

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 12th November 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/3858903>

Or go to website to copy link:

[https://www.melbcatholic.org/
mornington](https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington)

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos)

Upcoming Holy days:

- Fri 17th Nov: **St Elizabeth of Hungary**

**THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL LEAVING
COLLECTION**

Catholic Deafness appeal

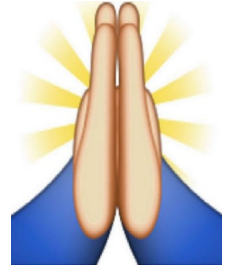
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teddy Bears Picnic Sunday 19th Nov.
after 11am Mass

**Also, new 2023-2024 Thanksgiving
Envelopes in Foyer. Please only take
your number!**

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:

Recently Deceased: Michael Dermot (Bunt) McCarthy, James (Jim) Edward Montgomery - Thur 16th Nov 11:30am, Roy David Cahill - Tues 14th Nov 2pm

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:1-2

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.

Living the gospel

Living in hope

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

Gospel Reflection

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually

arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty. Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Historical Context – Where was the bride?

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasise and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM - NEEDS YOU!

As we approach Christmas and then Easter, we look forward to the special efforts surrounding the Mass liturgies. But this needs people to help organise.

If you can find time to come to a meeting a month, and help others prepare these liturgies, please contact Fr Geoff: 59752200 email: mornington@cam.org.au

Pope Francis continues to call Gaza parishioners every day

Fr Gabriele Romanelli launches the appeal of his parishioners at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza who ask for prayers and for continued international efforts for peace in the Holy Land. By Roberto Cetera and Linda Bordoni

Pope Francis continues to be in contact, every day, with the Catholic community at Gaza's Church of the Holy Family, that is currently offering shelter to some 700 Palestinians who have lost their homes in the current war between Hamas and Israel.

Following the attacks perpetrated by Hamas on 7 October in which 1,400 people were killed and 200 others kidnapped, Israel's retaliatory strikes on Hamas infrastructure in Gaza have killed more than 10,000 people, including over 4,100 children. Tens of thousands have been displaced, and in an interview with Vatican Media, there is no safe place in Gaza nor in the South."

Fr Gabriele, who was in Gaza at the time of the Hamas attacks, entered Gaza to be physically present but he says he speaks to them every day if possible.



"Every day we connect several times," he adds although "unfortunately communications have been cut off," leaving the community isolated, "but now they have resumed."

The parish priest says his parishioners are as well "as one can be in a time of war, in a place of war, but the place they feel safest is with Jesus."

The closeness of Jesus and of the Church

They know, he continues, "that there is no safe place in all the Gaza Strip, neither in the North nor in the South, but they feel the presence of Jesus, the closeness of Jesus and of the whole church."

Fr Gabriele reiterates their gratitude to the Pope, whom he says "calls them every day, to say 'hello', to ask how they are doing and to impart his blessing."

Appeal for prayers and efforts for peace

Above all, Fr Gabriele says, they pray and they ask that we continue to pray for peace.

"They have a Mass in the morning, one in the afternoon, the constant recitation of the Rosary" in different groups and with some of the 700 refugees who are sheltered in the Church of the Holy Family.

Concluding, the priest says their appeal goes out to the whole world to aid efforts for peace:

That those who have a voice - diplomats, politicians, journalists, people of good will, men and women throughout the world - not only pray but also work for peace.



A telephone call by Pope Francis to the Holy Family Church in Gaza

ST. MACARTANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Sunday 19th November 2023, 11am



- ❖ Start with 11.00am Mass & Blessing of the Teddy Bears
- ❖ Picnic & Puppet Show
- ❖ Games and Competitions
- ❖ Treasure Hunt, Music
- ❖ Food
- ❖ Surprises

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Annual Deaf Appeal



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Spirit of the Deaf Community



"Men's Night"

" Our last one for the year will be on **Thursday 16th November at 5.00pm in the Community Centre.**

A spectacular evening is guaranteed , so be there or be Square !. Tissues will be available , if needed.

Gourmet food on tap.

BYO water of life. Donation \$2.00, to cover entertainment bonanza.

The three Amigos"

Thanks and Slainte Kerry

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.

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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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Jokes of the Week



1) A Sunday school teacher was testing the children in her class one morning to see if they understood the concept of "getting to Heaven." She said, "If I sold my house and my car, held a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals, gave candy to children and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

"Well," the teacher continued, "how do I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

2 When Bishop Philip Brooks, author of "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," was seriously ill, he requested that none of his friends come to see him. But when an acquaintance of his named Robert Ingersoll, the famous anti-Christian propagandist, came to see him, Brooks allowed him to enter his room. Ingersoll said, "I appreciate this very much, especially when you aren't letting any of your close friends see you." Bishop Brooks responded, "Oh, I'm confident of seeing them in the next world, but this may be my last chance to see you."

Parish Census

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

The primary purpose of a parish census is to identify who the members of a parish community are. By collecting personal information on elements such as age, gender, and occupation, it helps parish leadership understand the practical and spiritual needs of the community. It is also helpful to know what skills and talents are present in the wider community. All of our parishioners are very important and having up to date information helps us as a parish connect and grow in our faith together.

On your pews you will find a census card and pencils. Can you please take some time to fill these in now. Only one per family is needed. Once completed please place these into either the first or second collection – either collection is fine. If you would like to take your time, you are welcome to complete this at home and bring it to next weekend's mass where you can drop it into any collection.

Thank you - Fr Geoff

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

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, Marlene Tesmann

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 25/26 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Barb Ensil

1st Sunday of Advent – 2/3 December 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Mairi & Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Sandra Barrett

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Vice Principal: Mission, Identity & Community: Matthew Williams

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