

Thirty-first SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrC 10 October 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. **NOW BACK!**

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
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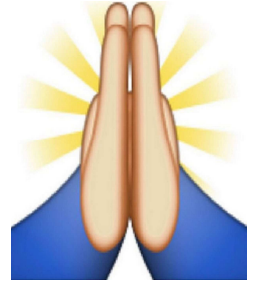
Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tue 1st: ALL SAINTS
- Wed 2nd: The COMMERMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)
- Fri 4th: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

PLEASE RETURN ALL RAFFLE TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, 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, Leo Falzon and Geoffrey Lane.



Death Anniversaries: Brenda Robinson, Patricia Carey and Rosina Bongiorno.

Recently Deceased: Wilma McCoy.

First Reading

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that
they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth
by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



Have you thought? Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This text should be contrasted with the story of the rich official who is a righteous man that comes just before it (Luke 18:18–23) but that is not included in the Lectionary readings for this year. In that text, Jesus challenges the rich man to sell all he has and to distribute the proceeds to the poor, but the rich man is unable to give up his wealth. Here, Zacchaeus—also a rich man but considered a sinner—spontaneously offers to give half his wealth away and to make generous restitution to those he has cheated. The response to Jesus of these two characters is in stark contrast. In his undignified climbing of the tree, Zacchaeus is prepared to make himself look ridiculous in order to

know Jesus. He has humbled himself in the eyes of the crowd just as the tax collector humbled himself in the temple in last week's gospel. Jesus not only tells parables but lives them in reality. He has searched out the lost, and the encounter leads to conversion and salvation.

- Have you experienced an element of personal embarrassment because of your decision to approach Jesus through the catechumenate?
- How might a sense of being accepted by God bring about change in your life?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are you anxious to discover Jesus?
- To what lengths would you go?
- How do you welcome Jesus joyfully?
- Recall an experience of being overlooked or feeling left out. Alternatively, share an experience of being singled out or chosen for something very special.
- Identify someone with whom you are acquainted but whom you don't really know well. Try to move beyond superficial appearances and find out what sort of person they really are. Change your relationship with them.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The name Zacchaeus means 'pure' but the actions of this wealthy tax collector belied such a name and earned him the title of 'sinner'.
- Jesus addresses Zacchaeus as 'son of Abraham', a title usually reserved for the holy or pious ones. Jesus is clearly indicating that Zacchaeus is as good as anyone else.
- Jericho lies in the Jordan Valley, just 6 miles north of the Dead Sea, and so has a milder climate than the surrounding barren hills. Herod built a lavish winter palace here.
- The journey of Jesus to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town to be passed through before the steep ascent to Jerusalem.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Zacchaeus is labelled a sinner but he repents of his sin and is offered salvation. The Church teaches that the 'original sin' of Adam and Eve in the garden was a choice for themselves and against God (CCC, §398) and that this selfish choice has had implications for all humankind (§402). Self-centeredness marks the lives of all human beings to a greater or lesser extent.

- You could explore the notion of 'sinful humanity' further. It is important to note that sin is not simply a personal choice but can also have a communal or social dimension.
- Where do we see the effects of the sin of human selfishness in our world?
- With repentance comes God's forgiveness and the restoration of our relationship with God. Within the Church, this forgiveness and restoration is offered through the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Where do you experience forgiveness and restoration?
- You could introduce the sacrament of reconciliation if you have not already done so.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus led him to reassess the way he lived in the world and the way he related to those around him. He repented his past wrongs, made restitution and entered into a new way of being. This same journey is the one to which baptism into the Church calls all believers.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOUL'S DAY

Traditionally in previous Parishes I have been at, on the commemoration of all Souls, I would visit the local cemetery and say a few prayers and go around and bless the graves.

I will be doing so again next

Wednesday 2nd November at 1:30pm at the Mornington/Mt Martha cemetery.

Anyone is welcome to accompany me walking around the cemetery or stay by the graveside of your loved one and I will pass by and bless the grave. I have some prayers all can participate in and I will play some soulful music.

Fr Geoff

Dear Parishioners

I am pleased to announce that alongside my current responsibilities and duties, I have been appointed Police Chaplain for Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud and Sorrento Police stations.

My extra duties, include pastoral care for the Police, their families and Police employees across these four Police stations on the Peninsular.

With the Lord by my side, I feel privileged to serve these great members of our community. As they serve us tirelessly, often putting their own lives at risk in the line of duty to "uphold the right".



Fr Geoff

Mark 10:41-45. "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pope, religious leaders launch appeal: 'No more war and universal ceasefire'

As war plagues the world, Pope Francis and religious leaders make an adamant appeal for a universal ceasefire, as part of the Community of Sant'Egidio's prayer for peace to mark the closing of its 36th 'Spirit of Assisi' event at Rome's Colosseum.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"With firm conviction we say: no more war! Let us stop all conflict."

This was the appeal of Pope Francis and religious leaders at the closing ceremony of the annual 'Spirit of Assisi' prayer for peace held the afternoon of 25 October, at the Colosseum, and also the words that he and the religious leaders a year ago, gathered in the same place.

The three-day peace summit, held under the theme 'Il Grido della Pace' (The Cry for Peace), was hosted by the Community of Sant'Egidio, and has been welcoming presidents, religious leaders, and various high-ranking authorities.

The Spirit of Assisi

This marks the 36th edition of the meetings initiated in the wake of the historic World Day of Interreligious Prayer for Peace of 27

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Invitation for negotiations

The leaders also called for peace talks and dialogue. *"Let negotiations capable of leading to just solutions for a stable and lasting peace be activated soon before it is too late. Let dialogue be resumed to nullify the threat of nuclear weapons."* After the horrors and pains of World War II, the appeal continued, the nations were able to mend the deep rifts of the conflict and, through multilateral dialogue, to create the United Nations Organization. It was the result of an aspiration for peace, which they note is necessary, today more than ever. "We are at a crossroads," the appeal highlights, stressing: "we can either be the generation that lets the planet and humanity die, the one that accumulates and trades weapons, living under the illusion of being able to save ourselves against others, or we can be the generation that creates new ways of living together, that does not invest in weapons, that abolishes war as a means of conflict resolution and stops the excessive exploitation of planetary resources."

Abuse of the name of God

They stressed that believers must work for peace in every possible way, saying it is "our duty" to "help disarm hearts" and to "call for reconciliation among peoples." *"Unfortunately, even among ourselves we have at times been divided by abusing the holy name of God: we ask forgiveness for this, with humility and shame. Religions are, and must continue to be, a great resource for peace. Peace is holy; war can never be holy!"*

Humanity must end wars, dismantle nuclear weapons

If humanity does not end wars, wars will end humanity, the appeal noted, adding that the world is not our possession but belongs likewise to future generations. "Therefore," it stressed, "let us rid it of the nuclear nightmare." *"Let us start again together from dialogue, which is an effective medicine for the reconciliation of peoples. Let us invest in every path of dialogue. Peace is always possible! War never again! Never again one against the other!"*



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA

*Following on from our "what is homelessness" forum.
An in depth conversation about the context of housing on the
Mornington Peninsula, how we arrived here and where to
from here.*

Date: Tuesday 8th Nov 2022
Venue: Peninsula Community
Theatre
Cnr Wilsons Rd and
Nepean Hwy, Mornington
Time: 6.30pm
Close: 8.30 pm
Cost: Free

Refreshments at conclusion

Keynote Speaker

Paul McDonald
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MACARTAN CLUB LUNCHEON

To all former members of the Macartan club luncheon group.

We have had contact with members of the luncheon group wanting to re-commence our lunches at the Grand Hotel.

We are open to re-commencing the lunch get together but it is felt that we should pick a venue where it is easier to socially distance ourselves, this is difficult for some of our local venues but research indicates that both the Tanti and Dava lend themselves to it.

Both venues set their tables up as before Covid but the dining areas are more spacious and therefore a little safer.

As the Tanti is closer to the center of Mornington, we are suggesting we resume lunches on Tuesday 8th November, and I have booked provisionally for 20 people, from 12.30pm.

All parishioners are of course welcome to attend BUT PLEASE RING ME on 0418372118 or EMAIL mrfordyce@hotmail.com to confirm your attendance.

If your call goes to voice mail please just leave your name and number.

PIETY STORE

Hello fellow Parishioners. We hope you are all well and taking care of yourselves.

They say a change is as good as a holiday, so the Gift Shop is having a **clearance sale** to make room for a different variety of stock to what we are currently carrying. There are popular items that we will always have on the shelves due to the constant demand for them, but we feel it's time to give you more variety across the board. For example: I purchased one Spiritual Book and due to demand for this book, I added others from the series. To date we have sold 13. They make the most beautiful gift, a gift you would be proud and excited to give, knowing just how special a gift it is. It can be given for any occasion. I would be over the moon to find one under my Christmas tree. We have also recently purchased several larger Nativities. The first Sunday they were on display we sold 3 of the five. These also have been reordered and due in this week along with the books. All the sale goods will be on the large table outside of the Gift Shop on Sunday from 8.30am – 12.30pm so please call pass and see if there are a few gifts to help you with your Christmas shopping at a really good price. A religious gift at Christmas is the perfect gift. We have several tiny nativities which make great stocking fillers, they are great for the kids room, on dressers or window ledges, a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

We have Christmas cards and Columban Calendars, so please don't leave it too long or you will find we have sold out.

Have a great week and stay safe.

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FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal are for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. Visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

"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."

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Romans 12:21

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Jokes of the Week



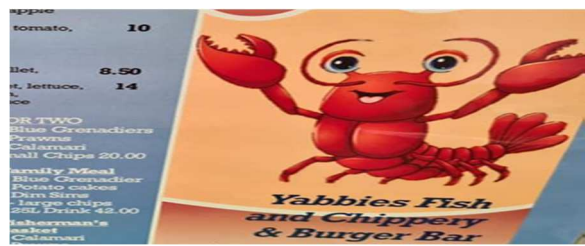
- 1) A pastor was asked by one of the politicians running for office, "Name something my government can do to help your church if I am elected ." The pastor replied, "Quit making coins."
- 2) Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen
- 3) The homiletic professor challenged a student Deacon to preach on Zacchaeus in three sentences. Here is the Deacon's homily: "First, Zacchaeus was a man of small stature; so am I. Second, Zacchaeus was very much up a tree; so am I. Third, Zacchaeus made haste and came down; so will I."



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5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th October 2022

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, Don Zinno

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Failla, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Evelyn Atkins

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5th & 6th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Kath Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Zofia Kraus

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Faye Murphy, Michael Turner

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Sandra Barrett

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