

Sixteenth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 17 July 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

Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am

[1st Friday of each Month]

SMYM YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS:

QUINN'S PLACE: Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church

TO START SOON: SMYM Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2277593>

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:

- Fri 22nd: St Mary Magdalene

Padua Yr. 10 Mass

- Wed 20th July 9:15am

Next School Grade Mass:

- Friday 19th of August 9.15 (Yr. 6)

Propagation of Faith—5th June to 31st of July 2022:

DONATION ENVELOPES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH FOYER

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, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Anthony Turner, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner and Roy Cahill.



Death Anniversaries: Alice Vino, Mary Albert and Arthur Niblett.

Recently Deceased: Leo Connolly and Marie Cooley.

First Reading Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.'

They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



Have you thought?

Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

REFLECTION

As I settle to pray, I relax my body and my mind so that I can be attentive to the presence of God in me and all around me. I breathe in God's love and life and ask the Spirit to pray within me. I consider this familiar story. I imagine the scene. How does Jesus seem to be? Is he relaxed or anxious? I then look at the sisters. With which one do I appear, at first, to identify? Why is that? I talk to the Lord about this. Do I feel any change in my attitude now? If so, in what way? How do I respond to the second sister? I speak to the Lord about this too. As I consider the scene, what do I make of Jesus's words? What for me is 'the better part'? I spend some time pondering this. What

do I treasure, and wish not to be taken from me in my relationship with the Lord? I speak to him from my heart. I think about hospitality. Jesus is my guest. Do I think he wants frenetic service? What does he really want from me? I move to think of others. How do I welcome them? Do I listen attentively? I sit silently at Jesus's feet. Maybe he has something to say to me. I end my prayer asking the Lord to help me see him today in all those I meet. Glory be ...

(Courtesy of St Bueno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK)

A clearly identifiable and attractive theme unites today's readings: the theme of "hospitality", which in many ways runs right through the Gospel of Luke.

The First Reading, from Gen 18:1-10, gives part of a delightful episode where Abraham provides the traditional hospitality of his culture to three mysterious strangers. I say "mysterious" because sometimes the narrative suggests that there are three figures who have come to visit Abraham, sometimes only one. Patristic commentators in fact saw here an Old Testament hint of the Trinity. Certainly, the travellers have a divine aura about them. Later (19:1) they are referred to as angels. The 15th century Russian iconographer Andrey Rublev has wonderfully depicted all these aspects of the mystery in his well-known icon.

DUTIES OF HOSPITALITY

What rings through the story is the extreme solicitude of Abraham to provide the duties of hospitality (in fact, of course, the chief burden will fall on Sarah, his wife).

But the point to notice is that the guest(s) come not simply to receive but also to give. They leave a promise – a divine promise, in fact. Abraham and Sarah, childless hitherto and now well on in years, are to have a child (cf. Gen 21:1-2). So, the hospitable Abraham has received from those to whom he gave hospitality a marvellous gift in return. He has received a future for himself and his family. His family will become a great people (Israel) and a blessing for all the nations of the earth (Gen 18:18).

MARTHA AND MARY

In the Gospel, Luke 10:38-42, two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of "triangular" pattern often to be seen in Luke's gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation in some respect; a third character or party takes offence at this and grumbles or murmurs. Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how her or his action is the more appropriate in terms of what he has to offer. In this case, it is Mary, seemingly the younger sister, whom Jesus defends. While Martha has fussed about preparing too many dishes, when just one would have sufficed, Mary has "chosen the better part" – literally, "the better portion (or "dish")". In view of the identity of the One here present as guest and the gift that he has to give, it is Mary's attitude that is the more appropriate. As in the case of Abraham and his guests, hospitality is not simply flowing one way. Martha and Mary have far more to receive from their guest than he has to receive from them.

DISTRACTIONS

Understandably, down the ages and perhaps particularly in recent times, it is Martha who has evoked more sympathy. Her complaint that she has been left to do all the work by herself seems at one level very justified. But this is precisely where the provocation of the Gospel has its bite. As Luke's Gospel so often makes clear, frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what the Lord really wants. Good people are always prone to measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord. They forget that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive, and that the Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service. The scene has also been controversial in feminist interpretation. Is Jesus, in a liberating way, defending in Mary the right of women to be free of traditional "women's work" (kitchen duties, etc) in order to receive the kind of instruction from himself that will equip them for leadership in the community? Or is he, on the contrary, subtly putting women in their place by praising a woman (Mary) who takes a more passive role, while criticising the more active and energetic Martha? Both these positions miss the mark. The fact that two characters in the episode are women, while significant in its way, may not be the main point. As so often, the Gospel's focus is upon the abundance of God's gift and the barriers that human beings put up against receiving it.

GOD'S GIFT:

In its own way, the Second Reading, from Colossians likewise dwells on the abundance of God's gift. Paul meditates on God's purpose, through his own ministry, to draw the nations of the world into the riches of salvation previously confined to Israel.

Pope Francis respects US Supreme court decision and condemns abortion

In a wide-ranging interview with American journalist Philip Pullella of Reuters, Pope Francis covers topics such as the recent US Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the possibility of resigning, the decision to postpone his planned Apostolic Visit to South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and his hopes for a trip to Moscow and Kyiv.

By Vatican News staff reporter

Pope Francis has responded to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade, which returned power to regulate abortion to the individual states, saying he respected the decision, but had not studied it enough to comment on it from a juridic point of view. "I tell you the truth. I don't understand it from a technical point of view," he explained, adding, "I have to study it because I don't really understand (the details of) the ruling 50 years ago and now I can't say whether it did right or wrong from a judicial point of view." However, he said, "I respect the decisions."

The science and morality of abortion

The Pope went on question of abortion "Leaving that [the decision] aside, the issue of abortion problem." He said it look at what science learned in the past this we have to be what science tells us today and any biology, the one our scientists study, tells



to consider the itself, saying, Supreme Court let's go back to tition, which is a is important to ence has few decades: "In scientific, see us today. Science book on embry-medical study you that 30 days

after conception there is DNA and the laying out already of all the organs."

He asked, "Is it legitimate, is it right, to eliminate a human life to resolve a problem?" He insisted, "It's a human life - that's science. The moral question is whether it is right to take a human life to solve a problem."

"Indeed, is it right to hire a hit man to solve a problem?"

Pope Francis made the remarks in an hour-and-a-half-long interview with Reuters correspondent Philip Pullella, published on Monday.

The Holy Father also emphasized the importance of a pastoral approach to Catholic politicians who support abortion, saying, "When the Church loses its pastoral nature, when a bishop loses his pastoral nature, it causes a political problem. That's all I can say."

NEW YOUTH INITIATIVES AT ST MACARTAN'S



QUINN'S PLACE: Friday's 6pm-10pm:

Was born out of the love of family and friends of Quinn Story, a youth who tragically died too early. It is a safe gathering place for any youth of High School Age and above.

SMYM (St Macartan's Youth Ministry) YOUTH MASS:

Every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 5pm.

Youth of all ages are welcome!

NEW - COMING SOON!!!!!!

The SMYM Junior Youth Group:

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 3pm-4:45pm in the Community Centre. Then attending the last ten minutes of Holy Hour and then the Youth Mass.

- More adult/parent volunteers needed
- More Youth musicians
- More Youth singers
- More Youth readers

Volunteers—contact Parish Office:

5975 2200 or email: Mornington@cam.org.au



MEN'S NIGHT

"It is with regret that in view of the current situation involving both Covid, and the Flu, combined with a very cold winter, we have cancelled the July meeting. Hopefully we shall be back to normal for the August night. Please keep well and warm, and say a prayer for the Brisbane Lions."

the 3 Amigos. Slainte Kerry



Parish Footy Tipping Round 17



After Round 17 we have an outright leader, Geoff Walsh (Goatcats). He leads by 2. We asked the question last week if Essendon could win consecutive games and they proved all but 3 tippers wrong. They did. Spencer Meier was heading for a nine with one game to go but his tips went "West" in the last game. His 8 was the best score for the round. Three loyal tippers were happy with their Bombers. Margaret Canty had another good round and is finishing the season well. Good to see Peter Keightley was rewarded for his faith in Essendon. It must have been hard for a quarter. The third loyal Trish Duryea had a "warm" feeling! The next six rounds will really test our tippers as 12 teams struggle to make the final 8. After the Home and Away season there is regular Finals knockout competition. The Prize for the winner of the Home and Away Season is \$400.

HISTORY: We say Vale to Paul Dear (55 years old) who died during the past week. He was a former Norm Smith Medal winner in the 1991 Grand Final when he played a magnificent game for Hawthorn in their win against WCE. He played 1987--1996 and played 123 games and kicked 80 goals. He had weight problems but kept away from the weights and team members said he did not know where the Gym was. His brother Gary played 137 games for Hawthorn and 53 for Richmond. Paul was forced to leave Hawthorn like Ayres and Brereton due to cash saving. The two brothers made a very positive contribution to the success at Hawthorn but it was often not appreciated. We send our condolences to Paul's family.

St Macartan's First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Dates 2022

Info/registration Night - Monday 18th July 7.00pm (In the community house)

RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Lesson 1 -Tuesday 19th July

Lesson 2 -Tuesday 26th July

Lesson 3 -Tuesday 2nd August

Lesson 4 -Tuesday 9th August

Wednesday 17th August **RECONCILIATION EVENING** 7.30PM

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Lesson 1 -Tuesday 23rd August

Tuesday 1st November Cup Day Holiday

Lesson 2 -Tuesday 30th August

Lesson 8 -Tuesday 8th November

Lesson 3 -Tuesday 6th September

Lesson 9 -Tuesday 15 November

School Holidays

Lesson 10 -Tuesday 22 November

Lesson 4 -Tuesday 4th October

Sunday 27th November Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm Mass

Lesson 5 -Tuesday 11th October

Lesson 6 -Tuesday 18th October

Lesson 7 -Tuesday 25th October



Jokes of the Week



1) **A day off for the pastor?** A distraught woman tried many times to contact her pastor only to discover that it was his day off. She made contact with him the next day and scolded him severely. "Father, I needed you yesterday," she said, "and you were not there for me. You have let me down. I cannot believe you would take a day off when so many people like me need you." Then she added, "The devil never takes a day off." The pastor, a little irritated and with tongue in cheek, responded, "And if I didn't take a day off, I would be just like him, wouldn't I?"



2) **Pope Francis and busy-like-Martha.** A person had been confined to a mental institute. After years of treatment it was decided that he was well enough to be discharged. So, the psychiatrist approached his patient to congratulate him. "I have good news for you. The board has examined your case and they have decided that you are completely cured. You can go home." Seeing the resentful look on the face of the patient, the doctor said: "Why are you reacting in this way? Aren't you happy now that you are cured?" And the man ranted back, "I am cured, but I am not going home! When I came here, I was Pope Francis. I was busy like Martha in the Bible story, blessing people, writing encyclicals and giving daily papal audience to all the inmates and visitors of this house. But I will be nobody at home!"

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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 16th & 17th July 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers : John Azzopardi, Michael Kesik

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Rosina di Petta

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 23th & 24th July 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers : Spencer Miere, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Picton, Tricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Amaka Chiezey, Terry Roberts,

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Lisa Chiezey

5.00pm Readers: Amalie Field, Mia Field

Eucharistic Ministers: Marino Casamento, Jacinta Jolly

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 30th & 31st July 2022

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Williams, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett

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