

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE 20 November 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.

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM

Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2612273>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

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

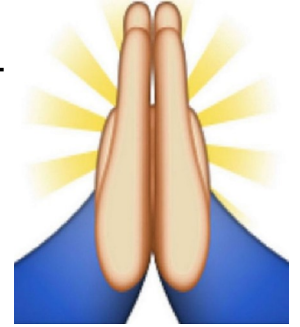
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sun 20th: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
- Mon 21st: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tue 22nd: St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
- Thu 24th: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and companions, Martyr

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, Geoffrey Lane, Patricia Morecroft, Terry Said, Frances Spencer and Richard Holloway.



Death Anniversaries: Susanne Speirani and Geraldine Parsons.

First Reading

2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL FOCUS

A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

EXPLORING THE WORD

It is fitting that this final text from the Gospel of Luke to be read in the liturgy brings together some dominant themes and proclaims the kingship of Jesus. Throughout this liturgical year, we have noted the radical reversal that is at the heart of the gospel.

Christ is proclaimed a king, not in a scene of glorious enthronement, but as a broken man upon a cross. The kingship of Jesus is revealed, paradoxically, in the moment of his deepest humiliation. Throughout the gospel, Jesus seeks out and saves the lost, and here it is a common criminal, rightly condemned, who proclaims the kingdom that Jesus is to inhabit. True to form, the compassionate Jesus of Luke's Gospel assures

him of salvation, just as he had prayed for forgiveness for those who had brought him to this point (Luke 23:34).

- How have you experienced the forgiveness offered by Jesus?
- Reflect on the words of the Our Father: 'Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.' What are the implications of this prayer for believers? How can we help build the kingdom of God on earth?

DID YOU KNOW?

- Crucifixes often have the letters INRI inscribed on them. These are the Latin initials for Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum, which means 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. These are the words that Pilate had written on the cross above Jesus.
- All four gospels state that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, but Luke is the only one that recounts this story of one of the thieves recognising and believing in Jesus. This is consistent with Luke's theme of God's grace being granted to the lowly and the outcast.
- Today is the final Sunday of the church liturgical year. Next week is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year, during which the Gospel of Matthew will be read.

The Mornington Community Information & Support Centre



The Meeting Room Café has temporarily moved to our Parish Hall, due to the recent floods.



**The café will be open to all.
Café opening hours are:
Monday to Thursday: 10am—2pm**



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We will then be in touch with more details if you are successful in securing a seat on the bus in the audience - Hurry limited seats!

We hope to see you at Q+A!

[Note pick up will be approx. 6:30pm and drop off approx. 11pm - bring a snack]

Christa Hill – Q+A

Pope at Audience: Start a conversation, ask the Lord how He is?

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the theme of discernment and invites the faithful to accept desolation and healthy sadness, indispensable for progression through life.

By Francesca Merlo

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis resumed his catechesis on the theme of discernment, noting how from the reading of the day "we have seen how important it is to read what stirs within us, so as not to make hasty decisions, spurred by the emotion of the moment, only to regret them when it is too late".

The importance of desolation

In this sense, the Pope explained, "even the spiritual state we call desolation can be an occasion for growth". Pope Francis noted that "desolation causes 'a rousing of the soul' and keeps us alert", because without this healthy sadness "we risk always remaining on the surface of things and never making contact with the centre of our existence". The Holy Father then went on to note that desolation is also an invitation to gratuitousness, "to not acting always and solely with a view to emotional gratification". In fact, he continued, "being desolate offers us the opportunity for growth". He then asked those present to think back to their childhood, as it often happens, as children to "look for our parents to obtain something from them". "We look for them not for themselves, but for gain", said the Pope, adding "and yet, the greatest gift is them, our parents, and we understand this gradually as we grow up".



Converse in prayer

Pope Francis recalled that many of our prayers are also somewhat like this: "they are requests for favours addressed to the Lord, without any real interest in Him", he said. It may seem strange, to ask the Lord how he is, said the Pope, but it is actually "a beautiful way to enter into a true, sincere relationship with Him, He who wanted to share His life with us to the full", stressed the Pope.

Enter a relationship with the Living One

Bringing his catechesis to an end, Pope Francis reminded those present that "the spiritual life is not a technique at our disposal, it is not a programme for inner "wellbeing" that it is up to us to plan".

Instead, he continued, it is the relationship with the Living One, who cannot be reduced to our categories". Desolation, he reminded everyone once again, "is the clearest response to the objection that the experience of God is a form of suggestion, a simple projection of our desires".

"Those who pray realize that the outcomes are unpredictable: experiences and passages from the Bible that have often enthralled us, today, strangely, do not move us.

And, equally unexpectedly, experiences, encounters and readings that we have never paid much attention to or preferred to avoid – such as the experience of the cross – bring unexpected peace", stressed the Pope.

"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."



From all the Teddy Bears and their Carers we say

THANK YOU St Macartan's

Two nights before the Teddy Bears picnic, last Sunday, I made a captains call to Jody, that the forecast was for 100% rain Saturday and Sunday, so I said we will run the picnic as a rain event - indoors!

Well, on the day it was so sunny and hot that the chocolate we had for the children started melting and the plastic ground cover became too hot to sit on - Wow!

You see, I had forgotten, that you parishioners were praying for a nice day - well done!

Not only was the weather fine but the whole day was fantastic and filled with fun.

There were over 30 children and many more Teddy Bears. The bears were blessed at Mass then afterwards the children enjoyed games, singing, dancing, music and treats all led by two very impressive young adults - Kate McInnes (*Pink Teddy bear*) & Cherie Azzopardi.

With a very special mention to the fully suited furry brown Teddy Bear, who in the heat lost about 2kg from sweat - Alwyn Azzopardi.

I was speaking with many parents and all agreed that although it was silly, it was fun and it was great to express our faith in a fun, joy filled way. I've always advocated that our faith should be manifested joyfully - God created us to be happy!

I also want to thank all those behind the scenes, Cynthia our wonderful Parish secretary and all those who prepared the tea, coffee, drinks and the treats for the children - too many to name. But I will name one in particular - Jody Kerrins; our marvellous Parish Chairperson. Jody came up with the idea and saw it through. Jody is exactly the type of person we need on our Parish council, an ideas person who gets things done!

Oh, and I can't forget our wonderful assistant Priest, Fr Jude who found the perfect Teddy Bear's blessing and was instrumental in contributing to the joy of the event.

Thank you all - I feel blessed to be part of this Parish

Fr Geoff

From the Teddy Bears Picnic



ADVENT - LET US PREPARE!

As we approach Advent, we are reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. Advent invites us to stop, reflect and consider ways that we can become Christ for others in our lives.

I have invited Maria Forde to open up our Advent season. Maria is a singer, songwriter, presenter, teacher and spiritual director working in Catholic Education. Maria is passionate about using music, scripture, story, prayer and conversation to engage parish communities in dialogue, particularly during the Holy Season of Advent.

The reflection will take place in the church and is approximately 60 minutes long, and we will have an afternoon tea afterwards in the Parish Hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a Parish to come together and enjoy a reflective and social occasion.

(No cost & no bookings needed, just turn up)

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 2PM ST MACARTAN'S CHURCH



Maria Forde is a fine singer and a gifted songwriter. Like all good songwriters her lyrics often reflect an understanding of, and compassion for the human condition, with all it's triumphs and disasters, all it's bright peaks and dark corners. At her live performances she presents her songs with sincerity, passion and more than a dash of humour, and these very human attributes, along with her fine singing voice, is why she invariably establishes such a seemingly effortless rapport with her audiences....

Eric Bogle

<http://www.mariaforde.com>



Jokes of the Week



#1: Christ is in charge: Susan C. Kimber, in a book called *Christian Woman*, shares a funny piece of advice she received from her little son: “Tired of struggling with my strong-willed little son, Thomas, I looked him in the eye and asked a question I felt sure would bring him in line: ‘Thomas, who is in charge here?’ Not missing a beat, he replied, ‘Jesus is, and not you mom.’ ”

2: “Right near the end!” Once a priest was giving a homily and as he went on, he became more animated. He made a sweeping gesture – and accidentally knocked his papers from the pulpit. He scrambled to pick them up, then asked, “Now, where was I?” A voice from the congregation responded, “Right near the end!” — Well, we are at the end – not of the homily, but of the liturgical year.



3: The most famous man who ever lived: One day a kindergarten teacher nun said to the class of 5-year-olds, “I’ll give \$2 to the child who can tell me who was the most famous man who ever lived.” An Irish boy put his hand up and said, “It was St. Patrick.” The teacher said, “Sorry Sean, that’s not correct.” Then a Scottish boy put his hand up and said, “It was St. Andrew.” The teacher replied, “I’m sorry, Hamish, that’s not right either.” Finally, a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, “It was Jesus Christ.” The teacher said, “That’s absolutely right, Marvin, come up here and I’ll give you the \$2.” —As the teacher was giving Marvin his money, she said, “You know Marvin, you being Jewish, I was very surprised you said Jesus Christ.” Marvin replied, “Yeah. In my heart I knew it was Moses, but business is business...”

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5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Feast of Christ the King – 19th & 20th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Britton, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

1st Sunday of Advent – 26th & 27th November 2022

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Kees and Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Evelyn Atkins

2nd Sunday of Advent – 3rd & 4th December 2022

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Faye Murphy, Trisha Hird

9.00am Readers: Paul Girolami, Kath Ronchi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcel Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, John Spaziani

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