

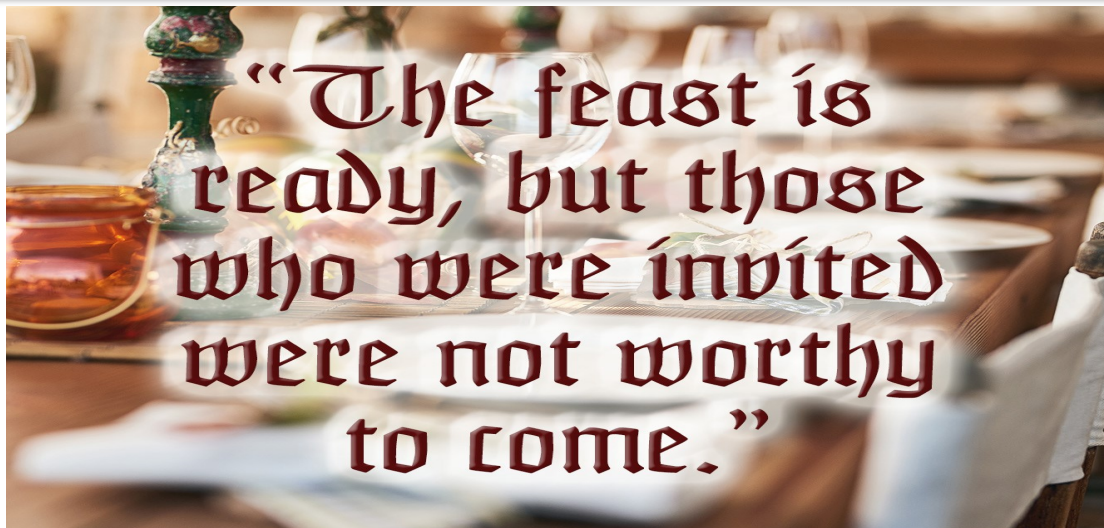
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 15th October 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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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:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3785059>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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

Upcoming Holy days:

- Tues 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
- Wed 18th: St Luke Evangelist

St Mac's school coming to Mass:

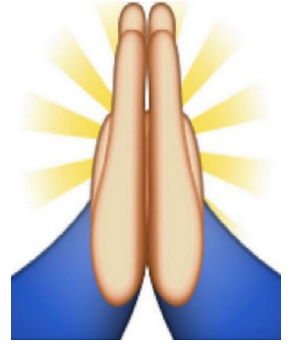
Preps: Fri 20th 9:15am.

Padua Chapel Mass:

St JohnXXIII House Wed 11th 10:15am

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, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



Death Anniversary: Richard Allen,

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

GOSPEL FOCUS

'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

Gospel Reflection

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people

off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Historical Context

This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.

Have you thought? – Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?

“Holy, not Worldly” - Pope Francis’ new book hits stores

The Vatican Publishing House LEV releases Pope Francis’ new book “Holy, not Worldly. God’s Grace Saves Us from Interior Corruption”, which includes an article dating back to 1991 with the original title “Corrupción y pecado”, and a letter he addressed to the priests of the Diocese of Rome in August 2023.

We publish the English translation of his preface. By Pope Francis

Christian life is a battle, an interior combat to overcome the temptation of closing ourselves, and to let the love of our Father who desires our happiness to dwell within us. It is a beautiful battle, because when we let the Lord be victorious in us, our heart exults fully and our existence is illuminated by a ray of the infinite. The battle we carry out as followers of Jesus is first of all a battle against spiritual worldliness, which is a form of paganism in ecclesiastical clothing. Though it be camouflaged with the appearance of the sacred, it ends up being idolatrous because it does not recognize the presence of God as Lord and liberator of our lives and of the history of the world. It leaves us prey to our capricious desires. Therefore, we must fight. But our battle is not vain nor without hope, because this battle has already been won by Jesus, who overcame the strength of sin in his death. With his resurrection, he has made it possible for us to become new persons. Of course, the victory of Jesus has a name, the cross, which at first repels us and pushes us away. But it is the sign of a limitless love, humble and tenacious. Jesus loved us to the point of the ignominious death on a cross in order that we no longer be able to doubt that his arms will remain open even for the last of the sinners. This eternal love calls and orients the life of Christians, and of the Church herself. The cross of Jesus becomes the criterion of every choice of faith. Blessed Pierre Claverie, the bishop of Oran, affirmed this in one of his beautiful homilies that I would like to quote here: “I believe that the Church dies if it is not sufficiently close to the cross of her Lord. Though it may seem paradoxical, strength, vitality, hope, Christian fruitfulness, the fruitfulness of the Church come from here. Not from elsewhere. All the rest is but smoke in our eyes, worldly illusion. The Church betrays herself, and betrays the world, when it stands like a power among powers, or like an organization, even a humanitarian one, or like an evangelical movement capable of making a splash. It may even shine, but it does not burn with the fire of the love of God, ‘strong as death’ – as the Song of Songs puts it.” This is why I wanted to collect in this short volume two essays which were published at different times: one, written in 1991 when I was the archbishop of Buenos Aires, dedicated to corruption and sin; and the other, a Letter to the priests of Rome. They are united by the concern, which I feel to be a loud call from God to the entire Church, to remain vigilant and to fight with the strength of prayer against every concession to spiritual worldliness. This battle has a name: it is called holiness. Holiness is not a state of beatitude which one has reached once and for all. It is instead the incessant, tireless desire to remain attached to the cross of Jesus, letting ourselves be shaped by the logic that comes from the gift of self and from resisting the enemy who flatters us by convincing us that we are self-sufficient. It would do us well to remember what Jesus said: “Without me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5). Holiness is therefore remaining open to the “more” that God asks of us and that is manifested in our adherence to our daily lives. Father Alfred Delp wrote: “God embraces us through reality”. Our daily lives are the place in which we make room for the Lord who saves us from self-sufficiency, and which requires of us that magis which Saint Ignatius of Loyola spoke about: that “more” that urges us toward a happiness which is not ephemeral, but full and serene.



I offer these texts to the reader as an opportunity to reflect on his life and on the life of the Church, with the conviction that God asks us to be open to His newness, he asks us to be unquiet and never satisfied, searching and never stuck in comfortable opacity, not defended within the walls of false certainties, but walking on the road of holiness.



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Thursday 19th October

7:00pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street, next to the Church

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

VACANCY - Parish Secretary

Applications are to be sent to recruitment@cam.org.au

There is an opportunity for an experienced Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at the Parish of St Macartan's in a permanent part-time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Parish Secretary will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support to the Parish Team, Volunteers and Parish Schools. The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office at 4 Drake Street, Mornington VIC 3931. This requires the secretary to work 26 hours per week across 4 days Tuesday to Friday. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and volunteers. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Key Requirements / Responsibilities

Reliable, dependable, trustworthy, and honest.

Good written and verbal communication skills with ability to relate to a variety of people. Provide secretarial and office support services to the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and the Parish community. Manage the Shared Calendar of appointments and events for Parish Priest and Assistant Priest. Maintain all Parish Registries for Baptism, Marriage and deaths and respond to enquiries .

See our website for further details of the above position, or look on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)



Jokes of the Week



#1) During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the minister with an unusual offer. "Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to me and the part where I'm to promise to 'love, honour and obey' and 'forsaking all others, be faithful to her forever,' I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that part out."

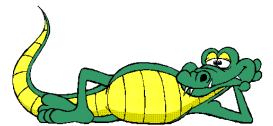
He passed the minister the cash and walked away satisfied.

The wedding day arrives, and the bride and groom have moved to that part of the ceremony where the vows are exchanged. When it comes time for the groom's vows, the minister looks the young man in the eye and says, "Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?"

The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "Yes."

The groom leaned toward the minister and hissed, "I thought we had a deal."

The minister put the \$100 into his hand and whispered back, "She made me a much better offer."



#2) Once there was a millionaire, who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful daughter who was single. One day he decides to throw a huge party, and during the party he announces, "My dear guests . . . I have a proposition to every man here. I will give one million dollars or my daughter to the man who can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge alive!" As soon as he finished his last word, there was the sound of a large splash!! There was one guy in the pool swimming with all he could and screaming out of fear. The crowd cheered him on as he kept stroking as though he was running for his life. Finally, he made it to the other side with only a torn shirt and some minor injuries. The millionaire was impressed. He said, "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain. Do you want my daughter or the one million dollars?" The guy says, "Listen, I don't want your money, nor do I want your daughter! I want the person who pushed me in that water!"



"Men's Night"

"The next Men's Night will be held in the Community Centre at 5.00 pm on Thursday 19th October.

All welcome, to enjoy good food, great company, spirited discussions, a special guest speaker and Post Mortems galore, on why BRISBANE should have won the you know what.

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"The three Amigos"

Thanks and Slainte Kerry

PUBLIC ROSARY

On Saturday 14th of October at 10am, our Parish will once again join over 150 Parishes Australia wide in praying the Rosary. We shall gather in the Memorial Garden under the statue of our Blessed Mother where chairs will be provided – weather permitting (if the day is rainy, we shall move into the Church.

This is an invitation to all our Parishioners.

St. Louis de Montfort taught that “Somebody who says the Rosary alone gains the merit of one Rosary but if said together with 30 other people, the merit of 30 Rosaries is gained”.

We all have many prayer intentions for ourselves and our loved ones and this will be a grace filled opportunity to pray for these needs and for our Shepherds of the Church, for Vocations, for peace and harmony throughout our world, for the sick, the lonely, for the Holy Souls and for a greater respect for the sanctity of life. Our Rosaries will draw down God’s blessing on Australia.

A morning tea will follow and a welcome to all new Parishioners.

Please join us, as we pray together and enjoy meeting over a cuppa!!



OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

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OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

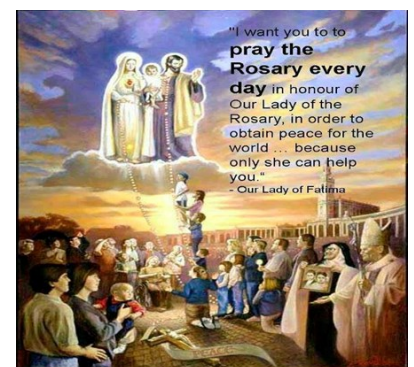
DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS THE

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY AND THE DIVINE MERCY

CHAPLET WILL NOW BE AT 7PM (was 8pm)



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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

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 30th September & 1st October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 7th & 8th October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi and Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Thomas, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Shiela Goddard, Bridie Sexton

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14th & 15th October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

THANK YOU!

I personally want to thank the O'Donohue family who have made a very sizeable - a very generous donation, to the Church roof fund and also for us to give to Charity.

Their donation is in honour of the late John O'Donohue.

This family are a terrific loving family and a real credit to John.

Thank you for your special support in this way.

Blessings be upon you.

Fr Geoff

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