

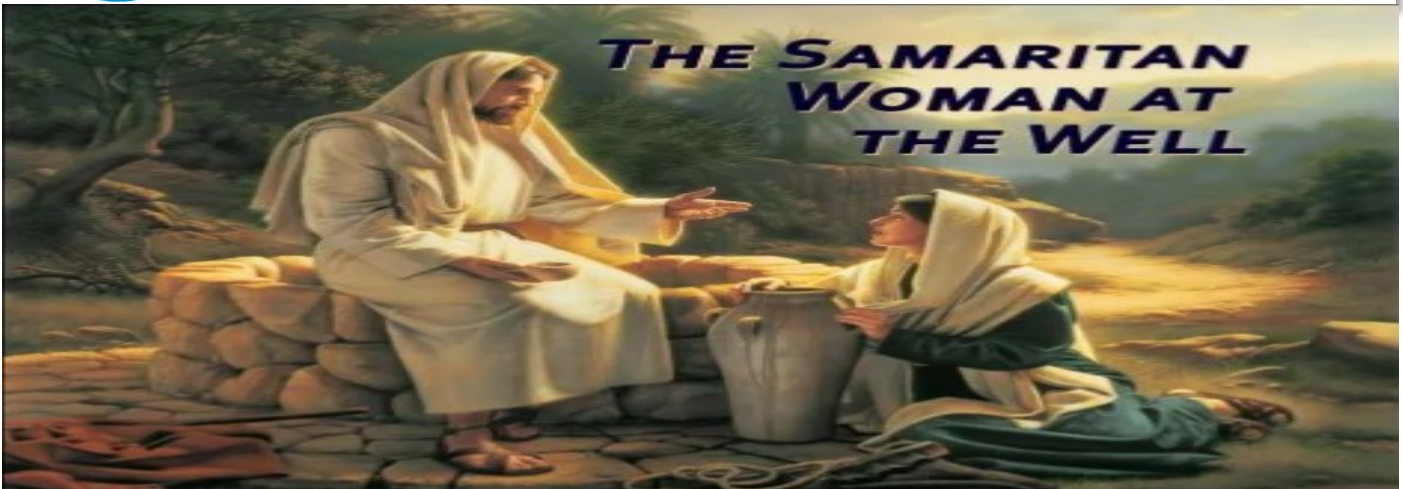
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YrA 12 March 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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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. **Returns Fri 27th**

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.

Video Sunday Mass

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<https://vimeo.com/event/3111012>

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ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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"THE WAY OF THE CROSS" BEGINNING FRIDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7PM FOR 4 WEEKS—STATION PRAYERS

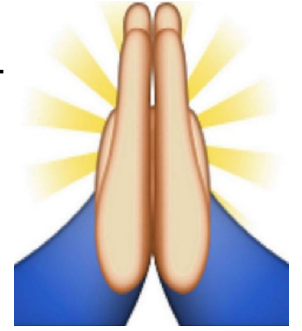
Lenten reflection after 9:15am Mass every Thursday - From the 2nd

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: FRIDAY 10TH MARCH AT 10AM IN PARISH HALL. CALL OFFICE TO BOOK.

Monday night 7pm in the church Lectio Divina with Fr Joe O'shea

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, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said and Joan Watts.



Recently Deceased: Robyn Lynette Knight.

First Reading

Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.

Cont... Gospel

He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you:

Look around you, look at the fields;

already they are white, ready for harvest!

Already the reaper is being paid his wages,

already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good:

one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap

a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it;

and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Communion Antiphon

When the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is read:

Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

LIVING the GOSPEL

Personal encounter

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guar-

antees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

Living the Gospel – Personal encounter

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Pope renews Council of Cardinals

The Council of Cardinals has been renewed by Pope Francis, with Bishop Marco Mellino serving as Secretary. The first meeting of the new Council will take place on 24 April of this year. By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis has renewed the Council of Cardinals, as known as the 'C9', since the mandate of the previous Council has expired.

The Cardinal members of the new Council are: Cardinals Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State; Fernando Vérgez Alzaga, President of the Governorate of Vatican City State; Fridolin Ambongo, Archbishop of Kinshasa; and Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay; Seán Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston; Juan José Omella, Archbishop of Barcelona; Gérald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec; Jean-Claude Hollerich, Archbishop of Luxembourg; Sérgio da Rocha, Archbishop of San Salvador de Bahia.

The Secretary of the commission is Bishop Marco Mellino.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 24 April at 9 a.m. CET at 'Casa Santa Marta', the Pope's residence.

Its last meeting, held in December last year, had been devoted to the continental phase of the ongoing synod, among other topics.

The first meeting of the Council was held from 1-3 October 2013.

Established by Pope Francis on 28 September 2013, the Council of Cardinals was created to assist the Pope in the governance of the universal Church.

The Council was also founded with the project to revise the Roman Curia, the latter accomplished with the new Apostolic Constitution 'Praedicate Evangelium' published on 19 March of last year.

The Council of Cardinals, the Chirograph states, is intended as "a further expression of episcopal communion and of the assistance to the 'munus petrinum' that the Episcopate scattered throughout the world can offer."





Way of the Cross

Scripture Way of the Cross I based on the Gospel of Matthew

BEGINING 10TH OF MARCH AT 7PM FOR 4 WEEKS



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



It is that time of year again. The AFL Football season starts on Thursday 16th March, and the St. Macartan's footy competition is running again this year.

If you have been part of the competition previously then all you need to do is log back into your ESPN Footy Tips account and make sure your details are up to date.

For new members to join, you need to go to ESPN Footy Tips www.footytips.com.au and create an account then search for St Macartans Parish Footy Tipping. The password to join is "drake".

Cost to participate this season is \$30, which includes a footy finals competition.

If you have any questions or comments you can email or call one of our administrators:

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MEN'S NIGHT

It's on again . As it is St. Patrick's eve, Men wearing "a bit of green" will be admitted for only \$2.00.

All others will be charged \$2.00. BYO refreshments. Unfortunately Guinness will not be on tap.

St. Macartan died in AD. 506 and was Bishop of Clogher, in County Tyrone. He was a good mate of St. Patrick. He wishes all a "Cead Mile Failtre" (a hundred thousand welcomes).

The Three Amigos.



Bake for a Good Cause



Prison Fellowship Australia is organizing Easter Biscuit Bake 2023. The challenge is to bake 79,000 homemade biscuits to share God's love with every inmate in Victoria this Easter.

Biscuits must be: Homemade; crisp, not moist or crumbly; nut-free (No peanut butter, almond meal, etc.); in sealed, disposable containers; clearly labelled with ingredients, labelled with the number of biscuits in each container.

So, flip through your cookbook, grab your apron and turn on the oven.

Deliver to St. Macartan's Catholic Church on 26th March (Sunday) or 27th March (Monday) between 9:00am to 10:30am.

For any clarification, please contact Fr Jude: 5975 2200 or jude.johnson@cam.org.au.

New Parishioners Morning Tea

St. Macartan's Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners. If you are new parishioners, we would like to invite you and your family to 'New Parishioners Morning Tea' on 11th March 2023 at 10 am in the Community House. You may also join 9:15 am Mass on that day. 'New Parishioners Morning Tea' is specially designed to welcome every new member to St. Macartan's Parish. This will present a wonderful opportunity for you to 'meet n chat' to priests, ministry leaders and parishioners while enjoying a cuppa and something to eat.

If you have recently moved into the parish and haven't registered as parishioners, we invite you to complete a 'Welcoming Pack' in the holders at the Foyer. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office: 5975 2200 or morning-ton@cam.org.au.

New Parishioners Morning Tea is a special event held on the second Saturday of each Month.



PALM SUNDAY

Are you able to assist?

For approximately the last eight years, courtesy of our fellow parishioner, Richard Le Miere, the Church Altar and entrance porches have been beautifully enhanced by large palm fronds. These compliment the Liturgy for Palm Sunday weekend. Unfortunately, this year the fronds are unavailable.

If any parishioner, relative or friend, could supply 6-8 Palm Fronds, large green ones, approximately 6 ft-2 meters, we would be most grateful.

Palm Sunday is the 2nd of April, palms would need to be at the Church, one or two days prior to this date.

Sincere thanks on behalf of the Liturgy Committee.

Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599.



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Jokes of the Week



1: Denomination? I heard this story of a little girl who asks a boy, “Are you a Presbyterian?” He answers, “No, we belong to another abomination.”

2: Baptizing cow into fish for Lent: John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighbourhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbours were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighbourhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John! He was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn’t take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to Catholicism. They went over and talked to him and were so happy when he decided to join his neighbours and become a Catholic. After an intensive training in Catholic catechism they took him to their pastor and got him baptized and announced to him: “You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic.” The men were most relieved, that their biggest Lenten temptation had been resolved. The next year’s Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighbourhood was setting down to their tuna fish dinner, came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighbourhood men could not believe their noses! WHAT WAS GOING ON? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John’s yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, “You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, but now you are a fish.”

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9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0408 394 792

Third Sunday of Lent – 11th & 12th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Bridie Sexton

Forth Sunday of Lent – 18th & 19th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, John Spaziani

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 25th & 26th March 2023

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Fay Murphy, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Michael Kesik

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, John Spaziani

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