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Upcoming Events - here

**Preps Welcome Mass & Cultural
Awareness Festival**

**Sunday 8th February, 2026 after 11am
Mass**

Children's Liturgy

Returns 25th January, 2026

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

Next weekend: Sunday 11th Jan—THE
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Brief summer edition



WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Joan Watts, Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Therese Simmons, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, David Harnett & Mary Ross



Death Anniversaries:

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5595732>

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]

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Wednesday's 9:45 - 10:30 and Saturday's 9:45 - 10:30 approx. (after 9:15am Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

9:45am: Wed & Saturday (after 9:15am Mass) or by appointment 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 547 373 281



First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon.

Cf Matthew 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Community Centre Toilet Renewal – Fundraising Appeal

The toilets in our Community Centre are no longer fit for purpose. Some urgent works were completed some time ago to keep the facilities operational; however, they are now well past their useful life and no longer provide a safe, hygienic, or welcoming environment for those who use the Centre. As a parish that hosts many community groups, families, and visitors each week, it is important that these facilities meet appropriate standards of safety, cleanliness, and dignity. We are therefore seeking to fully refurbish the toilets to make them safe, hygienic, and aesthetically pleasing. To achieve this, we need the support of our parish community. Any contribution, large or small, will assist in bringing this important project to fruition and help ensure our Community Centre remains a welcoming space for all.

As we gather during this Christmas season, we hold in our prayers those that may be experiencing loneliness or a sense of isolation. For some, these days can be especially difficult, marked by an absence of family, friends or familiar companionship. We ask the Lord to draw close to those without company, to comfort them with his abiding presence and to surround them with peace, hope and the assurance that they are never alone. May our parish community be attentive to those in need of a kind word, a welcoming gesture or a simple act of care, reflecting Christ's love to all.

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00 pm Alis Fisher

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

The Epiphany of The Lord – 3/4 January 2026

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins: Mairi Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins: John & Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: James Barrett

11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins: Sue Fletcher, Barb Ensil

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

The Baptism of The Lord – 10/11 January 2026

6.00pm Readers: Adrian Mitchell, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins: Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: John Rowe, Evelyn Atkins

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

Those wishing to volunteer contact Jody 045 0096 210, or via email:

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THANK YOU

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

Many Ministry Groups will be shutting down before Christmas and will resume in the new year.

Ministry Group Dates

Group	Date End 2025	Date Return 2026
Men's Group	20/11/2025	19/02/2026
St Mac's Café	17/12/2025	28/01/2026
Children's Liturgy	21/12/2025	25/01/2026
Quinns Place	12/12/2025	30/01/2026
Encounter	14/12/2025	TBA
Minister unto God prayer group	02/12/2025	03/02/2026
Little Macs Playgroup	10/12/2025	4/2/2026

The parish office will be closed from the afternoon of the 24th of December 2025, and will reopen on the Tuesday 6th of January, 2026.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our choirs and organists for the beautiful music they share with us throughout the year. Through their dedication and generosity of time, they enrich our liturgies and help lift our hearts and minds in prayer, allowing us to more fully enter into the sacred mysteries we celebrate. Their music is a true gift to our parish community. We warmly invite anyone with an interest in singing or music to consider joining this ministry — new voices and musicians are always welcome, and your talents could help continue this wonderful tradition of worship.

ANOTHER YEAR AND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GROW OUR FAITH FILLED COMMUNITY!

Without all our wonderful Ministry groups that this Parish has, we would be stagnant and would not survive. All our Ministry groups contribute equally to the special family that we are at St Macartan's - A friendly, helpful and faith filled Family.

I look forward to sharing with you more opportunities for you to share with your Time / Talent / & Treasure in 2026.

Blessings to you all for this New Year and Thank You for your participation.

Fr Geoff

KIDS COLOURING PAGE

Epiphany

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wisemen	worship	herrod	camel
jesus	myrrh	king	magi
east	gold	star	