

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YrA 14 MAY 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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I will ask the
Father, and
He will give
you another
Helper, that
He may be
with You
forever



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

Video Sunday Mass

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3385892>

Or go to website to copy link:

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

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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

Holy days:

Sunday 21st: Ascension of the Lord

This Sunday 14th:

Holy hour 3:30-4:30pm

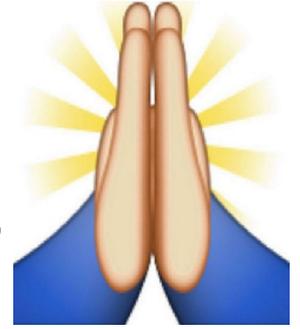
Youth Club Encounter 3-5pm,

Youth Mass 5-6pm

REMEMBER: BUY YOUR TICKETS TO EXCELSIS -See info inside.

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, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Joan Watts, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt and Dr Ron Fitzgerald.



Recently Deceased: Dominic Kiernan, Patrick Hendrey and Robert George Otto.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65(66):1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor
knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in
you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who
loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Paraclete

*The Greek word, *paraklētos*, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.*

Gospel Reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in

and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

From the perspective of ... The disciples

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Living the Gospel – Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Pope to WYD participants: Lisbon 2023 a chance to grow in hope

Pope Francis sends a video message to young people registered for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, and urges them to prepare themselves to encounter others and grow in hope.

By Devin Watkins

With less than three months to go to World Youth Day (WYD), Pope Francis has sent his encouragement to participants registered for the event in Lisbon, Portugal, on 1-6 August.

In his video message released on Thursday, the Pope praised the excitement the young Catholics must feel as they prepare to travel. "I can imagine the things you must have on your mind," he said, "how you're going to: make it happen, request your work or study permit, get what you need for your trip, so many concerns!"

At the same time, the Pope urged the young people to "look toward the horizon" by using their excitement and hope as a stepping stone.

Hope built on excitement

Pope Francis acknowledging part in WYD is "a thing" built on the hope will unfold.

"Prepare yourselves withasm," he told the young hope, because one grows event like WYD."

They may not realize it but the young people can expect to discover wonderful new things as they meet people from other parts of the world and build relationships founded on common values.

Talk to grandparents before WYD

The Pope said the Church is blessed to enjoy the "strength of youth", and so he encouraged participants in WYD to prepare well for what lies ahead.

He also shared with them a "secret" for a proper preparation.

"In order to prepare well," he said, "it helps to look to your roots by meeting with your elders", such as grandparents.

Participants in the upcoming WYD in Lisbon should ask their grandparents: "What do you think I must do?"

Our elders, concluded Pope Francis, "will give you wisdom."

And he wrapped up his video message by encouraging the young people to "strive ahead", saying he is looking forward to encountering them in Lisbon.



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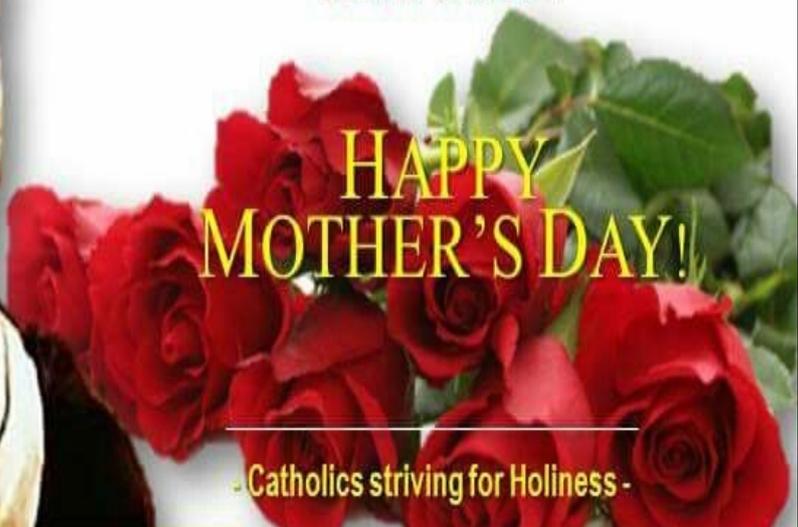
A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Loving God, thank you
for all the mothers in the world.*

*Bless them so that they may always
give life and nourishment to their
children through their firm faith,
generous and selfless love, good
example and constant concern for
their bodily and spiritual health.*

*Grant that we, their children, may
honor them always with a spirit of
profound love, respect and
thanksgiving.*

*Grant this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*



**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!**

- Catholics striving for Holiness -

EXCELSIS

Excelsis is one of Melbourne's most exciting and dynamic choirs, singing predominantly for Catholic liturgical events and giving regular concert performances. In recent years, highlights for the choir have included performing to capacity audiences at St Patrick's Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral, and Deakin Edge (Federation Square).

The choir sings an extremely varied repertoire of both secular and sacred music, incorporating classical European works, hymnody, contemporary music, traditional African pieces, spirituals, gospel songs and Broadway favourites. Excelsis takes its name from the Latin word, meaning 'highest'. Through the music which it sings, the choir aims to achieve the highest musical and performance goals.

After popular demand Excelsis returns to the Mornington Winter Festival and will be performing, with a soloist, on **Saturday 10th June at 2pm** in the St Macartan Church (6 Drake St Mornington - parking is behind the church the entrance is off Cook St).

Tickets go on sale from the 7th of May in the church foyer:

(6 Drake St Mornington)

- Saturdays 5:30pm - 6pm,
- Sundays 8:30am - 9am & 10am - 11am
- and weekdays from the Parish Office, 4 Drake St (Tuesday-Fridays 9am-4pm).

Tickets also available on the day, at the door

tickets \$10ea

All proceeds go to Excelsis and the running of the Church ministries.



SOLOIST JOINING EXCELSIS CHOIR

Australian opera singer Daniel Szesiong Todd (was born in Malaysia and grew up in Melbourne, Australia. He obtained a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Music with first-class honours from the University of Melbourne. Daniel was accepted into Victorian Opera's Developing Artist Program in 2011, where he debuted as Testo in a staged setting of Monteverdi's and sang Tamino for their education production of .

Daniel then joined VO and the University of Melbourne's collaborative Master of Music (Opera Performance), continuing to perform and cover various roles for the company.

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)

Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (in-person event), Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

In the spirit of reconciliation, Heart of Life acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia, and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



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MEN'S NIGHT

Men's Night 18th May at the Community Centre at 5.00pm. BYO. Donation of \$2.00.

Winter is upon us but St. Macartan says it's just like a fine Irish Day, so come along and enjoy!

Thanks and keep well Adieu Kerry

Catholic Earthcare: Laudato si' Week online event

This year to celebrate *Laudato si'* Week, Catholic Earthcare is hosting an online 'action' event.

The theme for *Laudato si'* Week this year is 'Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity'. And what better way to have hope and give hope than through action. In 2 hours, participants will engage in 10 actions that care for creation and that are centred around the themes of energy, nature, waste, food, First Nation's peoples, water, transportation, prayer and education. All 10 actions are in some way inspired by *Laudato si'* and can be done from the comfort of your own home.

The event will be held over Zoom and is free, but registrations are essential. **Please scan the QR Code to register.**

Catholic Earthcare is a program of Caritas Australia.

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Time 4:00pm—6:00pm

Venue: Zoom (Online)



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Tipping must have been easier this week because 11 clever tippers achieved a perfect 9/9 for Round 8. Meanwhile Helensbabies is still one behind our leader Lincoln, followed 2 behind by Geoffrey Lane, Doggies DF and Paul The Bulldog. What will happen when Tasmania enters the competition in 2028, in 1780 days, as our 19th Club playing in Hobart in a brand new 23,000 stadium (our MCG holds 100,024)?

Any competition queries or help contact: James: jflob@bigpond.net.au / 0418 491 781, Spencer: sanddmeier@bigpond.com / 0448 602 288 .

DID YOU KNOW--- Macquarie Point in Hobart will be the home of the new Tasmanian team. It was named in 1811. What was its name before then? Do you also know what is there now and who were any of its previous several users?

WOMEN'S BOOTCAMP SESSIONS

Starting back up on 1 May 2023 in our Parish Hall.

When starting out you should aim to make a minimum of 3 bootcamp sessions per week. This will ensure you are getting great results, at a pace that motivates you to continue. All sessions are led by qualified coaches that can cater to your level, abilities and injuries.

Each week you will see the following sessions on a rotating roster. No session is the same and we aim to keep our sessions fun and interactive.

Boxing | Legs | Arms | Core | Cardio | Games | Pilates | Mobility | Full body | Circuits | H.I.I.T | Strength. Please visit: <https://www.thebootcampco.com.au/contact-us> to enquire about membership.



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NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT – SPEAKER (RON JOSEPH)

GROWTH AND COMMUNITY IN THE LORD – SPEAKER (JAN RICHARDS)

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 **13th May 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 mornington@cam.org.au.

New Parishioners Morning Tea is a special event held every second Saturday of the Month in 2023.



MAY... THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

LET US PRAY FOR PEACE AND CONVERSION FOR ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES THROUGH THE HOLY ROSARY.

"THE BIBLE ON BEADS"

OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE LITTLE CHILDREN OF FATIMA, "PRAYING THE ROSARY CAN STOP WARS!!!"





Jokes of the Week



1) A lawyer and a Pope die at the same time and go up to Heaven together. After they've been there awhile, the Pope notices that the lawyer gets a little better treatment than he does. So, he calls St. Peter over to ask him and says, "You know that lawyer I came up here with? Well, I'm not complaining, but he seems to be treated a little better than I am... he's got a better house and more servants. I don't understand. I was a Pope and served God all my life; this guy was just a lawyer. What gives?" St. Peter responded, "You have to understand – we get Popes all the time; this is the first lawyer we've ever had."

2) An attorney was on vacation in a small farming town. While walking through the streets, he noticed that a car was involved in an accident. As expected, a large crowd gathered. The attorney was eager to get to the injured, but he couldn't get near the car. Being a rather clever person, he started shouting loudly, "Let me through! Let me through! I am the son of the victim." The crowd made way for him. Lying in front of the car was a donkey!

3) A lawyer's dog, running around town unleashed, heads for a butcher shop and steals a roast. The butcher goes to the lawyer's office and asks, "If a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?" The lawyer answers, "Absolutely." "Then you owe me \$8.50. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today." The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for \$8.50. The butcher, with a feeling of satisfaction, leaves. Three days later, the butcher finds a bill from the lawyer for \$100– for consultation.



4) In the mint, a one-dollar bill and a twenty-dollar bill become friends. They get split up and go into circulation. Six years later they happen to be in the same load of bills returned to the mint for destruction. So the one says to the twenty, "How was your life?" "Oh, marvelous," says the twenty, "I went to Vegas, to Europe, last year to the Super Bowl, just wonderful. And you, what about your life." "Awful," says the one dollar bill, "every week the same: church, church, church." Hmm.

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6th Sunday of Easter 13th & 14th May 2023

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Patricia Duryea, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Sheila Goddard

The Ascension of the Lord – 20th & 21st May 2023

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea,

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

Pentecost Sunday – 27th & 28th May 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

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