ELEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YrA 18 JUNE 2023

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: 915am [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 Sun. 9AM https://vimeo.com/event/3481080

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

Upcoming Holy days:

- Wed 21st: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- Thu 22nd: Sts John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs
- Sat 24th: The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

NOTE: QUINNS PLACE CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MOST LIKELY 14th JULY

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

<u>Pray for the sick and their Carers:</u> 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.



Death Anniversary: Concetta McDonald.

First Reading

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

- Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
- 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
 He made us, we belong to him,
 we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
 - Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.
 He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

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. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

Gospel Reflection

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that

shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun. The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

Scriptural context – The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.



Pope Francis Sends Message From Hospital to European Political Party

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While recovering in the hospital, Pope Francis sent a message to the largest political party in the European Parliament. In a letter to the European People's Party published by the Vatican on June 11, the pope urged politicians to be united on "issues where primary ethical values and important points of Christian social doctrine are at stake." "The Christian politician should distinguish himself by the seriousness with which he approaches issues, rejecting opportunistic solutions and always holding firm to the criteria of the dignity of the person and the common good," Pope Francis said. "In this regard, you have a very rich

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letter on June 9, two days -hour surgery for an incisurgeons removed scar tisnia in the pope's abaprevious surgical incision.

Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said June 11 that Pope Francis' "post-operative progress is normal." He added that the Pope watched Sunday Mass on television and received the Eucharist in his hospital room before praying the Angelus in the papal medical suite chapel and eating lunch with some hospital staff. The 86-year-old Pope is expected to remain recovering in Rome's Gemelli hospital for the next week. The Vatican has canceled all of the Pope's audiences, including his Sunday Angelus address, until June 18. In his message to the European People's Party, the Pope said that he views human fraternity as "the great inspiring principle" for tackling the challenges of migration and caring for the planet.

"I think that fraternity can also be a source of inspiration for those who want to re-animate Europe today so that it fully responds to the expectations of both its peoples and the whole world. Because a European project today can only be a global project," Francis said. The European People's Party is a center-right political group in the European Union, made up of 40 parties across Europe, including Germany's Christian Democratic Union, The Republicans of France, Forza Italia of Italy, the People's Party in Spain, and Fine Gael of Ireland. The party was founded as the Christian Democrat Group in 1953 and traces its roots back to Venerable Robert Schuman, known as a key "founding father" of the European Union.

"Dear friends, let us remember our origins: let us not forget how united Europe was born; let us not forget the tragedy of the wars of the 20th century," Pope Francis wrote.

"The gradual and patient work of building a united Europe ... what did it have in it as inspiration? What ideal, if not to generate a space where people could live in freedom, justice, and peace, respecting each other in diversity? Today this project is being tested in a globalized world, but it can be revived by drawing on the original inspiration, which is more relevant and fruitful than ever not only for Europe but for the entire human family."

MISSING - TWO WHEELCHAIRS

If anyone has borrowed or knows the whereabouts of the two Church wheelchairs, please let the office know 5975 2200. These wheelchairs were last seen in the foyer of the church and were there for emergency use.

Our Parish was recently blessed with a donation of several religious statues and paintings, from the bequeathed estate of Brian Robinson. We thank Sandy Foley, his niece, who chose our Parish to be their new home.

These, will eventually be displayed in our Church.

Regards, Fr Geoff



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Winners are still proving hard to find. Carolyn The Saint and Marg Canty tipped 6/8 last week, everyone else tipped 5 or less. Lincoln has regained her lead followed 2 behind by Helens Babies, Tuttle 2021 and Maree O'Halloran, with one back to Doggies DF, Molly Meier and Debra 1974.

DID YOU KNOW?-- the Anti-Football League was created in 1967. Its badge was in the shape of a red cube, symbolic of an object that would not bounce. Do you remember the name of the Medal which it awarded 13 times as its equivalent of the Brownlow Medal and the only Prime Minister to have received it? In addition, do you know the name of the award to be "presented to the footballer who displays the worst off-field performance in the preceding 12 months"?



Jokes of the Week



#1) "But now he caries it under his coat." Zeke, a mountaineer, went to a revival and was "converted." Later his wife was asked if she noticed any change in Zeke since he supposedly got religion. She said, "Well, before he carried his jug of whiskey on his shoulder when he walked down town, but now he caries it under his coat."

#2) God's Missionary People: "At a Pentecostal revival in Sevierville, Tennessee, a barber was 'saved.' The preacher told him that since he was a barber and got to meet a lot of people, he could do a great work for the Lord if he would talk to them about religion and salvation. When he asked how he could get into a conversation like that with his customers, the preacher said, 'Just do it casually. Talk to them about their soul, ask if their house is in order, if they are prepared to die, and so on.' "The first man to come in the next day wanted a shave; so the barber put a hot towel over him, talking about the weather and what-not, and then after he had lathered the man up good, he figured it was time to get down to the religion part. He grabbed up his razor, stropped it a few times, pointed at the man, and said bluntly, 'Brother, are you prepared to die?' "The man jumped up and ran out of the barbershop with the lather still on his face."

#3) The teacher asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see ... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said.

"But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot.

#4) A minister wound up the services one morning by saying, "next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. And in this connection, as a preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the seventeenth chapter of Mark." On the following Sunday, the preacher rose to begin, and said, "Now, then, all of you who have done as I requested and read the seventeenth chapter of Mark, please raise your hands." Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the preacher, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no seventeenth chapter of Mark."

%) A father often read Bible stories to his young children, One day he read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



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 - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17th & 18th June 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel Coles, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time 24th & 25th June 2023

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, John Azzopardi Eucharistic Ministers: Delina Frank, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Irene Hackett Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Rosina Di Petta

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 1st & 2nd July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Terry Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Barbara Ensil

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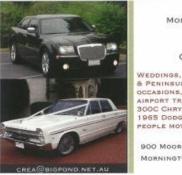
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