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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

ENCOUNTER 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/2441789>

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:

- Tue 27th: St Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thu 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels
- Fri 30th: St Jerome, Priest and Doctor
- Sat 1st: St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

Next School Grade Mass:

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

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, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Cinzia Coboche and Leo Falzon.



Death Anniversaries: Nick Presniakovas, Joe Garla and Darren Ryan.

Recently Deceased: **Julie Seal. Funeral at St Macartan's on Thursday 29th September at 11am. Livestream code is <https://vimeo.com/event/2441597>**

First Reading

Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

EXPLORING THE WORD

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from God, a reward for his goodness. His only sin was his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his doorstep. So many stories in Luke's Gospel deal with our responsibility to use wealth for the good of all rather than to monopolise resources selfishly for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man, he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets who repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If

people are prepared to ignore that call, what difference will it make 'even if someone should rise from the dead'. This phrase offers a challenge to Christians: do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs in our world? Christian faith is about more than Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day.

- In what ways can our own comfort and wellbeing make us blind to the needs of others?
- What are the most urgent needs in your local community?
- What do you think are the most urgent needs of our global village?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- When have you closed your eyes to the plight of another?
- Have you ever failed to listen to good advice? What were the consequences?
- Share stories of a time when you were in desperate need and someone offered assistance to you. Alternatively, it may have been that your needs were not recognised because others were too absorbed in their own activities.
- Share what you have with someone who has less this week.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Law of Moses, the Torah, and the writings of the prophets both stress the need for justice and compassion.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, God gives a preferential love to the poor, the outcast and the stranger.
- It is the poor man in this story whose name is given (Lazarus means 'God helps') while the rich man remains anonymous. Perhaps he represents us all.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Just as the rich man failed to understand Moses and the prophets, today there are many who question the teaching authority of the Church. This is often based on misunderstanding. The magisterium or teaching authority of the Church is anchored in the 'the task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether it is in its written form [the sacred Scriptures] or in the form of Tradition [how that truth from God has been interpreted and applied over the centuries]' (CCC, §85). Always at the heart of the Church's teaching is the need to guide believers in their moral response to the world and its issues.

- There may be some church teachings that catechumens find difficult to accept, (for example, issues of contraception or abortion; divorce and remarriage). This could be an opportunity to explore the difficult teachings of the Church and to explain their origin in the belief that life comes from God and that each human being has intrinsic dignity.
- There may also be concerns about the perceived hypocrisy of some church positions (for example, the 'wealth' of the Church in the face of human poverty). Explore any other difficulties catechumens are struggling with.

Today is Social Justice Sunday. The last Sunday of September is designated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as a day to focus on an issue of justice currently facing our nation. You could examine the bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019 or look at the themes presented in previous statements. Material and discussion points are available of the ACBC website. How can your community respond to the bishops' call?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Abraham is an important figure in Judaism. He was the first person mentioned in Scripture who put his complete trust and faith in God (Genesis 12). Abraham became the model of righteousness. To rest in the bosom of Abraham is a metaphor for eternal happiness.

Pope to Pontifical Academy: ‘Science is a tool for peace’

Pope Francis addresses participants in the Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and stresses the importance of using scientific knowledge to save our common home and avoid conflict.

By Sophie Peeters

Pope Francis with Cardinal Peter Turkson, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences



Over the last Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences has taken place in the Vatican under the theme “Basic Science for Human Development, Peace, and Planetary Health”. Pope Francis greeted participants on Saturday, reflecting on how best to use the knowledge of “basic science” to solve some of the world’s most pressing challenges, including climate change and ongoing wars.

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Basic science connected with current crisis

In his speech, Pope Francis began with a reflection on the history of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, which began in 1603. This Academy, the Pope said, is unique in its place within a religious institution, saying that the Church “embraces and encourages a passion for scientific research” as a way to express “love for the truth and for knowledge about the world.” Our ability to creatively wonder and ask “why”, the Pope continued, “emerges from a deeply Christian perspective in contemplation,” along with the “complementary task of caring for creation.” Pope Francis said the theme of the session is about connecting “basic science” with resolving current challenges. He called for an “interconnected approach” that reflects the growing need for interdisciplinary studies which can help “provide answers to humanity’s ultimate questions.”

Needs for fraternity, justice, and peace

The drive toward scientific achievements, continued Pope Francis, “must always be directed to the needs of fraternity, justice, and peace”, in order to “help meet the great challenges facing our human family and our environment.” The Pope congratulated the Academy on its extensive history in addressing various global emergencies and efforts in engaging with politics and science, always using the discoveries of science and technology to benefit people, especially the most disadvantaged.

“I congratulate you because you maintain the goal of connecting basic science with resolving current challenges, of connecting astronomy, physics, mathematics, biochemistry and climate sciences with philosophy in the service of human development, peace and the health of our planet.”

Positive results can be achieved, he added, only when scientists seek the truth and “apply discoveries in a way that develops in tandem with the search for what is right, noble, good and beautiful.”

Aims of building peace amidst ‘third world war’

Promoting knowledge with the goal of building peace, the Pope said, should be emphasized, as the world has increasingly turned away from respect for human rights, international law, and mutual cooperation. This “third world war” is putting people at ever greater risk, the Pope lamented, and more must be done to avoid wars and “overcome suffering, poverty, and new forms of slavery.” Scientists must come together to “disarm science and thus become a force for peace,” Pope Francis said. *“We are called today to bear witness to our fraternal vocation to freedom, justice, dialogue, mutual encounter, love and peace, and avoid nurturing hatred, resentment, division, violence and war.”*

CHILD SAFETY



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the volunteers & Child Safety committee members that attended our training last Thursday week.

We had a lively discussion, with many questions & stories & examples of situations where the safety of children & the vulnerable in our world has been compromised.

The next training session will take place on Friday 21st October, 10.00am in the parish hall. More details in the following newsletters and on the Child Safety Notice Board in the church foyer.

All volunteers will be receiving an email with information about the compulsory on-line training module.

The Archdiocese has declared that this unit be undertaken by all volunteers.

For those volunteers who would prefer to attend a group training session that covers all the units presented in the on-line module, we will have a series of training sessions available over the next few weeks.

Please contact the parish office or email myself, Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au with any questions or to discuss the best way for you to complete the training.

Your contribution as a volunteer is greatly appreciated at St Macartan's. We need to continue to be informed and aware of the issues that are continually changing within our community so that we, as a united group, can best serve all the members of our church.

Yours Sincerely Carmel McGrath

Safe Guarding Officer

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Parish Footy Tipping Grand Final



After 23 weeks of 180 Home and Away Games, then qualifying games, semi finals and preliminary finals, we have reached the Grand Final with Geelong, representing Regional Victoria and The Swans, formerly South Melbourne, representing N.S.W. Geelong enters the Grand Final as favourites. Our St. Macartans' Tippers have had a consistent year, whether it be at the top or at the bottom! (Personal experience). Tippers who picked the winners of the Preliminary Finals continue in the Knockout and need to pick the Premiers with the closest to the correct margin. All Tippers tip in our special Grand Final Contest and need to pick the Premiers with the closest correct margin. We wish them all well and good luck and commiserations, if their team is not playing.

HISTORY: We mentioned last week that when Elizabeth II became queen, Geelong and Collingwood played in the Grand Final. It seemed that 70 years later when she died, that the Grand Final once again would be between Geelong and Collingwood, but it "pointed" to Geelong v Sydney and Geelong favourites in both situations.

During the week the Charles Brownlow Medal was presented, it is awarded to the best and fairest player in the Home and Away Games. The three officiating umpires give their votes. Previously there was only one umpire, so only one umpire giving votes. The first Medal was given in 1924. It was named after Charles Brownlow who died that year. A person who had contributed a lot since the 1880's to the Game. He played under the name, Charles Green, so his father would not know he was wasting his Saturday playing football. It was awarded to Edward Greeves (Geelong). There were no Medals in 1942-45. Ian Stewart won 2 Medals at St. Kilda and one at Richmond. Bunton (Fitz) and Reynolds (Ess) also have 3. GWS and University have never won a Medal. The top three clubs for Medals are Sth. Melb. With 4 medals, St. Kilda and WB both won 10.



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!



Jokes of the Week



1) **"Oh Lord, hit him again!"** The parish church was badly in need of repair. So the pastor called a special meeting inside the Church to raise funds. At the assembly the pastor explained the need of an emergency fund for plastering the roof and supporting pillars and the other areas which needed repair. He invited pledge of contributions. After a brief pause Mr. Murphy, the richest man in the parish, volunteered he would give 50 dollars. Just as he sat down, a hunk of plaster fell from the ceiling on the head of Mr. Murphy. He jumped up looking terribly startled and corrected himself: "I meant to say 500 dollars." The congregation stood silent and stunned. Then a lone voice cried out: "Oh Lord, hit him again!"

2) **"Jesus died between two thieves."** An old pastor was dying. He sent a message for his IRS agent and his lawyer (both Church members), to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the dying pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The pastor grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and lawyer were touched and flattered that the old pastor would ask them to be with him during his final moment. They were however puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the lawyer asked, "Father, why did you ask the two of us to come?" The old pastor mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too."



3) **"It's my dad's."** Harry and his neighbor Joe often borrowed things from each other. One day, Harry asked to borrow Joe's ladder. Joe said, "Sorry Harry, I've lent it to my son." Remembering a saying that his grandma often used to tell him, Harry said, "Joe, you should never lend anything to your children because you'll never get it back." Joe replied, laughing, "Don't worry, it's not my ladder. It's my dad's."



Are you thinking of
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Adults who are not baptised.

Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.

Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington. New sessions begin with an information night.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Tuesday 11th October

**7:00pm-8pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street,
next to the Church - Call us to confirm 5975 2200**

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

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th & 25th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett

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