

Twenty-third SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 4 September 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

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/2390056>

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:**

- Thu 8<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

- Friday 14th October: 9.15 (Yr. 3)

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

- Sun 4th: Father's Day Appeal (Envelopes for donations will be left in the Church.)

## 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, Cinzia Coboche and Leo Falzon.



**Death Anniversaries:** Graham Caswell, Don Chandler and Dorothea Chandler.

### ***First Reading***

**Wis 9:13-18**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

***Who can comprehend the will of God?***

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

**(R.)** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

# **Living the gospel**

## **Give up my possessions?**

*We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?*

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

To be a disciple of Jesus involves radical choices! One must be single-minded in one's commitment to Christ and not put anything else in a place of greater importance. The use of the word hate is difficult in this passage. Is Jesus really calling his disciples to 'hate' those who love us? Surely we come to know something of the love of God through human love. The problem may lie in the Semitic languages, which lack some of the subtlety of modern idiom. In Hebrew, 'to hate' is the opposite of 'to prefer'. What Jesus is really saying is that we must prefer to seek God rather than to seek earthly love or relationship. It is our relationship with God that is of utmost value. Discipleship comes at a

cost, and the cost is the cross! We must be prepared to go the whole way and not leave the task half done. Just as Jesus responded totally to the call of the Father, we too must give our total response to the call to follow him.

- ◆ How might putting Christ first change your relationships with others?
- ◆ Will choosing to follow Jesus cause difficulties in your relationship with family and friends? How will you deal with this?

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- ◆ What has your decision to follow Jesus cost you?
- ◆ Are there times when you feel that you may be unable to 'finish the work'? What is hindering your progress on your journey?
- ◆ How well do you plan ahead for your life in eternity?
- ◆ Are there 'crosses' that you carry?
- ◆ Have you ever made a great personal sacrifice for another, or do you know of someone who has? Tell the story. There are many people who 'carry their cross' daily. You may like to explore some stories of the burdens that people carry. How do they cope? In what ways do you find this inspirational?
- ◆ Do something that 'costs' you this week. Identify someone who has a cross to carry and try to assist them, even in a small way, to shoulder that burden.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The use of the term hate in this text should not be taken to mean hatred as such but rather should be understood as pointing to things that may hinder the singlemindedness needed to take up the call to discipleship.
- ◆ The Greek word ekklesia, used for the Church, means being called out from or apart from others. This understanding is suggested by Jesus' words in this text.
- ◆ A recurrent theme in Luke's Gospel is that obsessive attachment to money or material wealth is a hindrance to a full and complete relationship with God. It distracts people from what is really important in life.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

'In the same way, unless you give up all your possessions you cannot be my disciple.' Perhaps these words of Jesus are best understood as a readiness to renounce worldly wealth if that becomes a hindrance to following his way. It implies the need for an attitude of detachment from the things of this world. There is a strong tradition of complete renunciation of personal belongings among those taking special vows to religious life within the Church, but each believer is invited to ponder the meaning of Christ's words and our response to them. The Church teaches that earth and its riches belong to all people. No one has an intrinsic right to more of earth's goods than another. At the same time, to guarantee personal freedom and dignity and to provide for needs, each person has a right to own private property. We must manage the inherent tension between meeting our own material needs and the needs of all other people on earth. Our attitude to our own property must be governed by moderation, concern for justice and a sense of solidarity with those who have less. (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, §§2426–2463.)

- ◆ How difficult is it for you to control the desire to 'have' more rather than to 'be' more?
- ◆ What possessions mean the most to you? Why?

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The cross is the central symbol for all Christians. It was an instrument of torture and ignominious death for the Romans. Despite its association with shame and disgrace, the cross remains the great symbol of hope and vindication for followers of Jesus. It was through his death on a cross that Jesus triumphed over death itself.

## World's Cardinals meet with Pope to reflect on Curia reform

*Two days of meetings of the world's Cardinals with Pope Francis are underway in the Vatican to focus on Praedicate Evangelium, offering a chance for Cardinals to get to know each other better and wrapping up with a Mass on Tuesday with the newly-created Cardinals.*

*By Salvatore Cernuzio*

Just under 200 cardinals, out of the College's 226, are participating on Monday and Tuesday (29-30 August) in closed-door meetings convened by Pope Francis to reflect on the Apostolic Constitution Praedicate Evangelium, the document reflecting the Pope's reform of the Roman Curia. The event will most likely mark the Pope's largest and most attended meeting with the College of Cardinals. In almost ten years of his pontificate, never has such a meeting been held, and such wide attendance was seen only eight years ago when the Pope called the synod on the family

some 180 Bishops and travelled to Rome from recent days to welcome created Cardinals in the rity, the Cardinals, together archs and Superiors of the will participate in the new Synod New Hall and afternoon working for lunch. The two days



minate on Tuesday, 30 August, at 5:30 p.m. with a papal Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with the new Cardinals, which Pope Francis was unable to celebrate on Sunday due to his pastoral visit to L'Aquila.

Participants say they received an agenda in recent weeks listing themes and questions on various aspects related to the Document. They are discussing them in language groups, and then will have moments of general discussion at the plenary sessions in the Hall.

### The Pope's announcement

During the Angelus of last 29 May, the same one when he announced the names of the new Cardinals, Pope Francis gave news he would convene the College of Cardinals for two days to explain the contents and changes of the Apostolic Constitution, promulgated on 19 March, which came almost as surprise given the near decade-long work involved. "On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 August a meeting will be held of all the Cardinals to reflect on the new Apostolic Constitution Praedicate evangelium, and on Saturday 27 August, I will hold a Consistory for the creation of new cardinals." The document went into effect on 5 June, the Solemnity of Pentecost. The text features and formalizes many of the reforms already implemented by the Pope in recent years, studied and formulated by the Council of Cardinals that the Pope instituted at the start of his pontificate. The Constitution also introduces various changes, beginning with the merging and renaming of several Dicasteries. Above all, however, Praedicate Evangelium - as the name itself suggests - gives a more missionary structure to the Curia, so that it is increasingly at the service of the local Churches and evangelization efforts.

The College is now composed of members who are very diverse both in terms of cultural background, pastoral sensitivity, and geographical locations that make it difficult for them to attend meetings in Rome on a regular basis or simply participate.

# Happy Father's Day



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A Dad is a person  
who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows  
what you have on your mind.  
He's someone who listens,  
suggests, and defends.

A dad can be one

of your very best friends!  
He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient  
and helpful and strong  
In all that you do,



a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him  
deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes,  
you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud



just to call him your dad!

Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring,  
for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you!



# CHILD SAFETY

**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

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**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**7.00PM-9.00PM**

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## Padua College Grand Final Breakfast 2022

Join us as we celebrate all things 'footy'  
with guest speaker Luke Darcy

### Alumni Panel:

Myles Pohlke-Former Adelaide AFL Player  
Leigh Pohlke-Senior Coach, Sorrento Sharks

Live Music by: Oskar Proy

Silent auction | Raffle



Friday 16 September 2022

7.00AM- 9.30AM

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## Parish Footy Tipping Round 24



Fourteen years on and our Parish Footy Tipping, as usual, had a close exciting finish. Their tippers have been accurate. I may be the exception. However "Loyalty" gets in the way. Over 14 years there has been no doubt that "loyalty" is an important quality of St. Macartans' tippers, a quality present in the Parish Congregation.

Congratulations to Geoff Walsh (Goatcats) on his win with 150 correct tips (83%). Well done Geoff. Three tied for 2nd. They were Dynasty (Mick Barden), Adam Bulldog (Adam Lane) and SuperCats 78 (Paul Stinear). Tessa Houlihan was only one point behind them and the winner of the religion Section was JJ Blue (Fr. Jude). More information regarding prizes is to come. We now move on to Finals Knockout Competition.

**HISTORY:** 125 years ago was the first year of the VFL. Geelong lost their first 3 games but won the next 11 to finish on top. They were followed by Essendon, Melb. Collingwood, the latter being in the finals for the first of a record 15 consecutive seasons. The only one missing this year is Essendon! Why? The premiership was decided by each of the first four teams playing each other. The team with the best record in these 3 games would then be entitled to the Premiership. Essendon won all three games and the Premiership. Their score in the game against Melb. was Ess. 2--8--14 to Melb. 0--8--8. Melb. hit the post 3 times and Ess. lost a goal because the umpire said it was kicked after the bell.



### St Mac's Cafe

#### **URGENT.....URGENT.....URGENT**

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) President in search of a true Christian disciple:** Abraham Lincoln was debating whom to hire as Indian Commissioner. He called his advisors Ben Wade and Senator Daniel Voorhees for assistance in selecting the right man. "Gentlemen," said President Lincoln, "I want an honest, decent, caring, moral Christian man, a man frugal and self-sacrificing!" "Mr. President, I feel certain you won't find him," said Voorhees. "And why not?" asked the President. "Because he was Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified eighteen hundred years ago," said the Senator.

**2) Christian burial for a non-disciple?** One morning Rev. Desmond went to the front door of his rectory to get his newspaper and found a dead mule on the street. He quickly called the city health department and asked to have the mule disposed of. The smart secretary on duty said, "Hey, Reverend Pastor, I always heard that you pastors buried your own dead even if they are not practicing Christian disciples". "Yes, we do," the pastor, replied. "But not in all cases. In this case, I would like to meet the deceased's close relatives in the Health Department in person to offer my condolences and to give a special blessing!"

## DAD JOKES!

- What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches - A nervous wreck
- "What did the ocean say to the beach?" "Nothing, it just waved."
- "Why do seagulls fly over the ocean?" "Because if they flew over the bay, we'd call them bagels."
- "How does the moon cut his hair?" "Eclipse it."
- "Where do you learn to make a banana split?" "Sundae school."
- "How do you make 7 even?" "Take away the s."
- "How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little boogie in it."
- "What's brown and sticky? A stick."



## 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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**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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

6.00pm Readers : Louise Renshaw, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers : Kevin Morley, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Sandra Barrett