

Twentieth SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 7 August 2022

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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FIRE! DIVISION! DECISION!
— LUKE 12:49-53 NLT —

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

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 SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST:
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/2342895>

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>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 15th: The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- Sat 20th: St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Holy day of obligation:

- Mon 15: Morning Mass at 9.15am

Next School Grade Mass:

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

THERE WILL BE A LEAVING COLLECTION AND ENVELOPES LEFT IN THE PEWS OF THE CHURCH FOR CATHOLIC CARE DONATIONS.

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, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp and Cinzia Coboche.



Death Anniversaries: Janet Smyth and Kathleen Ryan.

First Reading

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.'

'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the

Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Scriptural Context

Turning point

As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a difficult text because it challenges our notions of what Jesus was like. The imagery that Jesus uses has a long history in the Old Testament, where we frequently read of people passing through the fire of testing and judgment. John had prophesied about the one who would come bringing a baptism of fire and judgment, but it had never occurred to him that the one who was to come may be the first to undergo that baptism! This rare glimpse into the mind of Jesus reveals an agonising mixture of impatience and reluctance. Convinced that God's redemptive plan requires him to bring upon earth the fiery baptism of judgment—not by inflicting it upon others but by undergoing it

himself—he feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished. The reference to households being divided may well be directed at Luke's community itself. Faith in Jesus could well be the cause of division in families. While predominantly Gentile, Luke's community did have Jewish Christians. Some Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, and in the late first century, Jews expelled Christians from their synagogues. To persist in Christian belief would have caused great division.

- What causes you to have 'a fire in your belly'? What do you get passionate about?
- How do you deal with people who do not understand or accept your faith in Jesus?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Has your coming to faith in Christ caused division or awkwardness in your family or with friends?
- Who are the people you know who have 'a fire in their belly' or great passion about their beliefs?
- Have you experienced a rift within your family? What was the cause of the division and hurt? How was this overcome? Or does it still need to be overcome? How can you help heal the pain and division? Share your stories.
- Reflect this week on the things that divide your family or friends. Try to overcome those divisions and work to re-establish harmony.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text paints a different picture from the gentle, compassionate Jesus of popular belief. It is just one example of Jesus displaying human emotion and passion for his cause.
- One of the symbols of the Holy Spirit is fire. At Pentecost, the Spirit came in the form of tongues of flame to the disciples in the upper room.
- The baptism that Jesus is still to experience is his death, his 'baptism of fire' or the persecution he undergoes because of his commitment to doing the will of the Father.

SHARING THE TRADITION

In the history of the Church, there have been numerous examples of division caused by faith and numerous examples of an overly zealous defense of the faith. Some of these are heroic and some are shameful to us now.

- You could talk about the early persecution of the Church by the Roman authorities and introduce some of the great martyrs of the early church who faced death rather than recant their faith. Many are mentioned in the first Eucharistic prayer. A simple internet search will bring up a great number of the stories of early martyrs.
- You could draw parallels with more recent examples of martyrdom or of people of great faith who had passion and zeal.
- You could discuss situations where religion (not only Christianity) lies at the heart of conflict or tension. Extend this to a discussion of how God would wish such conflicts to be resolved. What lessons can we learn for resolving conflicts in our own lives or relationships?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Like many symbols, fire can have both positive and negative connotations. It can be a painful and destructive force to be feared and shunned. It can also be a purifying agent, which burns away that which is unwanted. It is used in the testing of precious metals. In the Australian context, bushfire is the cause of death and destruction, but it also causes the regeneration and new birth of many native species of flora. Fire is a symbol of passion and is often used in turns of phrase that capture this idea: fire in the belly, for instance, or the fire of one's love.

'May Jesus become your great friend,' Pope tells young people

Pope Francis reassures young people of Alpha Camp that Jesus is their friend, their companion, whom they should turn to always, and says that God loves questions.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

May Jesus become "your great friend," "your companion along the way," and "life," Pope Francis has told young people. The Holy Father's remarks came in his audience with the young people of the 'Alpha Camp' he received on Friday. Alpha Camp is a Church-sponsored week-long camp for young people in Central Italy, dedicated to exploring life, faith and meaning.

The Pope recognized him must have countless urged them to bring them loves questions."

Christ never abandons restore you

The Holy Father reminded him of his Apostolic world's young people Christus vivit where he encourages them to treasure their relationship with Christ. "I started with these words: 'Christ is alive! He is our hope. In a wonderful way, He brings youth to our world and everything He touches becomes young, new and full of life... Christ is alive and He wants you to be alive!'" *"He is in you, He is with you and He never abandons you. However far you may wander, He is always there, the Risen One. He calls you, and He waits for you to return to Him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, He will always be there to restore your strength and your hope"*

Jesus is your friend

In the Pope's address, he stressed to those gathered that Jesus, is not a 'moral precept' but a person and friend, who is close to them. He encouraged them to turn to Him as such, and added that they should always be led by Him. When faced with the evil that is within us and around us, the Pope insisted that we are not to evade reality nor close in on ourselves, but to shoulder, each one of us, our own share of responsibility. Jesus, he recalled, tells us to bear "our own cross" with love and with joy. *"Not all by ourselves, either, for that is impossible, but always with Jesus, with Him leading and ourselves following."*

Jesus loves us more than we do ourselves *Knowing Jesus helps us to bear our daily crosses, the Pope said, gives us true peace and security. "We are in the presence of Jesus, Who knows us and loves us more than we do ourselves, and Who wants each of us to find his or her own unique, personal fulfilment."* The Holy Father recalled that when he was a young person too, at age 17, his relationship with Christ became so strong that he discovered his own vocation to be a priest. Pope Francis suggested that it is never too early to be led and have a strong, fruitful relationship with Jesus. He reminded them of Italian Blessed, Carlo Acutis, who died at only 17 years old. Acutis fell in love with Christ when he received the sacrament of his first Holy Communion as a little child. Pope Francis concluded by telling the young people to treasure their relationship and cultivate truly a friendship, with Jesus.



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You can also bring a support person with you to talk with us.

We will always take what you tell us seriously, no matter how old you are.



We will try as hard as we can to fix any problem or worry that you have.

If you are still worried or not happy, then you can talk to one of the people who work here.



They will help you.



Parish Footy Tipping Round 21



This Round provided some great finishes to games and some disappointment for Tippers. Some Tippers were in panic mode and changed their tips just prior to the start of a Game with a disappointing result. With just two more rounds before the Finals Goatcat (alias Geoff Walsh) still holds his lead. He has 74% success but is only 3 points between the first three. At the other end of the tipping ladder it is also a challenge. All tippers are above 56% .Maree O'Halloran is back to her tipping best and is in 4th spot. Marree was a leader early in the season. We have not had many getting 9 correct this year, which is probably due to the closeness of the teams and the many surprise winners.

North Melbourne entered the VFL in 1924 and in the VFL/AFL has won some premierships but not as many as they would have wished. They have had a poor result in 2022.

Therefore let us look at 1996. After a youth-focused rebuild in the 1980's they appeared destined to win the 1996 Premiership. They played Sydney and were hoping for a 3rd Flag.

Sydney were minor premiers and were not fancied to win, as it was just two years since they had won their third consecutive wooden spoon. North with Denis Pagan as Coach and Wayne Carey as Captain and a strong team won. Dunkley (Swans) had to get a Supreme Court Injunction to play as he was charged with striking James Hird (Ess.) in the Preliminary Final. The court action delayed the tribunal hearing and he was able to play. He was later suspended for 3 weeks. North. 19-17-131 def. Sydney 13-10-88



“Men’s Night is a goer for Thursday 18th August. All warmly invited for tasty snacks, good company and amazing prizes. 5pm in the Parish House -The Three Amigos.”

St Mac's Cafe



St Mac's Café is seeking a Team Leader to run the Café.

The work consists of planning for, leading and directing a team of enthusiastic volunteers who see this Ministry as a way of giving something back.

The Wednesday work, as it is set up now, takes up most of the day and serves people who need some company, a good meal, a few laughs and some warmth all

in a caring and friendly atmosphere.

Interested? Call me and see how we go!

Bernard Butler 0419427408



Jokes of the Week



1) Three religious leaders (a rabbi, a priest, and a minister) were all discussing how they divide up tithing income between themselves and God. The minister said, "I draw a line in the sand, throw the money up in the air, and what lands on the left side of the line goes to the good Lord and what lands on the right side goes to me." Then the priest said, "I draw a circle on the ground, throw the money up in the air, and what lands inside the circle goes to the good Lord and what lands outside goes to me." Then the rabbi said, "You got it all wrong! I throw the money up in the air and what the good Lord catches is his and what lands on the ground is mine."

2) One Sunday morning, Satan appeared before a small town congregation. Everyone started screaming and running for the front church door, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon, everyone was gone, except for an elderly gentleman who sat calmly. Satan walked up to the man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you going to run?" "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. Perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

3) Jesus and Satan are having a competition on who can finish an essay first. 1, 2, 3, GO. Jesus starts and takes his time while Satan is typing up a storm. Satan is typing so fast that the power goes out and both computers are shut off. They start back up, and Jesus states that he is done with the essay. Riddled, Satan asks how he wrote that fast. Jesus turns to him and simply says, "Jesus saves."



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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13th & 14th August 2022

6.00pm Readers : Iris Hallinan, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20th & 21th August 2022

6.00pm Readers : Iris Hallinan, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers : Michael Kesik, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers : Michael Harrison, Gabrielle Fialla

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Julie Seal

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 27th & 28th August 2022

6.00pm Readers : Michael Turner, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers : Amaka Chiezey, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Over the next coming weeks we will be highlighting our Parish Ministry Groups. Each group is working in our Parish, as Christ's hands in action in a variety of wonderful ways. Each group is active with volunteers but could always do with more hands on deck.

One group that has successfully been around for many years, is the St Macar-tan's Café - A group dedicated in bringing hospitality by the way of food and friendship to all in need.

The Ministry leader - Bernard Butler, is unfortunately moving away from the Parish and will be surely missed but before he leaves Bernard is looking at handing over the reigns as Ministry Leader.

We appeal for anyone interested to please contact Bernard 0419427408

Or contact Fr Geoff in the Parish Office 59752200

Thank you

Bequests

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting testament to your values; ensuring that your dedication to improving the lives of others can continue for future generations.

We understand that providing for loved ones comes first, but even a small percentage of your estate left to the Parish can make a huge difference for our community, especially for those who are struggling with life's challenges also it will assist in the future growth of the Parish.

If you intend to leave a gift to the Parish in your Will, we'd love to know so that we can express our appreciation and gratitude. Any information you provide will always be treated with the utmost respect for your privacy.