#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YrC 15 May 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.

**QUINN'S PLACE - Yr7+ Youth Group** 

Friday's 6-10pm

**Community House / Hall / Church** 

#### Video Sunday Mass

#### **NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS**

Watch Mass Live: This week 6pm Sat 14th.

Link:

https://vimeo.com/event/2109949

Or go to website to copy link:

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

#### **ALSO**

Recorded/watch later Mass at our regular YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos

#### **Next School Grade Mass:**

• Friday 10th of June 9.15 (Yr 1)

### Coming up this week:

- Fri 13th: Our Lady of Fatima
- Sat 14th: St Matthias, Apostle

#### 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, Christine Niblett and Val Carr.

**<u>Death Anniversaries:</u>** Antionette Girad.

Recently Deceased: Tommaso Scarinci. Funeral Service on 18th of May 2022 at

1 pm in St. Macartan's Parish.

#### First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
- 2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
  - 3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

#### Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

#### Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *I give you a new commandment: love one another.* 

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



#### The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, "The Father and I are one." It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy - claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

#### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

The Gospel of John is often divided into two sections: the Book of Signs, detailing the public ministry of Jesus aimed at bringing people to belief, and the Book of Glory, which outlines the events leading to his death and resurrection. One part of that concluding section of the gospel describes the events of his final night with his followers. It is too late now for those who have not recognised that Jesus is the Messiah. He closets himself with those who do believe and gives them extended instruction on how they are to continue his mission after he is gone. Both today's reading and next week's gospel come from this section of the text. Jesus is telling his disciples not just that

they must love each other, but also that they must love as he has loved. This moves beyond the commandment known to the Jews to love one's neighbour as oneself. The love that Jesus showed was the total self-giving and selfless love that led to his death on the cross—his glorification. It is this love that reveals the love of God, who is love. This new and difficult love is to be the true mark of a Christian in a truly Christian community.

How do you understand this commandment to love as Jesus loved?

#### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- How will people know that you are a disciple of Jesus?
- In what ways do you glorify God?
- How do you show love for others?
- Sometimes it is easy to love but at other times it becomes very difficult. Share
  an experience of being loved beyond what was expected or even deserved.
  Or share an occasion when you were called on to continue loving, even
  though it was very difficult.
- Can you take up the challenge and act with love towards all people you encounter this week?
- The Easter season is one of praise and glorification. Use the Gloria as your prayer this week.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The title 'Son of Man' is one that is often used by Jesus in the gospels to describe himself.

- In the Gospel of John, when Jesus speaks of being glorified or exalted, he is referring to his death on the cross. For John, this is the moment of supreme triumph for Jesus.
- This text comes from a section of John's Gospel known as the Farewell Discourse, which is delivered by Jesus to his friends just before his arrest. Here, Judas has already gone out to betray him.

#### SHARING THE TRADITION

The Ten Commandments outline how to live in right relationship both with God (the first three) and with our neighbour (the remaining seven). They cover all aspects of living in fidelity to the love of God for God's people.

- Explore how the Ten Commandments can be applied to our own society and interpreted to guide our lives today. The new commandment of Jesus to love one another as he loved takes this a step further.
- Explore the nature of loving as Jesus loved.
- You could use some examples of people who have displayed this selfless love—for example, Damien of Molokai, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

#### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The new commandment of love for one another becomes the defining principle and sign of discipleship. It is through this love for each other, which sets believers apart from the rest of the community, that people will know that they are followers of Jesus. This is much more difficult than it sounds! The biggest challenge is to act with love towards those we find it difficult to like!

### **Livestreaming & recorded Mass**

St Macartan's now has the technology to livestream our own Masses. That is; have Mass available to watch live at home (if sick) or nursing home.

On page one of this newsletter is the link for when the livestream will be on. Note: we are still trialling this - there will be glitches and we will learn from it.

We also want to save or record the Mass for those to watch it later.

So we still have our familiar YouTube channel where Mass is stored. It is accessed directly by the YouTube link or via our link on our website.

CONFUSED! - So am I, but see how you go and pray.

Fr Geoff



#### Pope: Amid crises and war, grandparents' prayers can transform the world

In Pope Francis' Message for the 2nd World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly, Pope Francis encourages the elderly to persevere in hope and reminds them of their great power to transform the world through prayer and tenderness.

#### By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Francis says aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing, and that even if society or your own frailties may tempt you to think otherwise, you are invaluable and God wants you to persevere in hope! This encouragement was at the heart of the Message released Tuesday for

the 2nd World for Grandpar-Elderly, which on 24 July.

The Church ob-World Day each fourth Sunday in the feast of Jeents, Saints Joa-Anne. Pope tuted this World since grandparforgotten, but yet



Day of Prayer ents and the falls this year

serves the year on the July, close to sus' grandparchim and Francis insti-Day in 2021 ents are often "are the link

between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." In this year's message, the Pope drew largely upon his catechesis on old age, the family and St. Joseph.

#### Society implies the elderly are useless

The Pope recalled the Psalmist's words that "In their old age they still bring forh fruit (Ps 92:14). These words, the Pope said, are glad tidings and "a true "gospel" that we can proclaim, and which "run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life..." Many people are afraid of old age, the Pope said, recognizing they consider it "a sort of disease" with which any contact is best avoided. "The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems," he lamented. "This is the mindset of the 'throw-away culture." Even by those "of us" who are already experiencing old age, the 85-year-old Pope acknowledged, it is not a time of life easily understood. On one hand, the Pope said, we are tempted to ward off old age and preserve our youth, "while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot 'still bring forth fruit."

#### Grandparents' prayers can transform a world in crises

Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out. We grandparents and elderly people, the Pope stated, have a great responsibility: "to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren." Since the elderly have grown in humanity by caring for others, "now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need," he said.

## 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.



"There is no inflation at our place". Still only \$2.00, so come along and enjoy a cosy atmosphere with your fellow friends. We have been fortunate to have two excellent guest speakers, who will explain away all you pre election worries.

Pauline Palmer and Clive Hanson. P.S: Nibbles to die for will be provided. St. Johns Ambulance is on standby.

The 3 Amigos

Slainte and thanks, Kerry

## **Altar Servers Ministry**

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

28 May 2022 at 4:00pm

Please complete the Registration Form and hand in to the Parish Office

or email: mornington@cam.org.au and Fr Jude
Johnson will contact you individually

in this regard.





## **Parish Footy Tipping Round 8**



On Friday morning, it looked promising someone will get all nine correct. Probably there will be more than one. However it was not to be. 8 Tippers scored 7 and it was great to see among them, some who had not started the season in good form, namely Kees Duyvestyn, Tony McInerney, Adam Lane, Delina Frank. and Paul Stinear. The others to score 7 were Goatcats, Maree O'Halloren, Lachlan the Star and Delina Frank. Essendon had the best ten minutes of the season in the last ten minutes of the Bombers V Hawthorn. In Rounds 12, 13 and14 there will only be 6 games. This will be a great opportunity for some tippers to score 6 and get the bonus point. Our leader after 8 rounds has an average of 70%. Essendon's defeat of Hawthorn was a great moment for our many tippers who are ardent fans. Anyone who watched it but turned off early missed an example of "never give in until the final siren".

Melbourne journalist has called the stadium "a shrine", "a citadel", a landmark", "a totem" and that "it symbolises Melbourne to the world". Greg is also involved with Amateur Football namely as President of St. Mary's Salesian. So let us look at the 2005 AFL Grand Final. The top teams were Adelaide, West Coast, Sydney, St. Kilda, North Melbourne, Geelong, Melbourne, Port Adelaide. Western Bulldogs missed out on percentage. Carlton got the "Wooden Spoon". There were 22 H/A games. The Grand Final was played between two non Victorian teams who were Sydney and West Coast. It was one of the lowest scoring finals and Sydney held off a late challenge by WC to win its 1st Flag since 1933. A late mark by Leo Barry saved the game for Sydney. The Final Scores were Syd. 8--10--58, W C 7--12---54. The coach of Sydney, Paul Roos, and the coach of WC was John Worsfold. B. Hall was the captain of Sydney.



## St Macs Café

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.

## CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners,

St Macartan's Parish is in the southern region of the archdiocese and our Child Safety Committee is continu-



ally being invited & encouraged to update & in-service with the latest information & policies by our southern representative of the Professional Standards Unit, Tamara Cugnetto, Safeguarding Officer.

Tamara has been an amazing resource. She has always responded quickly & efficiently to any enquiry not only from the committee but also from Fr Geoff, Fr Jude & Cynthia. You can contact the Professional Standards Unit for support on 9926 5621 / 0448 488 614 or send an email to the team at psu@cam.org.au.

Prior to Covid, Fr Geoff welcomed Tamara to the parish & encouraged her to use the hall as a facility for all the parishes on the peninsula to come together and attend training sessions pertaining to child safety.

I have just attended a webinar facilitated by Tamara, which has promoted the induction of a new set of Child Safety Standards, which are to come into practise by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. The new set of standards are on our website & on the Child Safety notice board in the church foyer.

We will be organising a Peninsula Parish Induction Programme at St Macartan's with Tamara where all interested parishioners will be encouraged to attend. If there is a particular issue that you would like to have included on the agenda please send me an email or contact the parish office on 59752200.

Kind Regards, Carmel McGrath (Child Safety Officer)

## PROJECT COMPASSION (CARITAS AUSTRALIA)

WE AS A PARISH COMMUNITY RAISED \$4,269.00.

A GREAT EFFORT BY ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ST. MACARTAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WHO RAISED \$285.70.



# 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 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.

"It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of Quinn Story, past player and valued member of Dromana JFNC and Beleura JFC,"

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 <u>high school aged</u> youth and older.

There will always be at least four adult supervisors each night, plus our new Parish Youth Worker - **Kristina** 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 - 5975 2200 or by email: mornington@cam.org.au.

Blessings

Fr Geoff

(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

## There will be:

- Cooking demonstrations
  - \* Guest speakers
  - Visiting counsellors
    - \* Guitar lessons
    - \* Entertainers
      - \* Outings

## Opportunities to participate in:

- \* 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 - 5975 2200 email: mornington@cam.org.au

**Blessings** 

Fr Geoff PTO

## Come and join in the fun!

















## Jokes of the Week

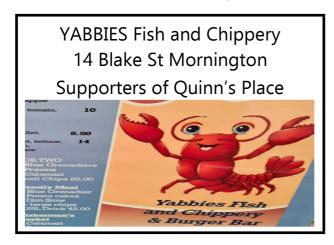


- 1) One Sunday a priest was finishing up a series on marriage. At the end of the service, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment, and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said: "You'd better give me five crosses."
- 2) A climber fell off a cliff. As he tumbled down into a deep gorge he grabbed hold of a branch of a small tree. "Help" he shouted. "Is there anyone up there?" A deep majestic Voice from the sky echoed through the gorge. "I will help you, My son. But first you must have Faith in Me." "All right, all right. I trust you." answered the man. The Voice replied, "Let go of the branch." There was a long pause and the man shouted again, "Is there anyone else up there?"
- 3) A child saw a dust-covered book. He asked what it was. His father replied, "That's God's book the Bible." The boy replied, "You better return it to God because nobody here reads it." [If our Bible is in good shape, we might not be.]
- 4) 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.

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.







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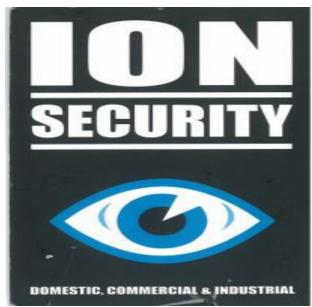


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#### Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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** 

## The Ascension of the Lord – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel Coles, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner,

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, Kevin Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas,

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, Rosina di Petta

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