

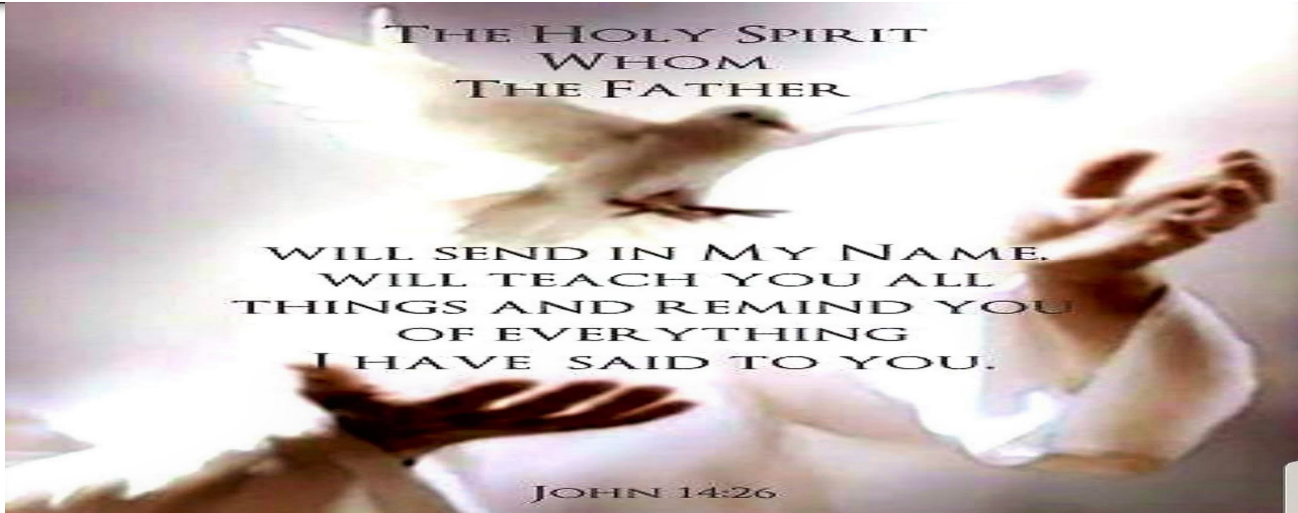
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YrC 22 May 2022

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 SMYM 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 9am Sunday 22nd.

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2132452>

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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

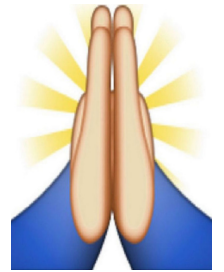
- Tues 24th Our Lady Help of Christians
- Thu 26th: St Philip Neri, Priest
- Sun 29th: The Ascension of the Lord

Next School Grade Mass:

- Friday 10th of June 9.15 (Yr. 1)

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, Christine Niblett and Val Carr.



Death Anniversaries: Vincent Filippone, Angelo Filippone and Gwendoline Herbstreit.

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66(67):2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Communion Antiphon Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Different View

Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus has alluded to the fact that he is going away but that he will one day return. In the meantime, the disciples—the community to whom John is writing his gospel—are living in the ‘in-between times’. Jesus has come once in the flesh and has promised to return at the end of the world, so this instruction is a continuation of the teaching on how disciples should live out their faith in Jesus’ absence: they must keep his word, the word of God. ‘And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us’ (John 1:14). They will not be alone in this task, as Jesus has promised to send the Advocate or the Holy Spirit, who will continue to unfold the word as the Church grows and meets new situations and challenges.

- You could look at the first reading from

Acts, which highlights one such situation.

- In conferring the gift of peace on his disciples, Jesus is preparing them for his departure and his absence. This will be a trial for the disciples, but the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit will help them to understand his return to the Father and to be confident that they too will one day make that journey.
- How do you cope with the ‘absence’ of Jesus? In what ways do you experience Christ’s presence?
- How do you experience the Spirit in your life?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.’ What aspects of life frighten you?
- How do you experience the ‘peace the world cannot give’?
- Reflect back on a period in your life when you were anxious, troubled or afraid. How did the situation resolve itself? In what ways did you experience a sense of peace after the turmoil? Share your reflections with others.
- Try to stand up for someone this week who may be in need of a defender. Take on the role of an advocate. Alternatively, you could try to bring the gift of peace to someone whose heart is troubled or afraid.
- This week, use today’s prayer after Communion: Almighty and ever living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us we pray, the fruits of the paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food

DID YOU KNOW?

- The meaning of the word advocate is 'one who is summoned to help another'.
- Another term commonly used for the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, which comes from a Greek term meaning 'called to the side of' and so has the same meaning as advocate.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, peace was one of the distinguishing marks of the time of the Messiah—a time when swords would be made into ploughshares (Isaiah 2:4) and the wolf would live with the lamb (Isaiah 11:6). Jesus' gift of peace confirms that he is the longed-for Messiah

SHARING THE TRADITION

The situation of the Church has changed again and again through its 2000-year history. In the beginning were periods of persecution and violence; these gave way to a settled period and gradual growth. The Church has enjoyed times of strong political support and even political power, and times of threat and decline. At times it has engaged in war to safeguard its position of dominance, and it has distanced itself from political power at other times. The ebbs and flows of the Church's understanding of itself and its role in the world are fascinating. Explore the changing role of the Church over the centuries. Can you identify times when the guidance of the Holy Spirit could have been better sought? Can you identify times when the guidance of the Spirit led the Church in new ways?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In the gospels, Jesus promises many times to send the Holy Spirit to be a guide and a help to his followers after his ascension. What do you think the role of the Holy Spirit is in the life of the Church today and in your own life?

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.

NOT QUITE AS CONFUSED NOW! - Fr Geoff



VATICAN NEWS

WYD Lisbon 2023 announces 13 patron saints for young pilgrims

The press office of World Youth Day announces the 13 patron saints of WYD Lisbon to act as models for the young people who will gather in the capital of Portugal on 1-6 August 2023.

By Devin Watkins

As preparations continue for next year's World Youth Day in Lisbon, thirteen holy men and women are being held up as examples of holiness for young people around the world.

Cardinal Manuel Clemente, the Patriarch of Lisbon, says these patrons "have shown that life in Christ fills and saves the youth of all times."

In a press statement released on Tuesday, the Cardinal explores the contribution each holy person can make in the lives of young people.

"The patroness par excellence of the next World Youth Day is the Virgin Mary, the young woman who accepted to be the mother of the incarnate Son of God"



ence of the next World Mary, the young woman mother of the incarnate

Inspiration for young, holy lives

Cardinal Clemente also pointed to Pope St. John Paul II, who brought the WYD events to life, "which have brought together and encouraged millions of young people from the five continents."

He added that all 13 men and women "dedicated themselves to the service of youth", especially St. John Bosco and St. Vincent.

The Cardinal Patriarch held up the example of 7 saints from Lisbon: St. Anthony, a 13th century Franciscan; St. Bartholomew of the Martyrs, a 16th century Dominican participant in the Council of Trent; St. John de Brito, a 17th century Jesuit missionary and martyr; Blessed Joana of Portugal, a 15th century daughter of a king who gave up everything to become a Dominican nun; Blessed João Fernandes, a 16th century Jesuit martyr; and, Blessed Maria Clara del Niño Jesus, a 19th century aristocratic woman who became a mother to the poor of Lisbon.

Cardinal Clemente tied in four young Blesseds who died at a young age in the past century: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian man who encouraged others with "his dynamism, joy, and charity"; Blessed Marcel Callo, a French young man who died in a forced labor camp in Germany; Blessed Chiara Badano, an Italian teenager who died from a painful bone cancer; and, Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who spread the word of God through the nascent internet and later died from leukemia.

About World Youth Day

Each diocese around the world has also chosen patron saints to help their young people journey towards WYD Lisbon 2023.

The international event takes place on 1-6 August, and will likely see the Pope join "hundreds of thousands of youth from all over the world".

The first WYD took place in 1986 in Rome, and was later held in Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Krakow (2016), and Panama (2019).

Take the Way of the Gospel

Re-Imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities

The Way of the Gospel—the path of missionary discipleship—has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. How might our local communities of faith continue to address the missionary call of the Gospel into the future? How might we invite people into the fullness of the Gospel of life, and do so with a sense of vibrancy and vitality?

In 2021, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli met with the clergy and lay leaders from around the Archdiocese of Melbourne to begin discussing what the local Church in Melbourne might look like in the future, such that:

- The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
- Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish, and;
- Our faith communities be effectively resourced—spiritually, ministerially and materially.

What is this all about? Why are we doing this? Why now?

Over many years now, our clergy and people have identified an ever-increasing sense of urgency to attend to the manner in which the local communities of our Archdiocese are arranged and function. Exploring and dreaming for a missionary way forward goes back to the earliest days of our Archdiocese. Melbourne's first archbishop, Archbishop James Goold, organised the archdiocese into local pastoral areas called "missions". They were of various shapes, sizes and purposes and not all missions were territorial. Some missions were to particular groups of people (e.g. to prisoners, to the port workers, and to migrants) and where individual parish structures emerged, they would identify and organise themselves as a family of communities in faith, worship and life.

Undeniably, the landscape of Melbourne—a city of cities—has changed dramatically since the time of Archbishop Goold. What has not changed is the desire of God's people to find new and fresh ways of proclaiming the Gospel into our local communities.

What Archbishop Comensoli is inviting us to is a renewed sense of missionary purpose for our local Church. He is calling us—clergy and laypeople—to begin the task of re-imagining and re-framing how we arrange our local communities of grace, be they parishes, language communities, or movements. By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to proclaim the Gospel and find ways to invite others into a life with Jesus Christ. There is also a need for a greater sense of co-responsibility in the Church and this invitation to shared discernment aims to facilitate this into the future.

Over the coming weeks we will be delving into this more deeply - enjoy! Fr Geoff

EXCELSIS



MFP Community & Church Leaders Network

Excelsis Choir led by renowned music
Director/Conductor Tom Buchanan with an
accompanying Soloist Rachael Joyce, Soprano.

SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE 2022
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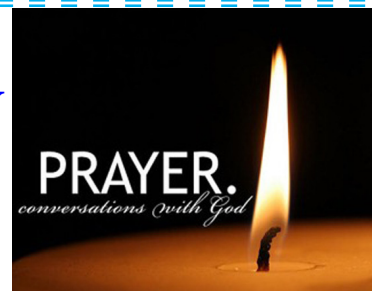


MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

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. Parish-
es and individuals are invited to submit the name (s) of those you would like re-
membered 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 2022.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PRAYER MINISTRY
GROUPS BY BLESSING THEM WITH YOUR
PRESENCE OR INVITING OTHERS TO
JOIN!**



◇ **Minister Unto God:** Every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the
Community Centre

◇ **Legion of Mary:** Every Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in the Com-
munity Centre

◇ **The Cenical:** Every Tuesday from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm in the Com-
munity Centre

◇ **Rosary Group:** Every Monday from 8 pm to 9 pm in the Church

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 9



Round 9 was played last weekend and we have a new leader, Marie O'Halloran. Marie has been in the top five since the start of the season. Our top tipper for the round was Mary Lane (alias Morprince). Mary was heading for a 9 but the Gold Coast defeated Fremantle who were favourites and Mary finished with an 8. There was a difference of opinion in every game even the Melbourne game where Melbourne remained undefeated. Only two tippers had Gold Coast and they came from the Meier family who were disappointed with their "Bombers". Our top tipper has 70% correct and our 20th has 62%. There is a tussle at the other end to see who can have the most losers and gain the Kevin O'Brien trophy. They have 54% winners and 46% losers. This week is an Indigenous Round and there is a special prize.



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.**

PARISHIONERS - Keep an eye out!

If you know of anyone who is lonely, or maybe is in need of some help and could use a great meal, at least once a week.

Please invite them along to the St Mac's Café every Wednesday.

They will be made very welcome and will enjoy some fine food and company.

Thank you

Fr Geoff



Jokes of the Week



- 1) **Here is an Irish lyric:** "Paddy Murphy went to Mass, never missed a Sunday. But Paddy Murphy went to hell, for what he did on Monday."
- 2) **Don't lose your mental peace:** The Sunday school children had all been photographed with the priest sitting in their centre. The priest was trying to persuade the children to buy a copy of the group photo. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael; he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's our Priest; he's dead."
- 3) **Peace and Relaxation:** Did you know that.....If you can start the day without caffeine, if you can get going without pep pills, if you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains, if you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles, if you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, if you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time, if you can take criticism without resentment, if you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him, if you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, if you can conquer tension without medical help, if you can relax without liquor, if you can sleep without the aid of drugs, ...Then you are probably the family dog!



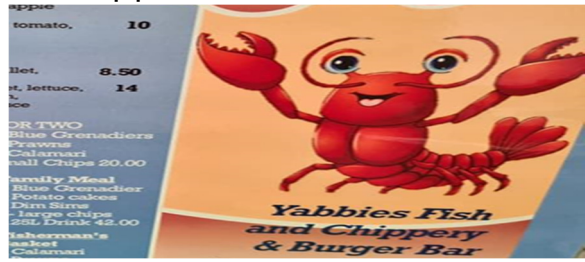
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6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

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 – 28th & 29th 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

Pentecost Sunday - 4th & 5th June 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Miere, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Britton

11.00am Readers: Gabriela Fialla, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins

5.00pm Readers: Jacinta Jolly, Marino Casamento

Eucharistic Ministers: Faye Melham

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