

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 5th November 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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THE WAY OF GREATNESS

MATTHEW 23:1-12

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/3843001>

Or go to website to copy link:

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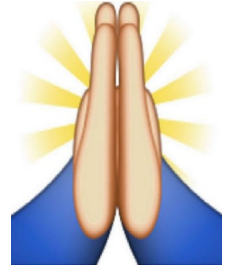
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Upcoming Holy days:

- Thu 9th Nov: **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** - Feast
- Fri 10th Nov: **St Leo the Great**
- Sat 11th Nov: **St Martin of Tours** - Bishop

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: Rosina Bongiorno, Brenda Robinson,

Recently Deceased: Joanne Dean,

Dermott Michael (Bunt) McCarthy - Funeral here on Wed 8th 11:30am.

First Reading

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**

2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **(R.)**

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Scriptural Context

Laying down the Law

Throughout Matthew's gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This week's gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees (all of Ch 23). The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually 'got in the way' and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognise that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

Living the Gospel – Christian Leadership

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others.

Gospel Focus – Contrasts

Jesus' description of the Pharisees' behaviour offers a stark contrast to his own way of bringing about the Kingdom of God. By their actions, the Pharisees place burdens on the shoulders of others – burdens of guilt, shame, duty and punishment. Throughout his ministry, Jesus acted to lift such burdens from the shoulders of the downtrodden and marginalised. Jesus' ministry was typified by his humility and focus on others.



Pope speaks by phone with Turkish President Erdoğan about war in Holy Land

Pope Francis holds a telephone conversation with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Türkiye, to discuss the "dramatic situation" in the Holy Land.

By Vatican News

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, has confirmed that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan spoke on the phone with Pope Francis on Thursday morning.

In the call requested by President Erdoğan, the two leaders discussed "the dramatic situation in the Holy Land", according to Mr. Bruni.

"The Pope expressed his sorrow for what is happening and recalled the Holy See's position, voicing his hopes that a two-state solution and a special statute for the city of Jerusalem could be reached," Mr. Bruni explained.

The Turkish government had made it known in the morning that the President had expressed great concern to the Pope about what is happening in Gaza.

On 22 October, Pope Francis spoke to US President Joe Biden for about 20 minutes regarding the situations of conflict in the world and the need to identify paths to peace.



Dear Parishioners,

This year, PAF celebrated fifteen years of operation in Frankston, and we wish to acknowledge your generous support of finances, goods and prayers since 2008.

We are looking for new people to join our team of volunteers next year, so please get in touch with us if you'd like to know more about this rewarding outreach for supporting pregnant women.

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With kind regards,
Elizabeth and PAF Team

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Jokes of the Week



1) Big grasshoppers: On a vacation to Australia, a Texas farmer meets an Aussie farmer and starts talking to him about his farm. The Aussie takes him to see his big wheat field, but the Texan isn't impressed. "We have wheat fields that are twice as large as this one," he told the Aussie. The Aussie farmer drives him around the ranch and shows off his big herd of cattle. "Oh, our longhorns are at least twice as big as these," the Texan bragged. The Aussie farmer is getting frustrated, when the Texan suddenly notices a herd of kangaroos hopping across a field. "What on earth are those?" he asks. The Aussie turns to him with a mischievous smile. "Don't you have any big grasshoppers like this in Texas?"

2) "I'm here to hook up your phone." The boss was in his new office. An employee walked in. The boss picked up the phone and started an imaginary conversation flattering himself. He signaled the worker he'd be with him shortly. The employee said, "Take your time, boss. I'm here to hook up your phone." — "A proud heart," wrote Ben Franklin, "is like a crooked fence."

CDF has extended the Community Fund Offer to be shared with St Macartan's Parish Community. The campaign is that individuals can invest in a 12-month term investment at CDF's promotional rate of 5.55% p.a. The CDF Community Fund exists for lay investors to be able to invest funds with CDF knowing their funds are going to support Schools, Churches, Healthcare and the like.

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Padua College | 2023 Christmas Hampers

Each year our students provide pantry food items or monetary donations that are used towards making hampers for any families in our Padua community who may have experienced some difficulties throughout the year. The students and staff then pack the hampers for delivery to these families.

As the Christmas Season is fast approaching, we are asking the whole College to assist with providing donations for hampers for families in our Padua community who are in need of support this year and will find Christmas a difficult time. 2023 has been an even greater challenge for our families and this year we will be seeking to make more hampers than ever before.

We are asking our Year 10, 11 & 12 students, staff, and other members of our community to provide a monetary donation between \$5 - \$100 to support the purchase of items to add to our Christmas Hampers. Our Junior students will be asked to provide food items for the hampers. If these families would also like to provide a monetary donation, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please understand that this is a voluntary contribution and is not expected.

Padua College is not a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and you cannot claim your donation as a tax deduction.

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**Actions speak louder than words;
Let your words teach and your
actions speak.”**

St Anthony of Padua

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Mr Matthew Williams
Vice Principal - Mission, Identity & Community

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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

Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4/5 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Mins Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Gabrialla Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Shiela Goddard

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis, Pat Girolami

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina di Petta

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Trish Thomas

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Sandra Barrett

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