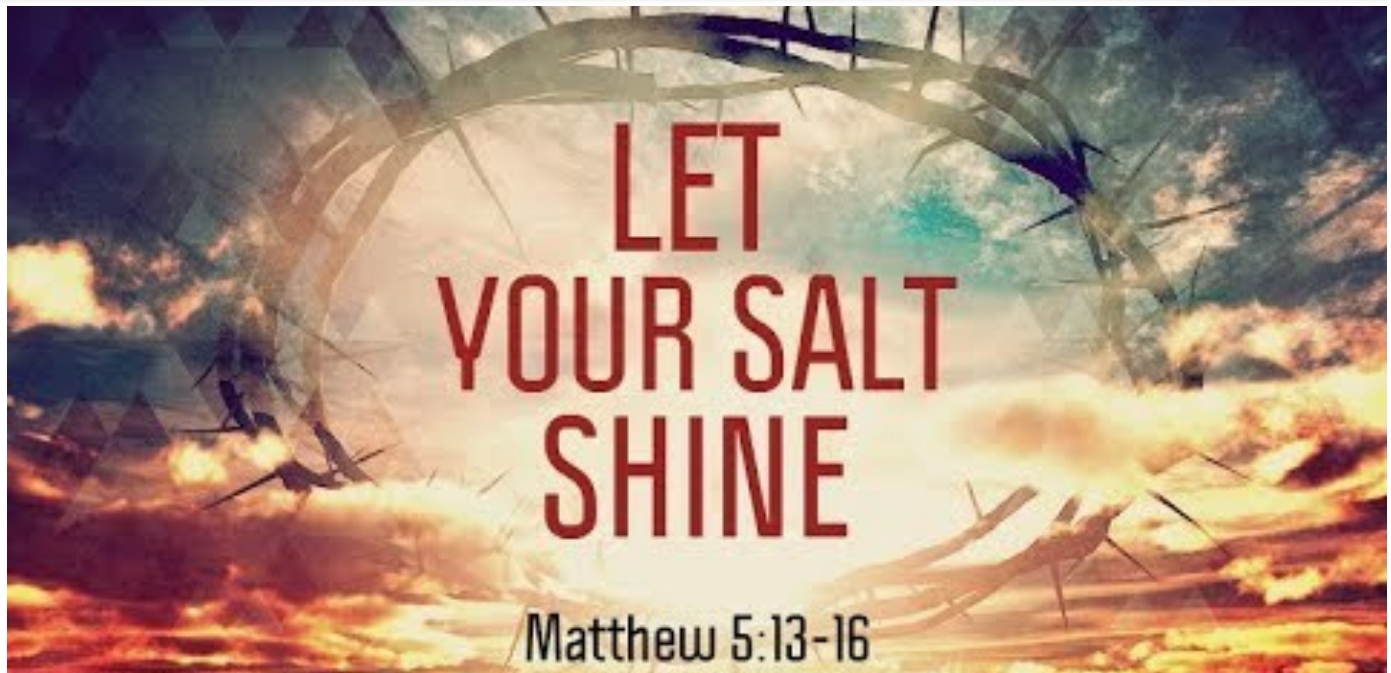




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Upcoming Events - here

**8th February, 2026—Prep welcome mass 11am and cultural festival .
From 12noon-1:30pm**

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy on Sunday the 8th due to Prep mass.

Fundraiser :

Community Centre toilets

We are hoping to raise \$30,000 to pay for the renovation works.

So far we have \$18,000

Upcoming Holy Days:

- 10th Feb: St Scholastica, virgin
- 11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes & World day of prayer for the sick
- 14th Feb: St Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

Returns Friday 6th February, 2026

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing



Death Anniversaries:

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 8th February, 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5703821>

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]

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Wednesday's 9:45 - 10:30 and Saturday's
9:45 - 10:30 approx. (after 9:15am Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

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

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community
House & Hall

ENCOUNTER: TBA



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First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Scriptural Context

Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

Gospel reflection

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them. Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like

the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also. To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

Have you thought? – Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

From the perspective of ... Following blessings

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words



Pope Leo to DDF: Let's rediscover the joy of transmitting the faith

Welcoming the plenary assembly of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, Pope Leo calls the transmission of the faith an urgent matter, noting that the “rupture” in its generational transmission among Catholics must lead the Church to rediscover the “sweet and comforting joy of evangelizing,” which lies at the heart of her life and mission.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

Pope Leo XIV insisted that “the transmission of the faith” is “a matter of great urgency in our time,” when addressing the plenary assembly of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Thursday in the Vatican. Greeting the members of the Dicastery, Pope Leo said he was “well aware of the valuable service” they carry out, recalling that their mission, as stated in the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate Evangelium*, is that of helping “the Roman Pontiff and the Bishops to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world by promoting and safeguarding the integrity of Catholic teaching on faith and morals,” adding the DDF does this “by drawing upon the deposit of faith and seeking an ever deeper understanding of it in the face of new questions.”

'Your task'

Addressing the DDF officials, the Pope said, “Your task is to offer clarifications regarding the doctrine of the Church, through pastoral and theological guidance on questions that are often quite delicate.”



Expressing gratitude for the documents the

Dicastery has published in recent years, Pope Leo acknowledged that “such extensive work will certainly be of great benefit to the spiritual growth of the holy and faithful People of God.”

“In the context of the epochal change we are living through,” Pope Leo XIV continued, this work “offers the faithful a timely and clear word from the Church,” especially with regard to “the many new phenomena emerging on the stage of history” and “provides valuable guidance to Bishops in the exercise of their pastoral action, as well as to theologians, in their service of study and evangelization.”

The Pope expressed particular appreciation that the Plenary Session had initiated a fruitful discussion on the theme “of the transmission of the faith, a matter of great urgency in our time.”

Amid indifference, rediscover joy of evangelizing

“Indeed,” Pope Leo insisted, “we cannot ignore the fact that, in recent decades, a rupture has occurred in the generational transmission of the Christian faith among the Catholic people, and that, especially in contexts of ancient evangelization, the number is growing of those who no longer perceive the Gospel as a fundamental resource for their own existence, particularly among the younger generations.”

He also lamented how many young men and women live without any reference to God or to the Church, noting that while “this causes us believers great sorrow,” it “must lead us to rediscover the ‘sweet and comforting joy of evangelizing,’ which lies at the very heart of the life and mission of the Bride of Christ.”

The Pope remembered that at the recent Extraordinary Consistory, 7-8 Jan., the Cardinals called for a Church that does not look only at Herself, but to others and is missionary.

He also reiterated the need for a Church that “proclaims the Gospel, above all through the power of attraction, as my predecessors Benedict XVI and Francis repeatedly emphasized.”

[READ THE FULL ADDRESS OF POPE LEO XIV TO THE DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH](#)



This SUNDAY 8th February 11am Prep Welcome Mass.

Cultural event follows Mass.

Every year we have a welcome Mass for our new Preps at St Macartan's Primary School. This year we are adding a cultural flavor to it, by celebrating the many different ethnic groups in our wonderful Parish.

If you would like to cook your countries favorite foods, enough for 20-30 people. We can all take delight in sharing them. I would like 6 or 7 different cultures represented please.

To register, please contact the office 59752200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

We will also (as per usual), have:

- Magician for the children
- Tea, coffee and soft drinks etc.

Thank you

Fr Geoff

SVDP Festival Mass.

The 2026 SVDP Festival mass, celebrating the peninsula SVDP community will be held on the 21st of February, 2026 at 0900am at St Francis Xavier, Frankston.

Please RSVP to Barry Murphy on email: bjmurphy@bigpond.com by the 10th of February.

THANK YOU - BARRY MURPHY

Barry has been President of the Mornington SVDP chapter for the last four years and has now decided to step aside and give someone else the role.

I personally want to thank Barry, as he worked very closely with the Church and is still a very active parishioner.

Thank you Barry for your leadership and friendship and welcome to Sue Fletcher.

Fr Geoff

MORNINGTON ST VINCENT De PAUL CONFERENCE

The parishioners and visitors to St Macartan's church very generously donated \$5,115 to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal in December last year.

\$3,669 has also been donated through the SVDP poor boxes in the church since July 2025.

The members of St Vincent de Paul Society Mornington, would like to thank you for your incredible generosity, your donations will be used to assist vulnerable families in our area.

We also greatly appreciate the donations of non-perishable foods for our pantry.

Just a reminder that the SVDP QR code located next to the poor boxes in the foyers of the church is still valid for future donations.

Sue Fletcher.

President SVDP Mornington.



Catechism for children who do not attend Catholic school or haven't completed their sacraments of Reconciliation / 1st Eucharist or Confirmation

Wednesday's 4-5pm, Parish Community House, 8 Drake Street

HIGH SPIRITS

The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

BEGAN on Tuesday 3rd February at 4pm

Enrolments still being accepted.

It is in the Community House - 8 Drake Street

Please register via Office 59752200

Or email: mornington@cam.org.au

Other sacraments will be in the second half of the year.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Charis (a body established by the Holy Sea in 2019) was commissioned by the late pope Francis, to renew and make available to groups and parishes, a New Life in the Spirit seminar.

Therefore from Rome we have a Brand New Life in the Spirit seminar, screening on Tuesday the 10th of February at 10 am for 8 consecutive Tuesdays. There will be 8 topics, by 8 international speakers and 7 international testimonies, followed by discussion and a cuppa, ending by 12noon in the parish community centre.

It's a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our faith and our relationship with God and be renewed by His Spirit and continue our journey as pilgrims of hope.

No need to book ALL WELCOME bring a friend

Enquiries : Josie 0405 380 841



Community Centre Toilet Renovation Progress Update

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We would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their generous support of the Community Centre toilet renovation. Thanks to your donations, we have now raised \$18,000 of the \$30,000 required, a significant milestone that allows the project to continue moving forward.

We have also been blessed with several anonymous donations, which have greatly accelerated our fundraising efforts. We are deeply grateful to those donors for their generosity and quiet support of this important project.

To enable the work to continue and be completed as planned, there will be a special collection after each Mass this weekend. Any contribution, large or small, will assist us in reaching our goal and delivering improved, more functional and hygienic facilities for our parish community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

154 Cotham Road Kew Vic 3101

28 January 2026

Dear Father Geoffrey,

It was a joy to be at St Macartan's Mornington, last weekend 24/25 January.

You will be delighted with the response from the Parish Community to our visit.

We were able to distribute 277 Claver Almanacs and received \$3,206.25 in donations toward the Almanacs and the missions.

We were so impressed with the friendly atmosphere among the Parishioners who made us feel so welcome.

We would be grateful if you would thank all the Parishioners on our behalf.

Be assured of our prayers for you and all the Parishioners and their families.

Thanking you once more,

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sr Columba



Children's Liturgy Volunteers – 11.00am Mass

We are seeking a small number of volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy during the 11.00am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the faith journey of our young parishioners in a welcoming and age-appropriate way.

Volunteers would be required approximately once per month, working in pairs, and will be supported by the parish office, including access to prepared resources and guidance. No teaching background is required — just a willingness to engage with children and share in the life of our parish community.

All normal Child Safety requirements apply, including a Working With Children Check (or willingness to obtain one).

If you feel you could help, or would like more information, please contact the parish office on 59752200. Even a small commitment can make a big difference.

Volunteers Needed – Visitation Team

We are seeking additional volunteers to assist with our Visitation Team, supporting parishioners who now live in local aged care facilities. This ministry is a quiet but deeply meaningful way of staying connected with members of our parish community who are no longer able to attend Mass.

Volunteers visit aged and infirm parishioners, offering companionship, prayer, and where possible, the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. Visits are arranged at mutually convenient times and frequency, and full support and guidance are provided.

If you feel called to this gentle and rewarding ministry, or would simply like to find out more, please contact the parish office on 59752200 or mornington@cam.org.au. Even a small commitment can make a significant difference in someone's life.



Jokes of the Week



1) Business is business: Angela was nearing 60 and was in her final year of teaching in the state school. She was a devout Christian who missed teaching from the Bible. Because she was worried about how little her class knew about religion, Angela decided she was going to disregard the new regulations and teach some religion. She told her class that she would run a contest. She would give \$50 to whoever could tell her who the greatest man was who ever lived. Immediately Isaac a Jewish boy began to wave his hand, but Angela ignored him in favor of those in her Sunday school class. As she went around the room, Angela was disappointed with the answers she got. Jane, her best scholar, picked Noah because he saved all the animals. Others said, "I think the greatest man who ever lived was Alexander the Great because he conquered the whole world." and "I think it was Thomas Edison, because he invented the light bulb." Finally, she called on Isaac who still had his hand in the air. "I think the greatest man who ever lived was Jesus Christ." said Isaac. Angela was shocked but still gave him the \$50 reward. As she did so, she said, "Well, Isaac, I'm very surprised that you should be the only one with the right answer. How come?" "Well, to tell you the truth," Isaac replied as he pocketed the money, "I think it was Moses, but business is business."



Tea & Cake

2) "If Jesus were from Alabama...." : A little girl from Alabama went to church for the first time when she visited her grandparents in Michigan. When the Baptist pastor announced it was the Lord's Supper, she was excited – and hungry. All went up to the altar rail, and the child watched in confusion as her grandparents received a wafer and small plastic cup of wine. She got back to the pew and told her grandma that Jesus wasn't from Alabama. "How do you know that, dear?" asked grandma. "Because that was the poorest meal I've ever seen," she said. "Mama would've given everybody some corn bread and sweet tea."

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 7/8 February 2026

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

Audio Visual: Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins: John & Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: Marino Casamento

Live Stream: Tim Lambourne

11.00am Readers: Esme Higgins, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins: Barbara Ensil, John Rowe

Audio Visual : Graham Michel

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14/15 February 2026

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins: Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins: Frank Crea, Marcelle Azzopardi

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: Didier Le Miere

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, Sue Fletcher

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

Children's Liturgy: Gabi and Mel

Those wishing to volunteer contact Jody 045 0096 210, or via email:

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THANK YOU

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Email: morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au
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- **Padua College:** Ph: 5976 0100
- **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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