

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr Geoff & Fr An are currently picking up bread from a local bakery every Tuesday & Friday nights at 6pm. Sometimes they are not available. The bread is given to the poor, elderly & needy on Wednesday nights at St Macs Café, during the week through SVDP and after 9am Mass. If you are available to help collect the bread, please contact the office: 59752200

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Tues 6th: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
- Thurs 8th: ST MARY OF THE CROSS
- Sat 10th: ST LAWRENCE

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- 17/18 August:
THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE—SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST AFTER 9AM & 11AM MASSES.

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, Sinead Ryan, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner & Fred Verna.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries: Virginia Speirani, Helen Hendry, Robert Vino & Mary Wight

Funeral service information:

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4480109>

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 2 Term 3: 26 July](#)

Padua Newsletter:

[Edition 4 - 28 June](#)



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 547 373 281



First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77(78):3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God

is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Communion Antiphon

Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

This week we Congratulate:

Leo, Luca & Spencer who were baptized on Saturday 28th July

Living the Gospel

The Body of Christ

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more helpers in the **TEA TROLLEY**. This group organises morning tea after 9am Sunday mass for members of our Parish to gather with friends old and new.

We need you!

So, if you would like to help.

Please contact the office: 5975 2200

Thank you



Pope to altar servers: 'Share Jesus with others'

Pope Francis encourages participants in the International Pilgrimage of Altar Servers to share Jesus' Eucharistic love with those in need.

By Lisa Zengarini

In his address to nearly 50,000 altar servers gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis highlighted the deep meaning of the motto chosen for the international event: "With you" (Isa 41:10). This expression, he noted, "encapsulates the mystery of love", which is the "mystery of our lives." The altar servers had gathered in the square with the Pope as part of their weeklong pilgrimage to Rome, now in its second day.

Being with God

The Pope remarked that in the liturgy they serve, these two words refer first of all to God who, in the Eucharist, "becomes a real and concrete presence in the Body and Blood of Christ."

"Your experience of serving the liturgy reminds me that the first subject, the agent of this 'with you', is God."

Because Jesus is with us, we can truly be with Him

In Communion, the Pope continued, altar servers too "can say to the Lord Jesus, 'I am with you'", not in words, "but with your heart and your body, with your love."

By ministering with an attentive mind, heart and body, "the mystery of God who is with you gives you the ability to be with others in a new way" thus carrying out "His commandment to 'love one another as I have loved you'," he said.

"The 'with you' of Jesus, thanks to His love, becomes my, your, our 'with you' that we can share with others."



Being close to our neighbours

Being with Jesus, therefore, implies also being close to our neighbours, "not in words, but in deeds, with gestures, with your heart", even to "those we might not like", who are different from us; to foreigners; to those "whom we feel do not understand us"; who never come to church; and who say they do not believe in God.

Concluding, Pope Francis, thanked the organisers for choosing such meaningful motto, and the pilgrims for coming to Rome "to share the joy of belonging to Jesus, of being servants of his love, servants of His wounded heart that heals our wounds, that saves us from death, and that gives us eternal life."

Cardinal Hollerich's introduction

The audience was introduced Cardinal Jean Claude Hollerich who is accompanying the pilgrims throughout the week. The Archbishop of Luxembourg noted that the motto "With you" is an invitation to be "true friends of all men with the help of Christ". However, he remarked, we are true friends only when we extend our hands to serve and help those in need: "the poor, the persecuted, the oppressed, the homeless, the unemployed, the refugees or those without a country."

The celebration

The Pope's greeting was followed by a liturgy of the Word with six prayer intentions of the faithful introduced by Cardinal Hollerich in German, French, Hungarian, and Portuguese in which participants also prayed for peace in the world. At the end of the celebration Pope Francis greeted each of the bishops accompanying the altar servers and then toured St. Peter's Square to greet the young pilgrims.

What a Blessing we had at St Macartan's last Saturday when we welcomed for the first time, the MPWLC.

From the very start I liked them and by the end of their one hour concert I had fallen in love with them.

Not only were they exceptional singers and musicians, their harmonies were beautiful and they were also truly lovely people.

The MPWLC are certainly welcome back. So do yourselves a favour and go and support them when they next meet.

Fr Geoff



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Jokes of the Week



2) “What’s the expiration date on it?” It’s like the story of a little girl in Milwaukee who had had tonsil infection and was staying with her grandmother while her parents were at work. One day she complained of a sore throat. “I have some holy water from Lourdes that I got from my mother,” the grandmother said. “Should I put some on your neck?” The girl thought for a moment and then asked, “What’s the expiration date on it?”

3) Sharing everything: A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald’s. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap. The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn’t have to split theirs. The old gentleman said, “Oh no. We’ve been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50.” The young man then asked the wife if she was not going to eat, and she replied, “It’s his turn with the teeth.”



4) Grace at dinner party: A woman was hosting a dinner party and at the table she asked her six-year-old daughter to say grace. “But I wouldn’t know what to say,” the girl responded. “Just say what you hear Mommy say,” replied the mother. The little girl nodded, bowed her head, and prayed, “Dear Lord, why in the world did I invite all these people to dinner?”

New Parishioners

If you are new to our beautiful parish, please collect a welcome pack from the church foyer. We are always happy to integrate new parishioners into our welcoming community.

Feel free to introduce yourself to Fr Geoff, Fr An or Cherrie in the office.



Piety Store

PIETY  STALL

Welcome to August. Can you believe Christmas is around 20 weeks away? It will be upon us before you realise.

The ordering has commenced to build the stock with a variety of products, ready for the next 4-5 months. I can't believe the stock that is unavailable through many of the suppliers, statues for example, very difficult to come by. I am placing backorders so when stock does arrive these orders will have priority. Please have patience with us while the new stock is on its way and we get it marked and on the shelves. I am expecting two orders in the next couple of days so these should be on display for the weekend.

We have the Trade Fair on Monday where most of our Christmas stock is purchased. That is a full day but exciting seeing what is available that we may not have stocked previously.

I have just returned from Japan after a 10 day holiday. Unfortunately I came down with Covid the day after I returned and Graham obviously caught it from me. We are now both fully recovered and rearing to go. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Anderson for all her support in my absence. I would also like to thank to Rosemarie, Marie and Ezme for filling in and helping during this time.

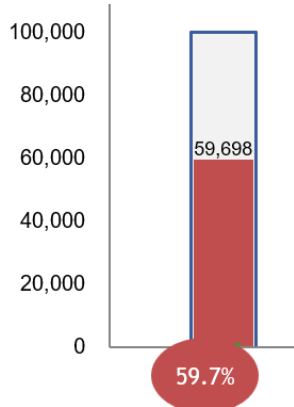
If anyone would like to become part of the Gift Shop Team please call me on 0425 749 379 to discuss.

Vocation Awareness Week.

As one of the four Archdiocese Vocation promoters, It would be remiss of me not to mention this, as we all have a vocare a calling to serve the Lord. Whether you are single or married or wether you join a religious order (i.e. Franciscan Friar, Sister of Mercy), or become a Catholic Dioceses Priest – we are all called to follow Christ and be part of God's plan. To know more about a Priests calling, you may contact me or any Priest or look at this link:

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/>

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ROOF RESTORATION - FUND RAISING

Currently you have donated

\$59,698

We are still raising money and need to get to \$100,000

DONATE via the Parish website or using the details below:

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Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Tipping winners is still proving to be difficult. Last week Kathleen Ronchi was our best tipper with 8/9. Our 3 leaders continue their tussle at the top. Mel Fisher, Chris Houlihan and Maree O'Halloran are battling it out. Two further back are Lachlan Jolly, John Frank, Myke Schultz and Mary Lane.

Although Australian rules football is not an Olympic sport, it was showcased at the MCG as part of the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne. In accordance with the current Olympic eligibility rules, participants were restricted to amateurs, which forced organisers to select squads made up of young stars, ageing veterans and suburban-league athletes. In 1896, the first modern Olympic Games opened with a program of just nine sports: Artistic Gymnastics, Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Shooting, Swimming, Tennis, Weightlifting, and Greco-Roman Wrestling. In contrast, Paris 2024 feature a record 41 sports, integrating sports that are closely associated with youth and reward creativity and athletic performance, including Breaking.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Padua College Vinnies Annual Quiz Night – Friday 9th August – Venue = Mornington Campus – 7pm start.

Led and organised by Year 12 Catholic Action Program (CAP) class.

\$10/ticket. Massive silent auction from donors from around the Peninsula.

Get a table (10) together or send names to be added to a table.

Great night – Great fun – Great cause.

All monies raised to Mornington Peninsula St Vincent de Paul outlets.

To receive a TRY BOOKING link and any questions - mwilliams@padua.vic.edu.au

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 3rd/4th August 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Sandra Barrett

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10/11 August 2024

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Patricia Duryea, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensill, Rosina Di Petta

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17/18 August 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Sue Fletcher

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24/25 August 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Alice Fisher

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Paul Girolami

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Pat Girolami

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina DiPetta, Barb Ensill

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