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Upcoming Events

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's
mrs sippy jazz band
for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing
Sunday 23rd February 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club,
350 Dunns Road Mornington
Admission \$15 p.p.
B.Y.O. nibbles
coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.
Bookings not required.

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 Kesic, Fred Verna, Jean Harnett, Patricia Hird, John Malligan, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola



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: Anthony (Tony) Ryan, Terry Holt, Laurie Robinson, Chris Smyth, Father Kevin Mogg

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4932144>

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

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. To-day the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Historical Context

In the midst of oppression

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

Gospel Reflection

The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to love their enemies and to do good to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus

presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity.

Scriptural context – Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

St Mac's Cafe

Invites you to an evening of
good food and good
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**Every Wednesday evening from
5.45pm in the Community
Centre**



Pope has double pneumonia; condition remains 'complex'

In a Tuesday evening press release, the Holy See Press Office says that Pope Francis has double pneumonia, but nevertheless "remains in good spirits"

By Vatican News

"Laboratory tests, chest X-rays, and the clinical condition of the Holy Father continue to present a complex picture."

In a message to journalists on Tuesday evening, the Holy See Press Office gave the latest update on the Pope's health since he was hospitalized on Friday to receive treatment for bronchitis.

The statement added that the Pope's "polymicrobial infection, which has arisen in the context of bronchiectasis and asthmatic bronchitis, and has required the use of corticosteroid and antibiotics, makes the therapeutic treatment more complex."

"A follow-up chest CT scan, to which the Holy Father was subjected this afternoon—prescribed by the Vatican medical team and the medical staff of the "A. Gemelli" Polyclinic Foundation—

revealed the onset of bilateral pneumonia, requiring additional pharmacological therapy."

"Nevertheless," the press release adds, "Pope Francis remains in good spirits."

The Press Office statement concludes by noting that the Pope had "received the Eucharist and, throughout the day, alternated between rest, prayer, and reading. He expresses his gratitude for the support he feels at this time and kindly asks that prayers for him continue."



Pope appoints religious sister to run Vatican City State

The Vatican has confirmed that Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist Raffaella Petrini, secretary-general of the office governing Vatican City State and already the highest ranking woman at the Vatican, will become the next president of the office. She will assume the role on 1 March when current president Cardinal Fernando Vérgez Alzaga steps down on his 80th birthday.



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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

Catechism / Sacramental classes for children who do not attend Catholic school or others who have missed their sacrament. For the first half of 2025 we look at **CONFIRMATION, every Tuesday 4pm**. Children must be in Yr 5 or higher and have already achieved 1st reconciliation and 1st Eucharist.

Parent Information and enrolment night is

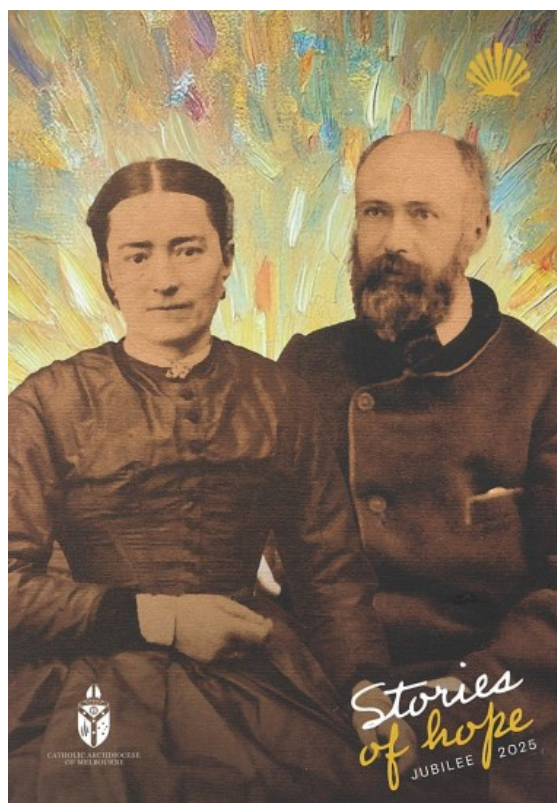
TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY at 4pm

At the Community House - 8 Drake St

Contact Mr Michael Kerr for more information: mkerr@padua.vic.edu.au or

Parish Office: mornington@cam.org.au 59752200

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: "Forgive Your Enemies" The preacher's Sunday sermon was, "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked, "How many have forgiven their enemies?" About half held up their hands. He then repeated the question. This time about eighty percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question a third time. The entire congregation held up their hands except one elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones," the preacher asked, "aren't you willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any" she replied. "That is very unusual", the preacher said. "How old are you?" "Ninety-three." "Mrs. Jones, please come to the front and tell the congregation how a person cannot have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle and said: "It's easy; I just outlived all those rascals!"

#2: The preacher and the doctor: There's a story told of a husband and wife both of whom were doctors – one a Doctor of Theology and the other a Doctor of Medicine. When their doorbell was rung and the maid answered, the inquirer would often ask for "the doctor". The maid's interesting reply was: "Do you want the one who preaches or the one who practices?"



#3: Irish prayer: There is an old Irish prayer that goes like this, "May God bless those who love us. And those who do not love us, may He turn their hearts. And if He does not turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we may know them by their limping."

Bold in love, firm in faith: Cardinal Bychok's sacred mission

On Friday 14 February 2025, the Ukrainian Catholic community in Melbourne gathered for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul to celebrate the elevation of Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, head of the Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, to the 'Sacred Purple' of the College of Cardinals. The event marked a significant milestone in the life of the Eparchy and of the wider Church in Australia.



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Call for Volunteers

Ever thought of volunteering

Or

Have you volunteered before, and would like to do it again!

St Macartan's Church have many volunteer opportunities.

If you or someone you know, would like to volunteer, in the Parish Newsletter, there is an extensive list of contacts and volunteering opportunities to choose from. If interested, please contact Bronwen, Parish Secretary on 5975 2200.



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



It is that time of the year. The AFL season starts on Thursday 6th March and so the St Macartan's Footy Tipping Competition is on again.

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22/23 February 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Sue Fletcher

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 Louise Renshaw, 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

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