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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues 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 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/3545777>

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:

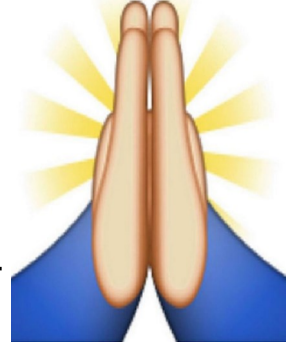
- Tue 11th: St Benedict, Abbot
- Sat 15th: St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

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

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, 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, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, James O'Meara and Sarah-Jane Sharp.

Death Anniversaries: Alice Vino.



First Reading [Zec 9:9-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. 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

Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke be learned from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Historical

Context

Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Gospel Reflection

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Pope at Audience: St. Mary MacKillop brought Christ's love to rural Australia

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the apostolic zeal of St. Mary MacKillop, praising her desire to bring Christ and good education to the aboriginal peoples of rural Australia. By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis returned to his catechesis series on apostolic zeal on Wednesday, as he held his final General Audience before a month-long summer break. The Pope focused on the life and example of St. Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Born near Melbourne to Scottish immigrants to Australia, Mary felt called from a young age to serve God in a special way.

Zeal for poor and marginalized

Pope Francis said Mary MacKillop believed she was sent “to spread the Good News and invite others to encounter the living Christ.” She read the signs of her times, he said, and felt drawn to found several schools to spread the Gospel through Catholic education.

“One essential characteristic of her zeal for the Gospel,” he said, “was her desire to care for the poor and marginalized. This pushed her to go where others refused or were unable to go.” On the Feast of St. Joseph, on 19 March 1866, Mary opened her first school in southern Australia, which was followed by others in rural communities in other parts of the country and in New Zealand.

Importance of Catholic education

The Pope highlighted her should promote “the interperson both as an individual community, which requires charity on the part of every

“Education consists not in he said, “but is about accompanying students along their spiritual growth, showing them Risen Jesus opens their lives more human.”



belief that education is the integral development of the person and as a member of the community, with wisdom, patience, and as a teacher.”

filling heads with ideas,” accompanying and encouraging the path of human and spiritual growth through friendship with the Risen Christ and makes their

Pope Francis praised this insight as relevant to our own times, as shown in his own calls for a Global Compact on Education to unite families, schools, and societies.

Trust in Providence

The apostolic zeal of Mary MacKillop also led her to open various houses of charity, starting with the “House of Providence” in Adelaide to welcome both young and elderly people who had been abandoned.

St. Mary nurtured a special trust in God’s Providence amid the myriad financial and organizational problems she had to confront each day. “Despite the many problems,” said Pope Francis, “she kept her calm and carried her cross patiently as an essential part of her mission.”

Love for the Cross

In conclusion, Pope Francis noted that St. Mary MacKillop learned to love the Cross of Christ and found her own way to respond to the needs of her times.

“May her efforts to form young people inspire us today,” he prayed, “and may her intercession sustain the daily work of parents, teachers, catechists, and all educators, carried out for the good of young people and a future that is more humane and full of hope.”

BE AWARE ANOTHER SCAM!

Someone posing as myself (Fr Geoff) Mcilroy, is sending emails and texts asking for you to call me, then they ask you to purchase items like gift cards and send them the information.

DO NOT respond to any email or text asking on behalf of me or anyone to purchase anything on their behalf. Always view where the email or text originated - it is never from your known contact. If unsure, do not reply to the text or email but call the person directly from their known number or email address.

I have alerted you to this scam before, it went around earlier this year and last year.

Fr Geoff

HIGH SPIRITS - Children's Catechism classes

**Term 2 and Term 3 HIGH SPIRITS will focus on the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist**

**So if your child / Grandchild doesn't attend a Catholic school is in Yr4 at school or above,
is Baptised and would like to complete these Sacraments.**

Please email Michael Kerr: mkerr@padua.vic.edu.au or contact our office 59752200

The information night is

Tuesday 18th July at 4pm

Venue: Parish Community House (white house) - 8 Drake Street



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Our Footy Tipping Competition is soon farewelling Father Jude who was responsible for ensuring that our Competition continued after the retirement of Geoffrey Lane. He may not be at the top of our 2023 tipping ladder but his support has been very much appreciated. Father Jude has been appointed as Assistant Priest to St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Do you know who Father Jude supports and why did he choose that team when he arrived in Victoria and not the Hawks as suggested by one of his College roommates?

Last week was back to a full program of matches. Only 1 smart tipper correctly achieved 9/9 . Congratulations Goatcats (Geoff Walsh). On our leader board, Lincoln is still 6 in front of Maree O'Halloran, with one back to DoggiesDF, Tuttle 2021 and Mr. Franks with another one back to Geoffrey Lane and Geoff Walsh.

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781, [Spencer: sanddmeier@bigpond.com](mailto:sanddmeier@bigpond.com) / 0448 602 288 .



Jokes of The Week



1) The pills for mental rest, which make you restless: George came home from the psychiatrist looking very worried. "What's the problem?" his wife asked. "The doctor told me I could have no worry and perfect peace of mind if I take a pill every day for the rest of my life," he explained. "So what? Lots of people have to take a pill every day their whole lives," she replied. "I know," said George, "but the doctor gave me only four pills!"

2) In search of rest: A man had been driving all night and by morning was still far from his destination. He decided to stop at the next city he came to and park somewhere quiet so he could get an hour or two of sleep. As luck would have it, the quiet place he chose happened to be on one of the city's major jogging routes. No sooner had he settled back to snooze when there came a knocking on his window. He looked out and saw a jogger running in place. "Excuse me, sir," the jogger said, "do you have the time?" The man looked at the car clock and answered, "8:15". The jogger said thanks and left. The man settled back again, and was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window and another jogger. "Excuse me, sir, do you have the time?" "8:25!" The jogger said thanks and left. Now the man could see other joggers passing by and he knew it was only a matter of time before another one disturbed him. To avoid the problem, he got out a pen and paper and put a sign in his window saying, "I do not know the time!" Once again, he settled back to sleep. He was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window. "Sir, sir? It's 8:45!"



To the Ministry unto God - Prayer group, on their 40th Birthday

What a joy filled and holy prayer team they are.

They are the prayer engine behind our Parish community, they look out for those who need prayer support, prayer nurturing and prayer connection; as well as forming friendships and pastoral care.

It's a great team because of the inspirational leadership of Josie & Frank Raccanello.
St Macartan's is richer because of this Ministry.

May they be around for another 40+ years.

Blessings

Fr Geoff

PS - They meet every Tuesday in the Community Centre from 10-12.

World Youth Day Pilgrims

(We would like to pray for YOU)

There is an age-old saying on World Youth Day (WYD): you are a pilgrim, not a tourist. Young people from Archdiocese of Melbourne will begin their pilgrimage to World Youth Day from July 28th to August 10th. This year World Youth Day is hosted by Lisbon, Portugal and millions of pilgrims from around the world will be attending.

Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to be sending more than 500 pilgrims, from more than 50 parishes and 40 schools. To manage such a big group, 130 of these pilgrims have assumed leadership roles as chaplains, pilgrimage coordinators, first aiders, mental health specialists, nurses and small group leaders.

Six students and one staff from the Padua College will be joining this World Youth Day as the pilgrims and Fr John Paul (Rosebud/Dromana), Fr Patrick Bradford (Mount Eliza) and Fr Jude Johnson (Mornington) will be attending as the Chaplains/Pilgrims. These Mornington Peninsula World Youth Day pilgrims have been attending Archdiocesan WYD gatherings and meeting locally at Padua College.

A commissioning Mass for all Pilgrims (and their families) will be celebrated by the Archbishop Peter at St Patrick Cathedral on Sunday 16 July at 11 am. At the same time, Mornington Peninsula WYD pilgrims – students, staff and chaplains – are also meeting at Padua College, Mornington Campus on July 19 to discuss and reflect WYD Pilgrimage and to grow friendship with God and one another. There will also be Commission Mass for our Pilgrims here at St Macartan's Church on July 23 at 9:00 am. We ask you to pray for all the pilgrims especially our own.

We pilgrims also take this WYD Pilgrimage as a time to carry special intentions for one-self or for other who are unable to travel. We would like to pray for your intentions throughout our pilgrimage. The fact that we are travelling as pilgrims, we would like to pray for your intentions while praying Rosaries at Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, attending Adoration, attending Masses especially at Final Mass presided by Pope Francis. We believe that praying for your special intentions will assist our pilgrimage spiritual and encounter God while travelling.

If you have special intentions or prayer request, please write them down and put them in the WYD PRAYERS BOX on our Marian altar.

Thank You!

Fr Jude

St Macartan's Parish Bus

Yes, that's correct, we the Parish, have our own 12 seater mini-bus.

It's diesel, it's automatic and doesn't require any special drivers license to drive. But all drivers must be over 25yrs of age, have held a drivers license for at least 2 years and receive some basic instructions before driving.

Why have our own bus?

A while ago, after visiting one of our 13 nursing homes in the Parish, I saw three parishioners in the same nursing home whom all come to Mass, but come individually, relying on separate support. Then in another nursing home there were another two, again relying on separate support to attend Mass. Plus there are some new parishioners who want to join us at Mass but cannot get here as none can drive themselves but can walk with assisted walking frames.

So I thought, it would be terrific if we could pick these parishioners up for Mass on the weekends. *The condition is, they are able to get on & off a bus (But no wheelchairs-walking frames Yes).* So I was discussing this with the PPC and Frank Crea - who knows everyone in the limousine and bus industry and he found us a bargain. He personally ensured it got a roadworthy and now it is insured and ready to go.

So, we now need some volunteer drivers for before and after Sunday 9am Mass.

If we get enough volunteer drivers, the roster may only be once per month?

Please contact me at the office 59752200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

Thank you

Fr Geoff

Oh' and a special thank you to Frank & Jan Crea who did all the organizing, paperwork and were generous with their time and donation.



PS - The bus is available for Parish group use. Bookings via the office is essential!

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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 8th & 9th July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Christina Llopart, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sheila Goddard

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 15th & 16th July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Marlene Tesmann, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: John Azzopardi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Terry Roberts

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 22nd & 23rd July 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Evelyn Atkins, Sandra Barrett

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