

Seventeenth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 24 July 2022

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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I tell you, ask and you  
will receive; seek and  
you will find; knock  
and the door will be  
opened to you.  
Luke 11:9



### **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/2296919>

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:**

- Mon 25th: St James, Apostle
- Tue 26th: Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Fri 29th: Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

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

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

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** 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, Roy Cahill and Lauren Evans.



**Recently Deceased:** Dean Pratt and Ted Demody.

### ***First Reading***

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

**Col 2:12-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Rom 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Lk 11:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## **Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 102:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

# **Living the Gospel**

## **Ask, Search, Knock**

*Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.*

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

The God of this gospel text is not a vague and distant God but one who is in an intimate relationship of love—that of a father. If ordinary parents know what is good for their children and want to give them all that is good, how much more will our Father in heaven give us what we need. Asking our Father for the things that we need (rather than the things we want) is an expression of our dependence on God. To ask is to place ourselves in a state of cooperation with God. We also have to commit ourselves to working towards that which we pray for or else prayer becomes a way of evading responsibility and we make God into some kind of Santa Claus.

- So often we abuse this privilege of asking God for the things we need. In what ways can this happen? In what ways can we turn prayer and petition into something inappropriate?
- Persistence is praised in this text. Have there been times when you have felt like giving up on your journey? What has kept you persevering?

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- Seek and you will find; ask and it will be given to you. What is it that you are searching for? Have the answers been found yet?
- What would you ask God for at this point in your journey?
- Have you ever had to refuse a request for help that was made of you? Why? What were the circumstances? How did you feel? Did it alter your relationship with the petitioner? Do you regret that decision? Share your stories.
- Live out the Our Father: honour God, give thanks for your daily bread and forgive others who wrong you.
- Learn the Lord's Prayer by heart if you do not already know it. Pray it often and carefully this week. Be attentive to each petition as you pray.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- In Jesus' time, there were many teachers offering a spiritual path to their followers—a particular 'way'. Here the disciples ask Jesus to teach them his 'way' to the Father.
- The reluctance of the man in the parable to get up to help his friend may be explained if we understand the houses of the period. Animals often occupied the ground floor at night while the family spread out their sleeping mats on an overhead platform. The door was often difficult to bolt. To get up to assist, this man would have disturbed the entire family and flock.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

The Lord's Prayer is one of the oldest and most cherished of the Church. Reflect on the meaning of each phrase:

Our Father:

- In what ways do you experience God as loving Father?

Hallowed be your name :

- How do you give homage to God's name?

Your kingdom come, your will be done:

- Explore the meaning of the kingdom or reign of God. How can we know God's will? What is our responsibility in helping build the kingdom?

Give us this day our daily bread:

- What are we in need of daily?

Forgive us ... as we forgive:

- How easy or difficult do you find this?

Lead us not into temptation:

- What are the temptations in your life?

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

In the Old Testament, God is often referred to as the Father of his covenant people, Israel, and as the one who will act to deliver his people. When Jesus addresses God as Father, however, he gives expression to his unique, personal, filial relationship to God. Through Jesus, the disciples are able to know God as a gracious and loving Father.



## **Pope Francis to the elderly: 'Be artisans of the revolution of tenderness!'**

**The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place this Sunday, 24 July 2022.**

Last year, Pope Francis established World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, a day to remind everybody that 'old age is a gift' and that the elderly are not to be forgotten. This year's message takes its cue from the psalmist who writes that the righteous will 'flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old' (Psalm 92:14–15).

The idea of 'still bearing fruit' when we are old 'runs counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life,' Pope Francis says. Rather than seeing old age as something we must approach with 'grim resignation' or harboring 'few expectations', the Bible sees the elderly as 'a living sign of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance'. 'Blessed is the house where an old person lives!' he says. 'Blessed elderly!' We should resist the with the modern world, the behind or make them feel fast pace of the world—with seems to leave us no alter—the idea that we are use—to consider, however, is that but a blessing!



is the family that honors the elderly subtle temptations that come temptations to leave the elderly they should be left behind: The which we struggle to keep up—native but to implicitly accept less. What the Bible invites us ageing 'is not a condemnation,

**Do not lower the sails!** Pope Francis laments the fact that even though we 'expend large sums on this stage of life,' we fail to help people 'understand and appreciate it', offering 'healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full'. Though the body declines and our strength ebbs in old age, he says, it is 'no time to give up and lower the sails'. Instead, old age invites us into a 'new mission' and 'bids us look to the future.' He encourages people to try to remain as physically active as possible in their later years, but also suggests, more importantly, that people remain spiritually active: We ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren ... These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us.

**The vocation of old age: artisans of a revolution:** Pope Francis encourages grandparents and the elderly to become part of the 'revolution of tenderness' he wishes to see in the world. 'Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization,' he says, 'that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is a bread we break together.' He observes that the elderly have the opportunity to be 'teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive of those in greatest need'. Sometimes this attitude is 'mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth.' Pope Francis offers an invitation to everyone walking through old age: Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. Finally, he calls upon the intercession of the Mother of God to help us embrace this vocation: 'Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.'

# ST MACARTAN'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## LION KING PERFORMANCE 2022



We would like to congratulate all of the students of St Macartan's Primary School on a magnificent performance at the Frankston Arts Centre last Tuesday night. The story of the show was well demonstrated and the children showed much focus and professionalism in delivering the story.

There was sensational singing and very entertaining dancing across all of the ages, even the Grade Preps!

We look forward to next year's show with great anticipation.

**WELL DONE TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS!!**

### "Food Donations" for St Vincent de Paul

Rising costs of living are affecting us all, especially the poor and disadvantaged, and food donations to our St Vincent de Paul Conference are not keeping up with our community needs. Any donations of non-perishable food, inside their expiry date would be most welcome. Please leave donations in the bin located in the main foyer of the Church or contact Barry Murphy on 0419 225 455."



### **THANK YOU**



**The Crea Family would like to express their deep gratitude to the Parish Community for all of their support and prayers for Dean Pratt.**



## Parish Footy Tipping Round 18



This round, tippers were on edge in some games as news came of the players who were not able to play because of the virus. The other interesting thing that happened was "if you sack the coach the team will win!" Twice in the last few years, North has tested the theory and found it successful. Spencer Meier apparently believed the theory, as only he and Molly (another Meier team member) were the only two to tip North. Our leader with 5 rounds to go is Goatcats, who is 3 ahead of Dynasty and Adam bulldogs. Maree O'Halloran, a leader for the early part of the season, has had a poor middle season. There were many who scored 7, which was good considering the surprise winners. One of the highlights of the round was to see the game played between Port Adelaide and Melbourne at Alice Springs. The match game never seemed crowded due to the size of the ground. There was a great atmosphere. The question over the next 5 rounds will be "will I take risk?"

**HISTORY:** Part 1: In 1924, the VFL made a foolish decision to change the Finals' system and revert to the old system whereby the top 4 teams played each other and the Premier Team was decided on the results of these matches. This led to a ludicrous situation. The four teams were South Melb., Fitzroy, Richmond and previous year premiers Essendon. Rich. def South Melb., Ess. def Fitzroy., Fitzroy def Rich., Ess. def South Melb, Rich. def Ess., South Melb. def Fitzroy.

This meant Richmond and Essendon both had two wins. Anyway, Essendon won the flag on percentage, despite the thrashing by Richmond at Sth. Melbourne. It was their second flag and they were a very unhappy team. After their defeat by Richmond, blows were exchanged in the change room and again after their dinner at Carlyon Hotel. In part 2, we will the continuing saga when Essendon are challenged by VFA Premiers the Tricolours for Champion team of Victoria.

### St Macartan's First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Dates 2022

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

**RECONCILIATION CLASSES** 4-5pm Tuesdays

Lesson 1 -Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Lesson 2 -Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Lesson 3 -Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August **RECONCILIATION EVENING** 7.30PM

**FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES**

Lesson 1 -Tuesday 23rd August

Lesson 2 -Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Lesson 3 -Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

School Holidays

Lesson 4 -Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Lesson 5 -Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Lesson 6 -Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Lesson 7 -Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November Cup Day Holiday

Lesson 8 -Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Lesson 9 -Tuesday 15 November

Lesson 10 -Tuesday 22 November

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Sacrament of First Eucharist 5pm Mass**





# Jokes of the Week



1) **"God is not deaf but grandma is:"** Two young boys were spending the night at their rich grandma's house during Christmas. She was getting them ready for bed, and reminded them to say their prayers.

Grandma left the boys alone and went into the next room before coming back to tuck them in. The older of the two said his prayers, thanking God and asking Him to bless grandma, his friends and family. Then, it was his younger brother's turn. He offered the same prayer as his big brother, but at the end of the prayer, he shouted in a very loud voice, "And God, please send me a new scooter and a CD player." His older brother turned and said, "You don't have to shout. God isn't deaf." "I know," the younger one replied. "But Grandma is."

2) **Liquor shop and the power of prayer:** A tale is told about a small town that had always been "dry." One day, however, a local businessman erected a tavern. A group of Christians from a local Church were concerned and they convened an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter lightning struck the tavern burning it down to the ground. The owner of the bar sued the Church, claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible, but the Church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible. The presiding judge, after his initial review of the case, stated, "No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear: the tavern owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not."

3) **God's laughter:** How do you make God laugh? Tell him your plans.

"Forgive, O Lord, my little jokes on Thee,  
and I'll forgive Thy great big joke on me."



## 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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9.00am - Helen Britton : 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 – 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Ninetieth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Tricia Hird

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers : Spencer Miere, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

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