SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YrC 24 April 2022

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am

Saturday night: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am

SUNDAY 5pm YOUTH MASS

(**NOT weekly**) - ONLY 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month

(Holy hour 3:30-4:30 before 5pm Mass)

Holy Hour / Adoration

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

RECONCILIATION: After 9:15am Mass Wed & after 9:15am Mass Saturday.

NEW YOUTH CLUB - COMING!!!!

Keep an eye open for upcoming information.

Video Sunday Mass

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED!
The Parish is in the process of setting up its own livestreaming.

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tue 26th: St Mark, Evangelist

- Fri 29th: St Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and Doctor

Coming up next week:

Sun 24th: Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon 25th: ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service 5.30am for 6am

Memorial Park, Barkly Street, Morning-

ton

March 9.30am march

Corner Queen Street and Main Street, Mornington

Service 10am

Memorial Park, Barkly Street,

Mornington

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Death Anniversaries: Enrique Angel Llopart.

Recently Deceased: Thomas Carter.

Funeral Service: Friday 22nd of April 2022 at 11.30am in St. Macar-

tan's Parish.



First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say:
 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
 'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples, locked in their upper room and huddled in upon themselves, is transformed by the gift of peace that Jesus brings and his giving of the Spirit to strengthen them on their way. The doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Lord. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, now, too, the disciples are sent into the world to act as Jesus did.

 You could discuss the concluding rite of the liturgy and how we are sent out into the world to continue Christ's mission. What does this mean in reality? When Thomas is

told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees and touches Jesus. Jesus must fulfill the expectations that Thomas has!

- Are there times when we expect God to act as we wish rather than being open to the presence of the risen Christ in unexpected ways?
- What does the peace of Christ mean to believers today?
- In what ways does the world need the peace of Christ today?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.' What have been your feelings since the events of last week?
- 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' This is addressed to you! How will you nourish that belief in the future?
- Share experiences of doubt you have had in your life: times when you doubted the love of another or doubted your own abilities. What drove doubt away?
- Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week.
- Repeat Thomas' acclamation of faith this week: 'My Lord and my God.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent

 – Easter

 – Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India.
- The next few weeks feature readings from John's Gospel, the last of the written canonical gospels. While the Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are read through the normal three-year cycle, John is featured in particular seasons throughout the normal cycle.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin simply because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

- Review the rites of reconciliation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers ample material for the exploration of this sacrament.
- Discuss the value of privately reflecting on our human failings and weaknesses. Through being more aware of our sinfulness, we open ourselves to God's mercy and love.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch goes beyond verifying physical presence. It can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of support or compassion.



Pope Francis celebrates Easter Sunday Mass in St Peter's Square

Pope Francis celebrates Mass with 100,000 faithful, united in the joy of Easter and in the message of peace brought by the risen Jesus.

By Vatican News staff reporter

On Sunday, the celebration of Easter Mass in a crowded, sunlit St Peter's Square began with the rite of "Resurrexit" on the parvis of the square decorated with 40,000 flowers brought from Holland. Deacons opened the doors of the icon of the Most Holy Saviour, which Pope Francis incensed the icon and around 100,000 faithful, returning after two years of pandemic to celebrate Easter Sunday together.

Risen from the dead

The first reading, taken Apostles, recalling St Colossians, was folof the Easter Sequence, pel of John was pro-Greek - recounting the ty tomb and the discinot having yet under-"that He was to rise from



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and the assembly then fell silent after the proclamation of the Word of God.

Seeking common good

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Francis' blessing Mass, with the deliv-

ery to "go in peace", a peace that today needs to be asked for with insistence and prayer.

At the end of the celebration, Pope Francis boarded his Popemobile and greeted the faithful, stopping to return an affectionate gesture to those who have called him or greeted him through a wave.

This was one of the first Popemobile trips down Via della Conciliazione for some time - marking a long-awaited return to normality after the long isolation due to the pandemic.



Divine Mercy Novena Divine Mercy Sunday 2022 St Macartan's Parish 6 Drake St Mornington 3931

April 15 to April 23



Jesus, I Trust In You!

St. Macartan's will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy as follows:

Divine Mercy Novena 2022

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday the Novena will be held in the church and include:

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 9:45am (Easter Tues – Easter Sat.)

Short reading from the diary

Selected short prayers

Praises of Divine Mercy

Novena intentions for the day

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Praying of the Holy Rosary (Total duration about 40 min after Mass)

Note: Reconciliation is available after 9:15am Mass on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Good Friday April 1510.30am (After Stations - No Mass)

Holy Saturday April 16 9.00am (No Mass)

Easter Sunday April 17 5.30pm (No Mass)

Easter Monday April 18 9.00am (No Mass)

Easter Tuesday April 19 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

Easter Wednesday April 20 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

Easter Thursday April 21 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

Easter Friday April 22 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

Easter Saturday April 23 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

People are encouraged to come when they can, on other days to pray the chaplet at home.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 24th

The Mercy of God will be the focus at all the usual Sunday Masses i.e. 6.00pm Sat (vigil), 9.00am Sun, 11.00am Sun and 5.00pm Sun.



Divine Mercy Triple Image!

Pope Saint John Paul II, Original Cathedral Divine Mercy and Saint Faustina

Divine Mercy Sunday 2022

St. Faustina the humble servant

St Faustina was born Helen Kowalska on 25th Aug. 1905 in Poland, the third of ten children of a poor family. At age 20 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she spent 13 years of her life until her death on 5th Oct. 1938 at age 33. Hers were the humblest tasks in the convent usually in the kitchen or vegetable garden. Her life as a religious was marked by suffering but also by extraordinary mystical graces, especially that of frequently conversing with Our Lord about His unfathomable mercy.

Origin of the Divine Mercy devotion and Feast.

Between the years 1934 and 1938, after receiving visions and locutions from Jesus, St. Faustina was instructed to write a Diary in which she would relay Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to the world. In a sign of His forgiving love, Jesus called for a Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole church on the first Sunday after Easter. In various extracts taken from the Diary, Jesus said to St. Faustina:

'I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Divine Mercy' (299).

'I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day - - - The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.' (699) *In the old covenant, I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am* sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart.' (1588) On Sunday 30th April 2000 at the canonisation of St. Faustina, the first saint of the new millennium, Pope St. John Paul 2 announced to the world: 'It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on this second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called **Divine Mercy Sunday.'**

MEN'S NIGHT



It's on! Men's Night on 21st April at 5.00pm in the Community Centre.

St. Patrick says "Go Raibh Mile Maith Agat" (thank you) for his great reception last month, due to the fine music by Tony, and the three anonymous singers, who had Mario Lanza weeping with joy.

So come along and enjoy good food, conversation and company. All for \$2.00 donation. The three Amigos.

Volunteer AV Operators needed for Masses

Training available. Please contact parish office 59752200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

ALSO

Opportunity for some to earn extra money - \$150 per service
With the state of the art camera system in our Church, we want to be able to offer
people livestreaming of funerals and weddings but need people who are available
during the day with only a few days notice.

You don't need to be overly technical but willing to learn and be taught!

Please contact Fr Geoff

Geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au

or call office: 59752200





Parish Footy Tipping Round 5



Round 5 started on Thursday Night and finished on Easter Monday, with many results different to our tipsters, except for Judy Schultz and They See Me Rolin, who both scored 8. With one game to go we thought we had our first 9 for the season. Judy Schultz had the first 8 correct but the Hawks ruined her chances. They See Me Rolin chose the Hawks and finished with an 8. Judy had the closest margin in game one and collected the Easter prize. The top 5 tippers after R5 are Maree O'Halloran, GoCats, Tessa Houlihan, Tantianne (a very busy lady over Easter Celebrations) and Bardo 22. Our top five are all managing six per week and our bottom five are managing 4 per week.

HISTORY: It is ANZAC weekend, Lest We Forget.. "The Big Shells are awful. I don't mind the rifle fire, "It is harder than football". This is a quote from a letter by Stan Brady. Stan was writing to his mother from the front in WW1. He played for St. Kilda. He played 7 games in 1914 and kicked 5 goals. His brother, Charlie, died in active service. In the wars in which league players fought are just part of the story. Boer War,1899-1902, 40 players served, 2 killed in Action in WW! In 1914-1918, 750 served and 94 killed in action in WW11. In 1939-1945, almost 1500 served and a staggering 60 died in action. All Victorian clubs had over 500 take part in the Wars, including the University Club which went out of the League after WW1. There are many stories of those who went, while many died in action and many who returned, died at an earlier age, as result of the wars. One famous coach, Alan Killigrew, returned but developed TB of the spine. This did not stop him from being a great coach to St. Kilda, Norwood and North Melbourne. Boys who went to CBC St. Kilda, as well as League players, would share great memories!



St Macs Café

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.



Jokes of the Week



1) **Traffic cop's mercy:** A priest was forced by a police officer to pull over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7). The police officer handed the priest the ticket, and said, "Go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).





- 2) **Photographer's mercy:** The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"
- 3) **Mercy of Sisters of Mercy:** There is a joke about the payment of a bill at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. A man was brought to Mercy Hospital for surgery. The operation went well. The Sister waiting by his bed said to the man, "You're going to be just fine," and asked him, "We want to know how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" He whispered, "No, I'm not." The sister asked, "Can you pay in cash?" He replied, "I'm afraid I can't, Sister." She continued, "Do you have any close relatives, then?" The patient replied, "Just my sister in New Mexico, but she's a spinster nun." The sister said, "Nuns are not spinsters, Mr. Smith. They are married to Jesus." The man said with a smile, "Okay, then send the bill to Jesus, my brother-in-law."



FRIENDS OF OUR PARISH



I have always appreciated good customer service and good value for money.

This is true in all things I look at for our Parish community, whether it be where we buy our consumables from, to what companies we deal with for services and what trades and technical support people we deal with.

Therefore, whenever I find someone who supports our Parish in these ways, they become friends and I truly believe we should show our support to them too.

So this page is a small way of recognising and saying thank you to these companies and people who I believe give us great value for money, great customer service and who we as a Parish recommend!

Fr Geoff



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Let us know if you have a business within the Parish and/or you would like to support the Parish and want to be known as a "friend" of the Parish.

We can all get bye with a little help from our FRIENDS!





On behalf of Tricia Duryea & the Liturgy Committee; I want to send my heartfelt thanks to all who participated and supported the Easter services - especially:

- Readers (Young & Older)
 - Cross bearers
 - Flower petal children
 - Eucharistic Ministers
 - Flower team
 - Cleaners
- Piety store volunteers
 - AV operators
 - Altar servers
 - Singers
 - Musicians
 - The Liturgy Team
- + Everyone else who helped in whatever way?

Fr Jude and myself feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful and active congregation.

Well done one & all!

Forum on Affordable Housing for

People on Very Low Incomes

Where: St Thomas More School Gym

313 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza

When: Thursday 28th April, 2022, 7:30-9:00pm

followed by supper

Speakers: John Baker - CEO, Mornington Peninsula Shire

John McKenzie - Seaford Housing Action Coalition

Russell Joseph - President, Peninsula Community Housing Inc.

We want to speak to the community

What can I do? What can WE do?

Let's talk to our leaders

What policies or programs do we need for people on very low incomes?



St Thomas More Parish Social Justice Group

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

Second Sunday of Easter - 23rd & 24th April 2022

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Thomas, Marcel Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

5.00pm Readers: Jonte Field, Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento, Danielle Jonte

Third Sunday of Easter - 30th April & 1st May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 7th & 8th May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Alice Fischer

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Sofia Krause, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Bridie Sexton

5.00pm Readers: Jacinta Jolly, Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento

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