

Twenty-first SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 21 August 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]

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/2357614>

Or go to website to copy link:

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ALSO: Recorded/watch later Mass at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wed 24th: St Bartholomew, Apostle
- Sat 27th: St Monica

Next School Grade Mass:

- Friday 19th of August 9.15 (Yr. 6)
- Friday 26th August 9.15 (Yr. Prep)

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: Maureen Whittle, Brian Carroll, Peter Robertson, Lucian Kesik, Colan Wooding, Cameron Wooding and Jim Smyth.

Recently Deceased: Joe Arnaud and Charles Camilleri.

First Reading

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

HIGH SPIRITS

Children's Reconciliation program has finished for the year and we now prepare for their First Eucharist.

We are still open to new enrolments so please contact the office 59752200.

First class is **Tuesday 30th August** 4-5pm in the community house

Blessings

Fr Geoff

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

gospel focus

First and Last

"Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last." These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the chosen people, the Jews believed they were in a privileged relationship with God. In this text, Jesus shatters some illusions. There is no privileged or exclusive entry to the kingdom of God by those who see themselves as 'religious insiders'. This is equally directed to the disciples. It is not enough that they have shared a meal with Jesus or have heard his word. They must respond to that word and act on it. They must enter by the narrow door, and this requires great effort, or else those who thought themselves 'inside' could find themselves 'outside', while others, 'the outsiders', will find their way ahead of them. This radical reversal of values and expectations

would have shocked those who thought they were on the 'inside'.

- Getting through a narrow door is difficult, and we may feel tempted to go around instead. Is there a narrow door in your life that you must go through rather than go around?
- What does it mean that those who are first will later be last?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What does it mean to 'enter by the narrow door'?
- Do you make the most of the opportunities you have to be close to Jesus through prayer, service and living simply?
- Speak to each other of experiences you may have had of being an 'insider' or an 'outsider'.
- Who are the people in our society who are treated as 'outsiders'?
- Have you ever defended an 'outsider'? What was the result?
- Make choices for the 'narrow door' this week. Don't take the easy option, which requires so little of us. The more difficult option is often the one that brings greater reward. Go out of your way to be of service to others. Make extra time for prayer and reflection. Put yourself last and others first.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel was made up largely of Gentiles (non-Jews). They are the ones from the 'east and west, north and south' who have come to a place at the feast because they came to faith in the risen Christ.
- This is a text about the universality of God's love and the redemption God offers. It is not limited to a particular group or nationality. It is open to all who respond positively.
- Some Christian denominations have a very exclusive view of salvation and believe that only 'a few' will be saved. This is not the case with the Catholic Church, which sees the salvation offered by Christ as very inclusive—open to all who come to faith.
- In John's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as the 'gate' through which people must come to be saved.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Who will be saved? This is a difficult question. There is no doubt that God wants all people to be saved and that Jesus died to save all people. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, 'Believing in Jesus Christ and in the One who sent him for our salvation is necessary for that salvation' (§161). This quote should raise many questions and points of discussion. For example:

- What about people who have never heard of Jesus?
- What about babies who die before baptism?
- What does it mean to be 'saved'?
- What did humankind need saving from? What does humankind need saving from now?
- What happens to those who are not saved?
- How should we understand the concepts of heaven and hell?
- What role does human freedom play in this?
- What about good people of other religious traditions? Does this mean the Dalai Lama or Gandhi will not be 'saved'? Some of the questions that may arise will not be easy, but the conversation is an important one!

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

One of the most common images of the kingdom of God is that of the feast or the banquet. A feast is not simply a meal; it is an abundant celebration of something wonderful, from which people draw nourishment, life and vitality. Such is the kingdom of God.



Pope at Audience: Old age 'fruitful time to bear witness to Christ'

Pope Francis concludes his catechesis on the value and meaning of old age at the weekly General Audience, and recalls that serene faith and trust in Christ's promise at that time of life can offer fruitful witness to the Gospel.

At the Wednesday General Audience on 10 August, held in the Paul VI Hall due to the heat, Pope Francis picked up the theme of the value of old age for the last time. He reflected on Jesus' words of farewell to His disciples at the Last Supper, as recounted in the Gospel of John (14:1-3). The Pope noted that many people eventually pass through the frailty and challenges of old age, but said it can also be a time of "exciting blessings of faith."

"In old age, the works of faith, which bring us and others closer to the Kingdom of God, are by now beyond the power of the energy, words, and impulses of youth and maturity," he said.

Old age a blessing

Pope Francis pointed out that a temptation toward bitterness can arise in the latter years of life, as the years pass and we reflect on missed opportunities.

"Old age lived with gentleness and respect for real life definitively dissolves the misconception of a Church that adapts to the worldly condition, thinking that by so doing it can definitively govern its perfection and fulfilment." He added that old age itself is a blessing which God bestows, since it teaches us that our life is destined to go beyond the passage of death into eternal life.

"Our stable place, our destination is not here," said the Pope. "It is beside the Lord, where He dwells forever."

Training for eternal life

Our earthly life, said the Pope, could be considered a "novitiate" or apprenticeship, during which difficulties teach us to appreciate the gift of God and share it with others.

"Our existence on earth is the time of the initiation of life, which finds fulfilment only in God. We are imperfect from the very beginning, and we remain imperfect up to the end."

Pope Francis noted that old age helps us understand the meaning of time and the limitations we face as we near the end of our time of "initiation". Old age, he said, helps deepen the "gaze of faith" which reminds us that Jesus spoke of Paradise in parables about festive banquets, something the Pope said we can look forward to.

Best time to bear witness

In conclusion, Pope Francis said the elderly have the privilege to bear witness to their hope and faith in Christ for those around them, noting that old age "renders Jesus' promise transparent. "Old age is the phase in life most suited to spreading the joyful news that life is the initiation to a final fulfilment. And the best is yet to come."

By Devin Watkins

St Mac's Gift Shop

We haven't had a notice in the Bulletin for many weeks so I thought I would bring you up to date with where we are at.

We are having a sale !

SALE

There are two tables set up inside the Gift Shop with a variety of sale items. This is a great opportunity to pick up a bargain for whatever the occasion, so drop in and have a browse.

We have just received new stock ordered at the Trade Fair which has already proved very popular. There is a beautiful variety of religious goods for Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. We also have Statues, Missals, Prayer Books, Rosary Beads and El Salvador Crosses to mention a few. We have Baptismal Candles, Stoles and Sashes.

The only way to see what we have that may interest you is to come and have a look. Those entering through the main door can see weekly the continual turnaround of stock available from the Gift Shop, but those of you who enter by the side door and sit in the annexe probably haven't ventured into the Gift Shop in months. Please pop in and say hello. The Gift Shop is there for your convenience and we are only too happy to assist you with your purchase. There is no better time than now to start looking for that special gift for Christmas for aunts, uncles, grandparents, family or friends. We have a supply of Christmas Cards and the Columban Calendars are on order and should be arriving within the next 7 days. The lantern numbers are reducing, especially with Christmas around the corner. At Mass on Saturday night I had the lantern light up and they looked fantastic. As a result I sold 4, all Christmas gifts. It's hard to display them to make an impact in daylight.

Eftpos is available so come along and kick off your Christmas shopping in the peacefulness of the Gift Shop. For those who leave by the side door, come in after Mass and check it out! It costs nothing to have a wonder.





Parish Footy Tipping Round 22



The second last round of Home and Away Season was a success for most tippers, as the favoured teams won. A few tippers scored 9 but 12 scored 8 because they put their faith in the Bombers. The team that caused the most disappointment was Essendon and it seems the trouble started before the game. The most exciting finish was the Melbourne V Carlton game. Despite playing for 4 terms, the result was decided in 10 seconds!! A loss to Carlton was good for Western Bulldog Supporters, who hope Collingwood can repeat Melbourne's win and the Doggies will start thinking about 2016. This is the final Home and Away round. St. Macartan's have a Finals Competition and if you have not been tipping in the H&A Season you are most welcome to join. Ring 0447 744 802.

HISTORY: The captain of Hawthorn, Ben McEvoy is retiring. In 2008-2010, he played 31 games at St. Kilda. He was the first selection in the national draft for St. Kilda. He came from Murray Bushrangers and he had captained the Victorian Team. He played for the Saints in the 2010, Grand Final Replay. He then moved to Hawthorn, where he has had a great career.

TRIVIA: Peter McKenna, Old Paradian, Collingwood (1965-75) kicked 16 goals in a match against Sth. Melb. In 1966, he kicked 12 goals in a match. A sensational effort. A couple of weeks later he was dropped to the reserves for the rest of the season because he refused to stop playing mid-week Teachers College games. Collingwood also cut short his TV career for similar reasons. At his peak he was the most popular footballer in Australia.



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

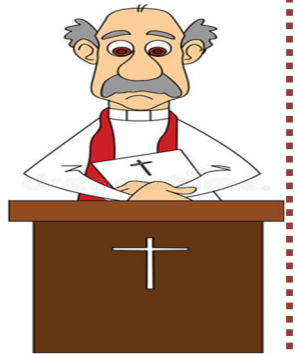


Jokes of the Week



Irish solidarity on the “wide way” to hell. The Irish pastor said, “Everyone who wants to go to Heaven stand up!” and the whole church stood up. And he said, “And those who want to go to hell, remain standing!” At the back of the church, old Murphy remained standing. The pastor said, “Murphy, do you want to go to hell?” Murphy said, “No, Father... I just hate to see you go there all by yourself!”

(No offence intended to my great Irish friends!).



A little boy once asked his mother if people who told lies went to Heaven. She replied, “Of course not.” “Well,” he said, “it must be awfully lonesome and boring there with only God and George Washington.”

An open-air evangelist, preaching on today’s Gospel text was warning his congregation about the eternal damnation. “On the Day of Judgment,” he said, “there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” But an old woman in the crowd asked, “Look preacher, I got no teeth!” “Never mind,” says the evangelist, “teeth will be provided.”

Prayer Request Cards’ for Comfort and Hope

PRAYER REQUEST CARD
St. Macartan's Catholic Parish, Mornington
WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS.

Your Name (Optional): _____

Prayer Request: _____

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."
(Philippians 4:6)

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God(CCC 2559). The Parish has created a 'Prayer Request

Card' as a way of celebrating life's joys and bearing one another's burdens and sorrows in fulfilment of God's command to love one another as God loves us. If you have the intention (s) that you want to be prayed for, we asked you to complete the 'Prayer Request Card' which is available in the foyer of the Church. Once it is completed, place it in the Box provided. One of the Parish Prayer Ministry Groups – Minister Unto God – will pray for your intentions at their weekly gathering on Tuesday Morning. **Your prayer request information will be treated with respect and confidence.** We believe that praying for one another is an important way of supporting each other in difficult times and also celebrating joyful times.

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CHILD SAFETY

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to those volunteers who have renewed or applied for their Working With Children Check. Cynthia in the Parish office has been a great assistance to those needing to renew or apply, please do not hesitate to give her a call or drop in to make an appointment.

Thanks also to the Visitation team who met with Fr Jude & Tim Lambourne to apply for their Police Check. Aged Care facilities & nursing homes are needing their volunteers to have a Police Check for the safety & care of their communities.

Child Protection Week is in the first week of September.

Members of St Macartan's Child Safety Committee will be giving a short talk at the Sunday Liturgies inviting the parish to an Induction Session for Child Safety on Thursday 8th Sept at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Kind regards, Carmel McGrath

Safeguarding Officer

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.

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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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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 3rd & 4th September 2022

6.00pm Readers : Brian Scantlebury, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel McGrath, Carol Williams

9.00am Readers : Kevin Morley, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers : Irene Hackett, Bernard Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Briony Sexton

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