourself. Perhaps now you know that some things just need to be given a chance to resolve themselves. Sometimes our problem is that we think we need to determine the outcome—we alone know what is best! Yet, things so often work themselves out when we let God sort it. I remember many years ago a little girl (let's call her Michelle) in one of the schools where I was teaching. She would have been about nine years old when something happened that brought her into disgrace. I no longer remember what it was, if I even took it on board at the time. Her family were very school orientated and were in everything—they were a great family. However, when Michelle missed the mark, "all hell broke loose"! She was made to apologise to the principal, the teacher, and to the people concerned. She was told that she had disgraced the family name. She was punished—it went on and on. I watched her coming into the school playground, her eyes red-raw, her small shoulders drooped, her mother following still with a look of thunder and breathing fire. Everything in me wanted to say, "For heaven's sake leave her alone!" Poor Michelle stood more chance of seeing her nine-year-old folly without her mother breathing down her neck. At some stage, her parents needed to trust the training they had given her thus far and let her sort the way forward—with their guidance, not their fiery insistence. So, it is sometimes with things we have done across the years, things that make us cringe even today. We hide them away out of sight or perhaps we adjust our behaviour so no one will ever guess what unpalatable, and to us, shameful truths lie in our past. And what would God say about them? He would say exactly what he said about the fig tree: "Work on it, do what you can, then leave it alone." And yet, so many of us do not leave it alone. We blame ourselves and others, over and over again. With the passage of time, we see more clearly how wrong we were. And God continues to call out: "For heaven's sake, leave it alone. Better still, leave it with me—the Gardener of your soul. I know what to do with what looks wrong." After you do that, you will see that this awful baggage has been turned into compassion for others, turned into non-judgementalism of others, into a greater love and trust for the God who cannot bear the sight of your drooped shoulders or the sound of your berating inner voice breathing fire upon your hurting heart. You will bear fruit in plenty, all because you went wrong somewhere along the line, and instead of trying to bring about a satisfactory outcome yourself, you let God bring it about in you and others. When you finally meet him, he will surely say: "For heaven's sake, I am so glad you left it alone and left it with me!" MOTHER HILDA SCOTT OSB

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

1. Families are the "domestic Church", the setting where our faith can be nurtured and built up. They are also a place to carry out acts of love and service. How can we live our lives—as a spouse, parent, child or sibling—in ways that glorify God and build our families in peace and joy?
2. We all have memories that makes us cringe that we are trying to undo or fix in ourselves.

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

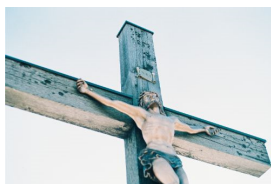
Many thanks - Jacinta

Also

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



CARITAS AUSTRALIA—UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. For more information, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine or contact **1800 024 413**.

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

PLEASE RETURN BOXES TO THE SACRISTY BEFORE 31 MARCH 2022

CHILD SAFETY



Dear Parishioners, St Macartan's Code of Conduct includes a section about appropriate language and tone when communicating with children and young people. This should be the standard set for all of our parish members at all times. The way we communicate can affirm, support and encourage children and young people as well as build their self confidence. At present the parish council has been discussing the reintroduction of a "Welcoming Team" where new & not so new parishioners are greeted as they enter the church for Sunday mass by parishioners who will welcome and introduce themselves so as to make their entry into the church one of warmth and positive invitation.

Let's work together to welcome parishioners to St Macartan's. The words of St Francis of Assisi, "Good Morning Good People" are a beautiful greeting at anytime.

Kind regards,

Carmel McGrath (Child Safety Officer)

"WONDERFUL NEWS!!!"



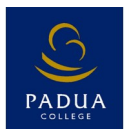
St Mac's Café will re-open its doors on **Wednesday 13th of April 2022 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm and every Wednesday after that.**

We are needing donations of prepared meals in medium or large foil trays. Suggested dishes are Pasta Bake, Spaghetti Bolognese and Chicken Curry etc.

We are also needing Volunteers for plating up, serving food and general kitchen duties.

If you are interested, please contact **Bernard on 0419 427 408.**

PADUA COLLEGE



Padua College, **Rosebud** Campus presents its 10th Annual Stations of the Cross.

When: Wednesday April 6th at 11:15

Where: The event starts in the Canteen Quadrangle of the Inglewood Cres Campus.

Please join us on this journey of reflection as we commemorate in prayer, song and movement, Jesus' way to the cross.

All enquires to Mr. Peter O'Halloran: pohalloran@padua.vic.edu.au



Parish Footy Tipping 2022



This will be completed this weekend. It started on Wednesday night. There was a change in tradition. Normally the first game is between Carlton and Richmond but this year they decided a replay of the previous grand final, so Melbourne played Western Bulldogs. It is pleasing to note that we have three new members this year. We wish them an enjoyable and successful season. It is not too late to join and you would be most welcome.

HISTORY: Fr. Kevin Mogg would have turned 90 this year so let us look at what was happening in the VFL ninety years ago. The top four teams were Carlton (15 wins and a draw) and Richmond (14 wins and a draw), then Collingwood and South Melbourne (known as the Bloods). That year South were also known as the "Foreign Legend." Collingwood won the 1st semi but, were defeated by Carlton in the Preliminary. The grand Final was won by Richmond who defeated Carlton by 9 points in front of a crowd of 69,724. One interesting comment in the review was "Mick Crisp started Carlton's amazing third quarter burst when he **drop-kicked an impossible angle goal**" Mick Crisp played in the centre in Carlton's 1938 Premiership. Is there an omen there for 2022. The last person to kick a place kick was Tony Ongarello (Fitzroy) Les Mogg played 75 games for Nth Melbourne having been recruited from St. Pat's in Ballarat.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR ALL SUNDAY MASSES

The Parish is in need of singers for
the 9am and 11am Mass on Sundays.

We are also looking for new AV Oper-
ators. People with experience in the
field will be appreciated, however
training will be provided.





Sunday 5pm YOUTH MASS - WHAT'S HAPPENING??????

Well, as I have always stated - the “YOUTH MASS” is not to be another congregational Mass.

We have Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9 & 11am congregational Masses and none of these are more than 50% full.

The Youth Mass is for Youth themselves to explore their faith and to be participants in the liturgy; through music, reading, singing, prayer, testimonials and other involvement!

The liturgy will be a reflection of their connection to Christ! It will change and grow as they themselves do.

To this end we are still seeking a part-time Youth worker.

Until we find someone, we had a questionnaire filled in by parents of the youth to ascertain just what they saw as most important in a Youth Mass and Youth Club?

These were the most popular responses:

- To help young people feel like a valued part of the church.
- To teach young people how to make moral decisions based on Catholic Christian values.
- To provide a community for young people where they can develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adult leaders.
- To help young people develop a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Jesus for their lives.
- To involve young people in reaching out to serve people in need in the community.
- To let youth mix with others from other religions and no religions, to create tolerance and respect of others.

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So where to next?

Well, to reiterate, we need youth and youth who are involved.

No Youth = No Youth Mass

I have spoken to Padua and we have been discussing the Yr7-9 musicians and singers and possibly the Yr12's, coming to our 5pm Mass monthly to showcase their talents and encourage our home grown talent.

I ask all parents to encourage participation starting with readers, and singers and musicians.

The Sunday 5pm Mass I believe can thrive with parent support and children participation.

When we get a Youth worker we will get more liturgical involvement with the youth.

And if we need to wait until the right leadership is available then we will!

Fr Geoff



We are looking for **SINGERS & MUSICIANS** for 5pm mass on **Sunday**.

If people are interested in joining the youth music team (age: 12 - 20),

Please contact

Cynthia: 5975 2200



NEXT SUNDAY AFTER 11AM MASS

Next weeks 11am Mass is the welcoming Mass for the new St Macartan's Primary School preps, their parents, other new children and new teachers.

We will ask all to stay after 11am and other parishioners to return for a BBQ, Devonshire tea, Ministry expo a busker and a clown for the children. Bust most of all to welcome the new parishioners!

All parishioners have a role in meeting and greeting newcomers so come along and also have some fun.

Thank you
Fr Geoff



Congratulations To:

Jackson Smith, Texas Ashley Klarica, Alice June Crea, Archie Clark Crea and Finnley Kane.

Sunday Mass at St Macartan's will be Live-streamed

With an upgrade to the Church Audio-Visual system and the installation of video cameras, we now have the ability to live-stream and/or record Masses.

One Mass per week will be selected to go live-streamed and also recorded. This will allow the infirmed and those in nursing homes to watch our Mass and still feel part of our community of Faith, even though they physically cannot travel to be here in person.

These improvements are all aimed at connecting or re-connecting people to our Parish as well as have the technology needed to better serve, weddings and funerals.

A laser projector for better daytime visual quality and new computers in the AV room for better ability to connect to music and graphics are also all in place.

So - more AV volunteers are needed!

Please contact Fr Geoff or the Office

Thank you

Bequests

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting testament to your values; ensuring that your dedication to improving the lives of others can continue for future generations.

We understand that providing for loved ones comes first, but even a small percentage of your estate left to the Parish can make a huge difference for our community, especially for those who are struggling with life's challenges also it will assist in the future growth of the Parish.

If you intend to leave a gift to the Parish in your Will, we'd love to know so that we can express our appreciation and gratitude. Any information you provide will always be treated with the utmost respect for your privacy.

The Parish would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all benefactors - your generosity will enable the Parish to help future generations and give all people in our community the opportunity to enjoy 'life to the full'.

Blessings

Fr Geoff



Jokes of the Week



#1 **Priest's temptation and policeman's forgiveness:** In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn't find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. **Forgive us our trespasses.**" When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. **Lead us not into temptation.**"

#2: **Horrible mistake:** There is the story of a young woman who talked to her priest about the sin of pride. She said, "Every Sunday I come to church and look around and think to myself that I am the prettiest girl in the church. I try to stop but I just can't. Am I horribly sinful?" The minister looked at her and said, "No dear, not horribly sinful; just horribly mistaken."

#3: **What do you say when someone around you sneezes?** Most of us will quickly say "God Bless You" or "Gesundheit" (which is the German word for Good Health). Have you ever wondered why we say "God Bless You" when someone sneezes? Jewish sages tell us that it has to do with an ancient belief that the Lord just blessed that person with another day here on His earth.

#4: **Now I know:** One lady told me, "Father, I never knew what suffering was until I heard you preach. Now I know." Some preaching, like some teaching, elicits suffering – and that can be a grace, if we use it.



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9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 26th & 27th March 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Amaka Chiezey, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani

5.00pm Readers: Danielle & Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 2nd & 3rd APRIL 2022

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Holloway

9.00am Readers Robert Thoppil, Emma Welsh

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcel Azzopardi

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Roberts, Barbara Ensil, Joseph Thoppil

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