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THANKSGIVING REPORT

Monthly Parish thanksgiving - September

Amount pledged = \$15,482

Amount received = \$13,580 (87.7%)

If you have pledged, please ensure you are contributing, or call the office if you have yet to update your details.

Thank you.

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COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE

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IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO,
PLEASE RETURN ALL RAFFLE
TICKET STUBS TO OFFICE.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

**THIS WEEKEND: WORLD MISSION
SUNDAY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY !!!

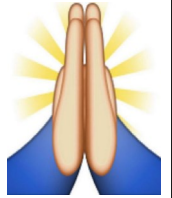
Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 20th October after 11am Mass



WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Margaret Raynor, Margaret Wall, James O'Meara, Paul Girolami & Lisa Winter Bizette.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries: Raymond John Ellis

Funeral service information

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4660238>

Or go to website to copy link: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- 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 5pm-9pm Community House & Hall

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

St Macartan's Primary School Newsletter:

[Week 1 Term 4: 11 October](#)

Padua Newsletter:

[Edition 6: 13th September](#)



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 547 373 281



First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which

I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon.

Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.



WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Last week we Congratulated:

Charlotte, Eliza, Ellie & Jaxon who were baptized on the weekend

Scriptural Context

Mark's Gospel

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognized as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

Gospel Reflection

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more volunteers for this ministry group.

Join our **AV (Audio / Visual) Team** (6pm or 9am or 11am masses) and be active in enhancing the Liturgy, by displaying the words and images on the screen and sometimes playing music files and helping with the Livestream cameras.

Any age. No experience necessary - Full training provided.

We need you!

So, if you would like to help. Contact the office:

5975 2200 or speak with Fr Geoff

Thank you



Pope Francis: Christian Unity is a journey of synodality and witness

Christian leaders of different denominations join Pope Francis on Friday evening in the Vatican's Protomartyrs Square to celebrate an ecumenical vigil together with thousands of believers from around the world, marking the anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the start of a new ecumenical era.

By Linda Bordini

The date, 11 October, is far from random as it is framed in the memory of the Second Vatican Council that was solemnly opened on this same day 62 years ago. In the words of the Synod's Secretary General, that Council "inaugurated a new ecumenical era of which the Synod is an expression and witness in its active desire to help the whole Church advance along the path of full unity."

Unity and martyrdom

In his homily prepared for an ecumenical vigil marking that anniversary and with the participation of Synodal Fathers, Pope Francis reflected on Christian unity and martyrdom, centring his thoughts on the words of Jesus: "The glory that you have given me I have given them" (Jn 17:22).

These words, the Pope explained, apply especially to the martyrs, whose witness to Christ brought them the glory of God.

At the vigil in Protomartyrs Square nestled up against St. Peter's Basilica, where tradition holds St. Peter was martyred, and celebrating a liturgy in which many of the texts and prayers were drawn from some of Vatican II's main documents and teachings, he emphasized that "the Church was built upon their blood," which, he added, remains a testament to the enduring call for unity among Christians.

"The blood of the First Martyrs is a testament to the enduring call for unity among Christians."

Unity and Synodality: A common path

Pope Francis explained that Christian unity and synodality are deeply intertwined and described synodality as the path God expects of the Church in the third millennium.

Underlining the ecumenical dimension of the synodal approach, he said it is a path to be travelled by all Christians: "The journey of synodality... is and must be ecumenical".

A journey toward harmony, not uniformity

Reflecting on the lessons learned from the synodal process, the Pope reminded the faithful that Christian unity is not uniformity, but harmony.

He said that "unity is harmony among the diversity of charisms", brought to life by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all Christians. This harmony, he explained, does not come from human efforts but from the Spirit, whom Saint Basil described as "harmony itself."

Unity for the sake of mission

Turning his attention to Christian witness, the Holy Father stressed that Christian unity is essential for mission. Quoting the Gospel of John, he said, "That they may all be one... so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21), highlighting the Council Fathers' conviction that division among Christians "scandalizes the world" and harms the Church's mission to preach the Gospel.

A call to overcome division

In conclusion, Pope Francis expressed his hope that the ongoing Synod would provide an opportunity for Christians to overcome the divisions that continue to hinder their common witness.

"The world needs our common witness," he said, "and we are called to be faithful to our common mission as missionary disciples of Christ."



SAFEGUARDING NEWS:

We remind all parents if the need to accompany their children to the church toilets at ALL times. The toilet block is left unlocked for the use of parishioners and there is the possibility that people may enter and loiter in the block. For this reason, it's important for parents to enter the block with their child to ensure that it is empty.



SAINT CORBINIAN (born 670CE - died 730CE)

Corbinian's symbol is the saddled bear. According to his hagiography (*writings of the lives of the Saints*), a bear killed Corbinian's pack horse on the way to Rome and so the saint commanded it to carry his load. Once he arrived in Rome, however, he let the bear go, and it lumbered back to its native forest. Both the heraldic element and the legend itself carry significant symbolism.



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WHO IS RCIA FOR?

- Adults & Youth who are not baptised.
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- Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an
information night.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Thursday 24th October

**7:00pm in the Church Hall, 10 Drake Street, (under Palm Tree) next to
the Community House**

Classes will be held each **Thursday** 7pm-8:15pm

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au



Jokes of the Week



1: Did Jesus Christ Ever Kill a Lion? A story is told about a missionary who went to a remote area in Northern Tanzania to proclaim the Gospel among the Maasai tribes who were warriors. One day he was explaining to a group of adults the saving activity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He told them how Jesus is the Savior and Redeemer of all humankind. When he finished, a Maasai elder slowly stood up and said to the missionary: "You have spoken well, but I want to learn more about this great person Jesus Christ. Now I have three questions about Jesus. First, did he ever kill a lion? Second, how many cows did he have? Third, how many wives and children did he have?"

2: Rescue mission to Egypt: Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom," he reported, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he ordered his engineers to build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters to call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom," Joey admitted, "but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

3: And hell broke loose: Mark Twain used to tell a joke that he put a dog and a cat in a cage together as an experiment, to see if they could get along. They did. So, he put in a bird, pig and goat. They, too, got along fine after a few adjustments. Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic, and hell broke loose.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD - WE THANK THEE!

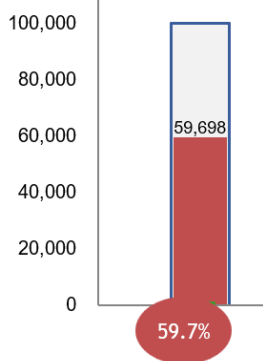
Yes, another magnificent turn-out of 60+ people for the Public Day Rosary, held in our tranquil memorial garden. Where you at St Macartan's were one of 400 churches that



celebrated the Holy Rosary.
A special thanks to Carmel, Billie,
Mike, Barbara and Alwyn.
Also, thankyou to those who
participated.

God has blessed you all.

Fr Geoff



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St Macartan's History Display

We are putting together some photos and History of our amazing Parish. The goal is to preserve our churches history by creating a history corner in the annex for everyone to share and reminisce. If you have any photos or memorabilia , please email to the Parish office at

mornington@cam.org.au

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's

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Bookings not required.

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20 October 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Tricia Hird, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Michael Kerr

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Len Seal

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27 October 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Gabriella Fialla, Barb Ensill

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 2/3 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Sue Fletcher

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