FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YrC 8 May 2022PARISH BULLETINSt Macartan's Catholic Parish

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John 10:14

<u>Mass Times:</u> 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.

QUINN'S PLACE - Yr7+ Youth Group Friday's 6-10pm Community House / Hall / Church **Video Sunday Mass** TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED! The Parish is in the process of setting up its own livestreaming.

Upcoming Holy Days: - Sat 14th: St Matthias, Apostle

Coming up this weekend:

MOTHER'S DAY Sunday 8th May



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EITHER TO THE CHURCH DURING MASS OR THE PARISH OFFICE ON WEEKDAYS.

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: Gwen Herbstreit

Recently Deceased: Domenica Schiacello. Funeral Service on 17th of May 2022 at 12.30pm in St. Macartan's Parish.

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,

so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

- 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
 - 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.He is faithful from age to age. (R.)



Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 24:35

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

EXPLORING THE WORD



In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, "I give them eternal life." He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

This text in John's Gospel is set in Jerusalem, while Jesus is there for the Feast of Dedication (John 10:22), a feast celebrating the presence of God in the temple. The temple was not just a building for Israel. It was the visible place where God dwelt in the heart of God's people; to go to the temple and worship was to 'approach God'. Jesus is teaching something completely new here. He stands within the temple precinct and declares that it is only through him and through hearing his voice that people can come to the Father. The voice of Jesus is both seen and heard in the events of his life, death and resurrection. It is through all these events that the ways of God are made known to us.

- How do you 'hear the voice' of Jesus?
- What are some of the conflicting voices we hear in our world? Which voices are the loudest? Where do these voices lead us?
- What sense do you have of being called by name? How do you experience God's constant care for you?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What are the things about the Church and your particular community that make you feel like you belong?
- These words from Jesus are spoken with the utmost confidence in their truth! How confident are you feeling that you know Jesus and that he will give you eternal life?
- What are the things that may 'steal you away' from listening to the voice of Jesus?
- In your life, in what ways are you called on to act as a 'shepherd'—a leader, provider, protector?
- Who are the people who act as a shepherd to you? In what ways do they carry out this role for you?
- Attend very carefully to the needs of those people who are in your care this week.
- Use today's psalm as your prayer this week: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him singing for joy. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Latin word for shepherd is pastor. It is from this word that we derive many of the terms used in the Church for people with a special role: pastor or priest, pastoral care, pastoral associate, pastoral council. These roles always imply a duty of love and care towards those for whom one is responsible.
- The Shepherd King was an ancient image of God used by the Hebrew people.
- In this gospel text, John is addressing one of the issues that confronted his community: the heretical voices of those who sought to lead people away from—rather than towards—God.

SHARING THE TRADITION

- It is now a few weeks since the newly baptised were initiated. Return again to the events of the Vigil and explore the symbolism of some of the service, especially the anointing and the presentation of the candle.
- You could trace the links between the oil and chrism 'of salvation' (RCIA, §§291, 295) and the gospel reading for today. Where is salvation found?
- In what ways is Christ 'priest, prophet and king'? How are we called to be these as well?
- How can the newly baptised be assisted in keeping alight the 'flame of faith' so they can 'walk always as children of the light' (RCIA, §297)?
- What supports do we need to offer each other in the continued journey of faith?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The care that a shepherd showed for his flock remains a powerful image in the Church, despite its origins in an ancient agricultural society. In our country, with its vast paddocks and endless fences, the work of a true shepherd has lost some of its meaning, but the intimacy and tenderness of the image still speak to us of the closeness of Christ's relationship with all who believe in him.



Pope at Audience: Elderly Christians must uphold honour of faith for youth

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the elderly at the Wednesday General Audience, and reminds those advanced in years that their witness of faith can fill the young with determination and courage. [By Devin Watkins]

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis focused his attention on the Biblical figure of Eleazar, as recounted in 2 Maccabees 6:18-31. The 90-year-old man—extremely old at a time (c.170 BC) when life expectancy averaged around 40—was ordered by King Antiochus IV Epiphanes to eat pork, which was forbidden by Jewish Law. The king's subjects offered to let Eleazar eat another meat and pretend it was pork, thus saving his life through what they called an unimportant gesture. Eleazar, however, refused to even consider breaking God's law and give scandal to the young people looking on. He was therefore killed for disobeying the king.

Trading faith for a 'fistful of days'

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ed that Eleazar offered a powerful witness of faith in his explanation of why he refused to eat meat sacrificed to idols. *"Dishonoring the faith in old age, just to gain a handful of days, is incomparable with the heritage which we must leave to the young, to entire generations yet to come."*

Living the faith consistently

The Pope pointed out that the elderly Eleazar upheld the importance of consistency in the faith, even in old age. The practice of the faith is too important for life to be set aside when it becomes inconvenient, he added. "If an old person who, due to their vulnerability, were to accept to treat the practice of the faith as irrelevant would lead young people to believe that faith has no real relationship with life," he said.

Seduction of gnosticism

Pope Francis went on to consider an ancient heresy—gnosticism—that still offers a seductive invitation to young people today. *Gnosticism, he said, considers faith only a spirituality, or force of mind, to hold on to, but which has no real connection with daily life.* He added that gnosticism turns the Christian faith into an ephemeral belief and empties it of true witness. Yet, said Pope Francis, our Christian faith must always pass through the Incarnation of the Son of God.

Restoring honor to the faith

The Pope said modern societies belittle the practice of the faith through cultural irony, considering faith something for the old to practice. The elderly, he concluded, have the important mission to "restore honor to the faith" because faith is a sign of strength and not of weakness. *"Faith deserves respect and honor. It has changed our lives, purified our minds, and taught us to adore*



To all you Mother's, Grandmother's, expectant Mother's, guardians and carers who act like Mother's and those Mother's who have passed. We remember and honour you today.

RAINBOW OF KINDNESS

(To all Mums) The dancing spirit within your soul, overflows your Love without control. The heart you wear upon your sleeve, Is there for all, who are in need.

You're a carer, a sharer, a generous giver, to Love and to be Loved is the message you deliver. A Mother to me, a servant to all, you are there without complaint, wherever the call.

Your own heartaches are hidden, with a hope filled smile, as some fall by the wayside, you pray it's only for a while. The Lord soothes your wounds with Love and of Hope, you continue in Faith to help those who struggle to cope.

You are a rainbow of kindness in peoples sad hearted days, you have helped Oh so many, in many special ways. Jesus, I know; is smiling on you,

on behalf of myself and all you have helped – We thank you for our smiles too.

I Love you Mum

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MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED **DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC**



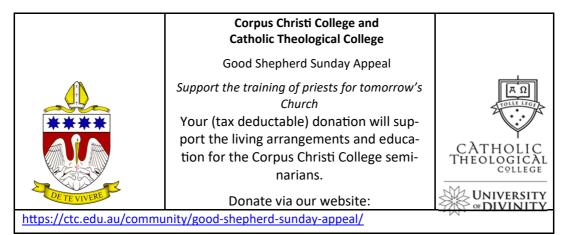
Sunday 22 May 2022

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, we will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by emailing: Mornington@cam.org.au. The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Greetings,

We would appreciate it greatly if you could assist Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College in the promotion of our Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.



Altar Servers Ministry

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

28 May 2022 at 4:00pm

Fr Jude Johnson will contact you individually in this regard.





Parish Footy Tipping Round 7



Unfortunately we still have no one to pick the 9 winners but overall our leaders are averaging between 60% to 70% correct. There is only 4 points between 1st and 18th. Our Leader Geoff (alias Goatcats) has 44. Those tippers at the bottom of the table have over 50% correct and are 10 behind the leader. A great effort by all. The Barden family are in great form, father Mike leading the way but only a small margin ahead of the children. This is all despite the Tigers not having a good year. The Essendon supporters have not experienced a good start to the season but should not worry too much there are still a number of opportunities left to win another game. Melbourne supporters should be too confident they have not beaten a team in the top 8! Three tipped 7 last week, Gambling is often mentioned regarding sport.

<u>HISTORY</u>

Back in 1910, provided such an example. Carlton were hoping to win their 4th . Premiership in 5 years. Captain of Carlton, Fred Pompey Elliott, was told to visit a particular venue. He was not to be seen. Season's biggest sensation was to follow. An hour before the start of the second-semi the Carlton selectors removed three of the teams' top players. from the Team. The reason soon became known they were offered bribes to "play dead". Carlton lost the Semi to South Melbourne but still made the Grand Final in which they played Collingwood. Carlton had a lot of bottled up frustration and they needed to show they wanted to win. The upshot was a savage battle (won by Collingwood) that launched a century of fierce rivalry. Grand Final was so fierce that in order to stop the fighting an umpire of 295 VFL games (Jack Elder) blew his whistle and bounced the ball. The players had to decide whether to concentrate on the game or fight, Result Collingwood 9-7-61 to Carlton 6-11-47. Crowd 42,577 Gate 1420 pounds.



<u>St Macs Café</u>

St Mac's Café from 6.30pm – 9.00pm every Wednesday.

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.

QUINN'S PLACE
YOUTH GROUP
A safe place where all youth can gather
Friday's 6-10pm Parish Community House 8 Drake Street
Hello all! The new youth group has been named Quinn's Place in henour of Quinn Story
The new youth group has been named Quinn's Place in honour of Quinn Story. Quinn Story, 17, was a Year 11 student at our Padua College in Mornington who
tragically drowned at The Pillars in Mount Martha in June 2021.
Quinn was a thoughtful and kind-hearted person.
At the time the Dromana Junior Football and Netball Clubs posted a tribute to the teenager on their Facebook page.
<i>"It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of Quinn Story, past player and valued member of Dromana JFNC and Beleura JFC,"</i>
Anthony Banks, principal at Padua College, posted a tribute to Quinn saying:
'Quinn was a talented musician and a creative songwriter and improviser, who loved drama and skateboarding,'
'Eternal rest grant unto Quinn, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him,'
Quinn's death had a significant effect on members of the College community, and not only for those who knew Quinn personally. It is important to remind ourselves to seek help from others when we feel sad or vulnerable."
The youth in our community need a place where they can gather safely, be around good mentors and guides, feel free to open up and discuss any issues and also a place where they can socialize and have fun.
This new endeavor by St Macartan's has, thanks to Monique Story (Quinn's Mum) and her friends, over 20 parent volunteers and plenty of teenage youth who want to attend.
At the moment it is only open to primary school aged youth and older.
There will always be at least four adult supervisors each night, plus our new Parish Youth Worker - Katrina Turner, who along with others will help guide the youth in various activities. Fr Jude and myself will also be regular visitors and participants, there to pastor and listen to the youth.
So, as a Parish, please let us all get behind this and help where ever you can.
Contact Fr Jude or myself - 59752200 or by email: mornington@cam.org.au.
Blessings
Fr Geoff (The Youth Crown has been rick appaged by the Parish Child Safety Committee)
(The Youth Group has been risk assessed by the Parish Child Safety Committee)

WHAT'S AT QUINN'S PLACE?
* Xbox gaming room
 Music room - guitar/keyboard/bongo's
* Arts & Craft
* Cards
* Board games
* Table tennis
* Pool
* Music
 Guided activities
 Church open for private or guided prayer.
Free Fish n Chips / Pizza / nibbles
Free Soft drinks / Tea & Coffee
<u>There will be:</u>
 Cooking demonstrations
* Guest speakers
 Visiting counsellors
* Guitar lessons
* Entertainers
* Outings
<u>Opportunities to participate in:</u>
* Charity work
 Food service for the lonely and poor
 Coffee barista training
* Fund raising
 Choir and a music group for our Youth Mass
Contact Fr Jude or myself - 59752200 email: mornington@cam.org.au
Blessings
Fr Geoff



Jokes of the Week



MOTHER'S DAY JOKES

1: A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mom with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said 'Rest In Peace,' and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest.

2: One Mom had a most revealing experience on the Mother's Day. Her two children ordered her to stay in bed. She lay there looking forward to being brought her breakfast, as the inviting smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. At last the children called her downstairs. She found them sitting at the table, each with a large plate of bacon and eggs: "As a Mother's Day surprise," one explained, "we've cooked our own breakfast."

3: A small boy is sent to bed by his mother...
[Five minutes later]
"Mom..." "What?"
"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a glass of water?"
"No. You had your chance. Lights out."
[Five minutes later]
"Mom..." "WHAT?"
"I'm THIRSTY...Can I have a glass of water??"
"I told you NO! If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"
[Five minutes later]
"Mommm..." "WHAT??!!"
"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a glass of water?"

MORE - MOTHER'S DAY JOKES

4: **Angie, 8 years old, wrote:** "Dear Mother, I'm going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza & popcorn."

5: **Did you hear about the 5-yr. old boy who said to his mother,** "Mummy, I love you, and when I grow up, I'm going to get you an electric iron, an electric stove, and electric toaster, and an electric chair."

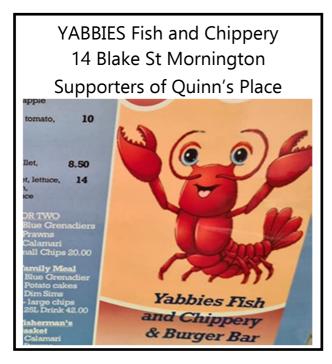
6: Little children can come up with some very interesting ideas. Listen to what some children wrote to their mothers for Mother's Day. Robert wrote: "I got you a turtle for Mother's Day. I hope you like the turtle better than the snake I got you last year." Eileen wrote: "Dear Mother, I wish Mother's Day wasn't always on Sunday. It would be better if it were on Monday so we wouldn't have to go to school." Little Diane wrote: "I hope you like the flowers I got you for Mother's Day. I picked them myself when Mr. Smith wasn't looking." And how about this one from Carol? "Dear Mother, here are two aspirins. Have a happy Mother's Day!"

7: **First grader's mum**: For weeks a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"



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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 14th & 15th May 2022

6.00pm Readers : Fay Murphy, Michael Turner Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers : Spencer Miere, John Azzopardi Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers : Amaka Chiezey, Patricia Duryea Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 21st & 22nd May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Iris Hallinan Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fischer, Marie Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Michael Kesik, Michael Kerr Eucharistic Ministers: Marcel Azzopardi, Helen Britton

11.00am Readers : Terry Roberts, Bernard Butler Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, Sandra Barrett

5.00pm Readers : Jacinta Jolly, Marino Casamento Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly

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