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Upcoming Events

Fr Joe O'Shea returns for his
Lenten Lectio Divina and reflections
on understanding scripture
Mondays 6-7pm
In the Church
Beginning Monday 3rd March

Upcoming Holy Days:

None

Reminder:

Ash Wednesday 5th March
Extra Mass 7pm

Then LENT begins!

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Kath O'Malley, Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, John Malligan, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Kevin Kershaw



Please be advised that the above names are updated at the end of each month. Please contact the Mornington Parish on Ph: 5975 2200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au to add to the list.

Death Anniversaries: Kevin Paganoni

Recently Deceased: Jean Harnett

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4949597>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/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 & every Saturday from 9:45 (after 9:15am Mass)
- 3:30-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

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

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



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Reading

Sirach 27:5-8

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

(R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Gospel Reflection

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

Scriptural Context – Three texts; one lesson

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek

St Mac's Cafe

Invites you to an evening of
good food and good
company!

**Every Wednesday evening from
5.45pm in the Community
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Pope's condition remains critical but stable

The Holy See Press Office's Tuesday evening update on the Pope's health says he has not suffered acute respiratory episodes, and his hemodynamic parameters remain stable. The prognosis remains guarded.

Vatican News

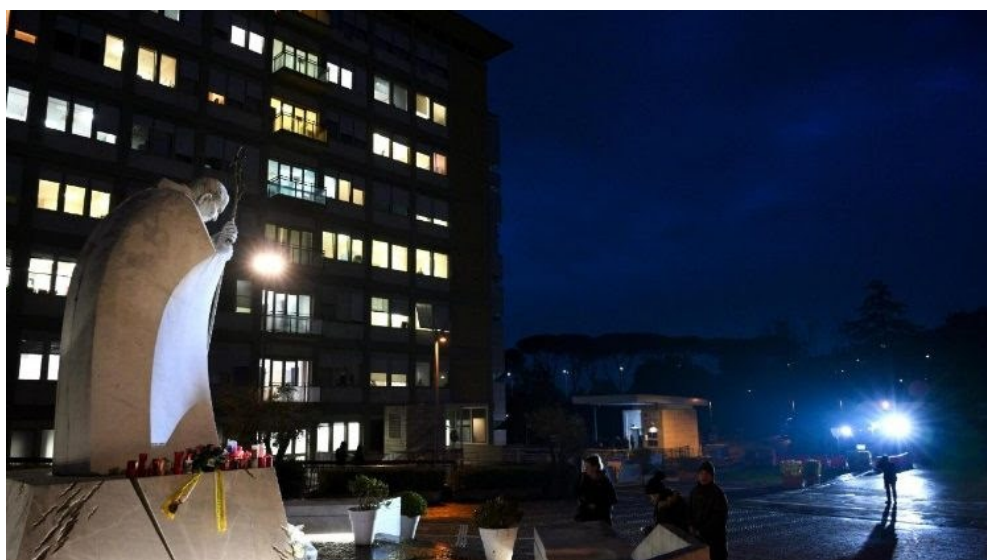
"The Holy Father's clinical condition remains critical but stable. There have been no acute respiratory episodes, and hemodynamic parameters continue to be stable. In the evening, he underwent a scheduled CT scan to radiologically monitor the bilateral pneumonia. The prognosis remains cautious.

In the morning, after receiving the Eucharist, he resumed work activities." This Tuesday evening update on Pope Francis' health was published by the Holy See Press Office on 25 February 2025.

Twice-daily statements have kept the faithful informed as regards the Pope's health since he was admitted to the Agostino Gemelli Hospital in Rome on Friday, 14 February following a bout of bronchitis.

He is currently being treated for double pneumonia and a health update last week noted that he is also showing signs of mild renal insufficiency, which appears to be under control.

A statement Monday evening noted that, despite the severity of the Pope's condition, he has shown slight improvement. "No episodes of asthma-like respiratory distress occurred [Monday], and some laboratory tests have shown improvement. The monitoring of his mild kidney insufficiency has not raised any concerns. Oxygen therapy continues, although with slightly reduced flow and oxygen levels." The statement said doctors are maintaining a "cautious" prognosis "given the complexity of the clinical picture."





Jubilee 2025

Throughout the [2025 Jubilee Year](#), there are 36 special celebrations highlighting aspects of Church life.

For each event, a set of resources has been prepared which parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.

The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes
- Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; Image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

15-18 February [Jubilee of Artists](#)

21-23 February [Jubilee of Deacons](#)

8-9 March [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)

28 March [24 Hours for the Lord](#)

28-30 March [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

Please use [this link](#) to view the full calendar for 2025.

HIGH SPIRITS CONFIRMATION CLASSES ON NOW!

Tuesdays 4-5pm

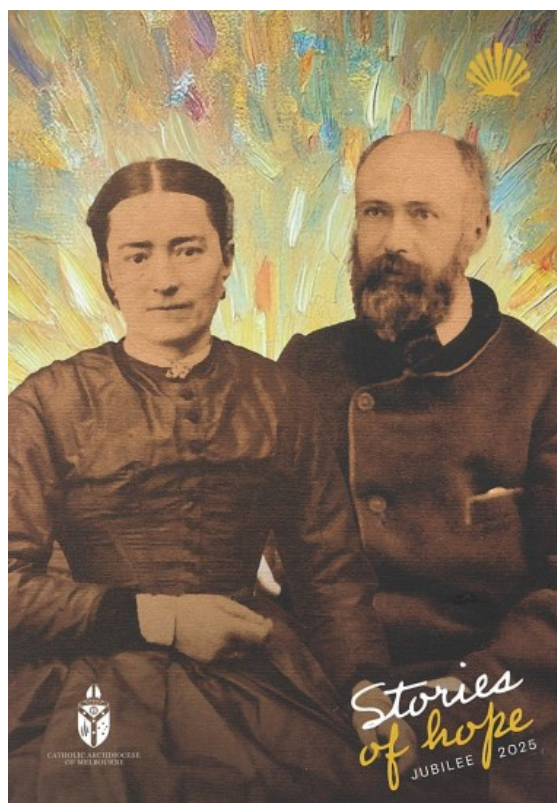
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(1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist in 2nd half of year)

STORIES OF HOPE



Sts Louis and Zélie Martin



St Zélie (1831–1877) and St Louis Martin (1823–1894), the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux, were both humble and holy. Despite losing four children at young ages—and Zélie herself dying of breast cancer at only 45—their home was marked by prayer and the warmth of God's presence. St Thérèse said she only had 'to look at my father to see how the saints pray'.

The young Thérèse watched her parents closely, learning from them, admiring them, adoring them. Despite suffering and loss, and the inevitable challenges of family life, Louis and Zélie totally surrendered to God's will, putting their hope in him through all the seasons of life. As St Zélie wrote, 'The good Lord does not do things by halves; He always gives what we need. Let us then carry on bravely.'

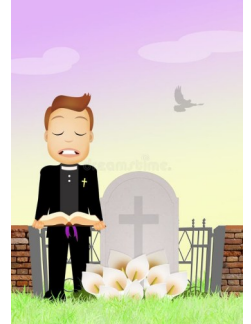
During this Jubilee of Children, Families, Elderly and Grandparents, may the lives of St Zélie and St Louis Martin remind us of the joys and consolations of family life. Let us pray that we too can inspire the children in our lives to find hope in God and eternal life, a hope that helps us carry on with strength and courage, even in the darkest times.



Jokes of the Week



1) "Go thou and do likewise!" After a minister preached a sermon on spiritual gifts, he was greeted at the door by a lady who said, "Pastor, I believe I have the gift of criticism." He looked at her and asked, "Remember the person in Jesus' parable who had the one talent? Do you recall what he did with it?" "Yes," replied the lady, "he went out and buried it." With a smile, the pastor suggested, "Go thou, and do likewise!"



2) Judge Not

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade..
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why's everyone so quiet,
So somber – give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

Call for Volunteers for the St Macartan's Church

Flower Roster

For further information, please contact

Mary Arter on mob: 0437 102 483



Ministry unto God prayer group is back!

Josie, Frank and the faith filled team is back each Tuesday in the Community House, 8 Drake St from 10am - 12pm

Prayer, Praise & Worship awaits

COME AND JOIN IN!!!

Parish Footy Tipping Competition



This Thursday, the Opening Round of the 2025 AFL season starts. The St Macartan's Footy Tipping Competition for 2025 starts then too!

Last year our tippers won over \$1100 between them. Who will win the rewards this year?

If you have been part of our competition before then all you need to do is log back in to your ESPN Footy Tips account and make sure your details are up to date.

We would love new members. All you need to do is go to ESPN Footy Tips www.footytips.com.au and create an account then search for St Macartan's Parish Footy Tipping. The password to join is 'drake'.

Cost to participate this season, including finals, is \$30.00 payable to either James or Spencer. Any queries contact James Barrett ph 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net.au or Spencer Meier ph 0448 602 288 sanddmeier@bigpond.com

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st/2nd March 2025

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins: Mairi Duyvestyn, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: Richard Jolly, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, Barbara Ensil

1st Sunday of Lent – 8th/9th March 2025

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins: Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Terry Roberts, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins: Evelyn Atkins, Rosina Di Petta

2nd Sunday of Lent – 15/16 March 2025

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins: Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins: Patricia Thomas, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins: Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

3rd Sunday of Lent – 22/23 March 2025

6.00pm: Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins: Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Kerr, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am: Readers Iris Hallinan, Michael Harrison

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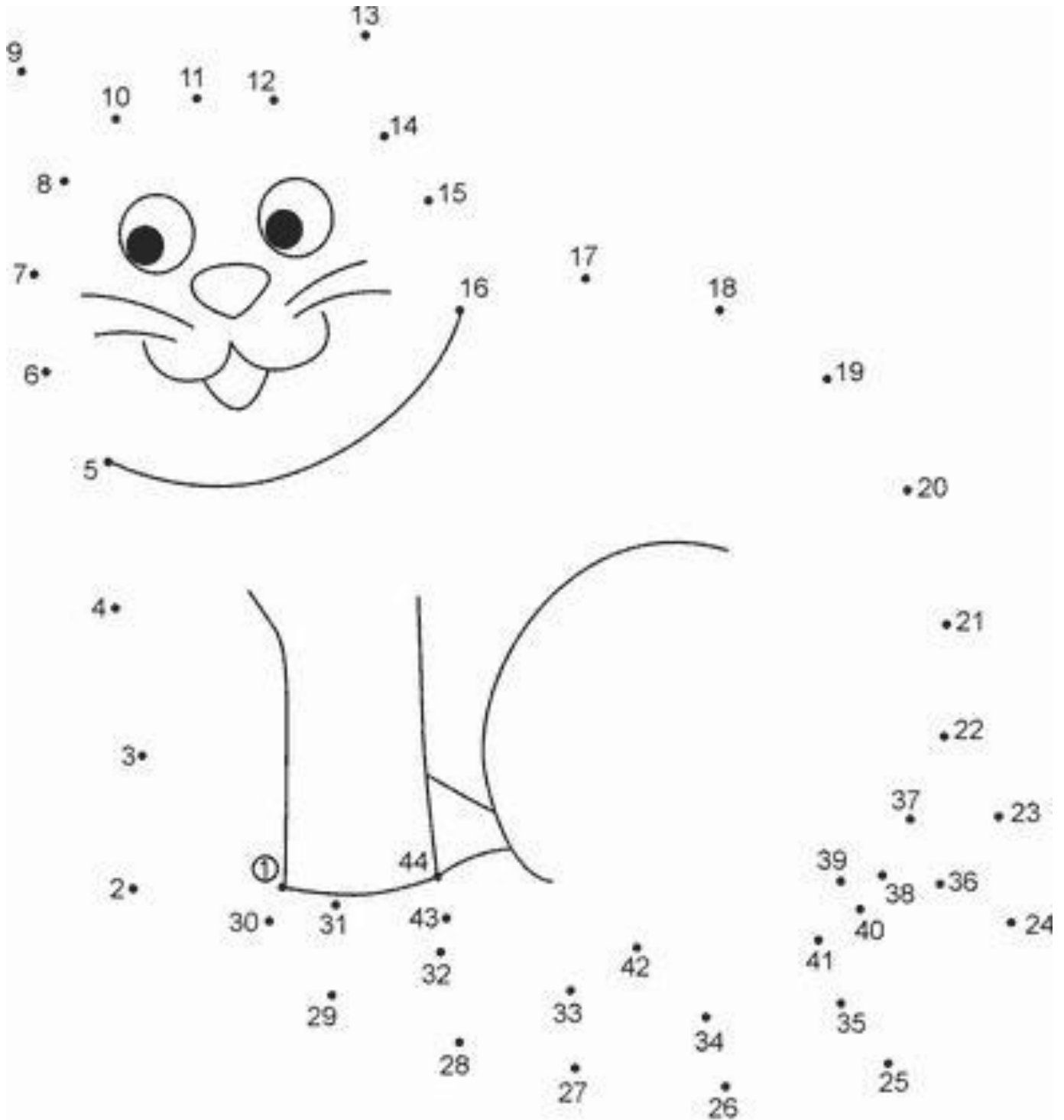
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