

3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YrB 21st Jan 2024

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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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. (Returns 28th JAN)

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. **ON HOLIDAYS**

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House. **ON HOLIDAYS**

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/4019840>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Thurs 25th Jan: THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

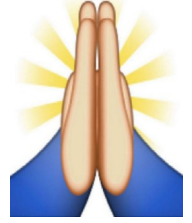
MOVEABLE FEASTS OF 2024

- 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
- 31st March - Easter Sunday
- 12th May - Ascension of our Lord
- 19th May - Pentecost
- 2nd June - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- 1st December - 1st Sunday Advent

Fr Geoff away from 7th Jan - 23rd Jan.

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, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan, Sean O'Leary and Kevin Morley



Death Anniversaries: [please send in notices by Wednesday afternoon]

Recent deaths: Terry Said (Funeral Tue 23rd Jan 11: 30 am—Webcast on Tobin brothers website) , Ruth Da Costa (Funeral Wed 24th Jan) & Jose Lopes

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

Living the Gospel

The Good News is here

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: "The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the

scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Scriptural Context – The Gospel in a hurry.

One of the features of this week's gospel is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year of readings that this is characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. This gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste – 'straight away'; 'immediately'; 'that day'; 'at once'. Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

Pope to priests of Rome: We are in a missionary land

Pope Francis meets with over 800 priests of the Diocese of Rome in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and calls the clergy to bear credible witness to Christ and to keep their homilies brief and direct.

By Vatican News

A "missionary land". This was how Pope Francis described the Diocese of Rome on Saturday morning. He met in the city's Cathedral Basilica of St. John Lateran for his annual encounter with the clergy of Rome.

The Pope arrived shortly after 9 AM, and was welcomed by Cardinal Angelo De



Donatis, the Diocesan Vicar. To the over 800 priests, diocesans, religious, and permanent deacons serving the Diocese, the Bishop of Rome launched an appeal for the evangelization of the entire ecclesiastical community.

The Pope also announced that he will resume visiting the parishes of the diocese, after the pause imposed by the pandemic.

Open, friendly dialogue

The meeting, which lasted about three hours, was reported in a statement from the Diocese of Rome to have taken place "with an open and familiar dialogue in cordial atmosphere." Following Midmorning Prayer, Cardinal De Donatis greeted the Pope, who then opened up the floor for questions.

He invited them to ask questions freely and sincerely, fielding about thirty questions. Pope Francis spoke about the necessity of evangelization in a pagan context, emphasizing the importance of bearing credible witness.

Blessing people, not sin

He then responded to questions about blessing homosexual couples, stating that the doctrine on the Sacrament of Marriage between a man and a woman has not changed, saying that people are blessed, not sin.

To a question from an African-born priest, he said that African culture does not accept these blessings because there are different sensitivities. He added that this has been clarified with Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo, Archbishop of Kinshasa and President of SECAM (Symposium of the Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar).

Pope Francis stated that many do not read well the texts of the Church. Good listening is required, he emphasized, noting that conflicts must be managed but not hidden. The Pope then urged the priests of Rome to always forgive. "I always forgive; one must always have mercy," he said.



Jokes of the Week



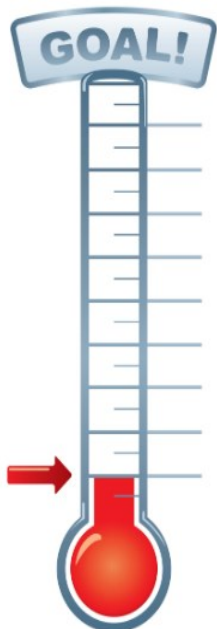
- 1. It was Palm Sunday** but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.
"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.
"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."
- 2. Three boys** are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$25."
The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$200."
The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes four men to collect all the money!"
- 3. A teacher was testing the children** in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.
She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had 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!"
Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.
Again, they all answered, "NO!"



Pastor Doug could usually tell when he began to lose his flock.

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

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



ROOF RESTORATION FUND RAISING

**Currently you have donated
\$14,782- Increase of \$497 from last week.**

Thank you

Dear parishioners,

The roof is scheduled to get repaired early in February so we still have time to raise the funds we desperately need.

We expect it to cost \$100,000. Your generosity is needed!

See our website video: <https://youtu.be/G4UgPcjSOk0>

So this fundraising starting today, will continue until we raise all the money. The sooner we raise it, the sooner we stop asking! There are several ways to donate!

1. Via a specific 'roof fundraising' Tap & Pay machine in the main foyer.
2. Via our website and give - under donations.
3. Send a cheque to the church.

I thank all of you for your patience and I know your generous support in this matter.

Blessings - Fr Geoff

Return dates 2024

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| • St Macs Café: | Wednesday 24th Jan |
| • Encounter Junior Youth Group: | Sunday 28th Jan |
| • 3:30pm Holy Hour & 5pm Youth Mass | Sunday 28th Jan |
| • Quinn's Place senior youth group: | Friday 2nd Feb |
| • Baptism Information sessions | Wednesday 24th Jan |
| • Minister Unto God: | Tuesday 6th Feb |
| • Men's Night: | Thursday 20th Feb |
| • High Spirits | Tuesday 6th Feb |
| • The Prayer Cenacle: | Tuesday 16th Jan |

GIFT SHOP UPDATE

Due to the huge success with the clearance sale on Christmas goods, we have decided to extend it until the end of the month.

10% discount still applies to all other stock in the Gift Shop.

Regards Trish and Graham



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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20/21 January 2024

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Marie Picton

Eucharistic Mins Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabrialla Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Shiela Goddard

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time—27/28 January 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Tricia hird, Michael turner

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, George Atkin

Eucharistic Mins Trish Thomas, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Sandra Barrett

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time—3/4 February 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Zilino

Eucharistic Mins Frank Crea, Michael Kerr

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Rosina di Petta

JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAMS

If you are a regular at Mass and would like to help, we would love it!

Instruction and support will be given. Amongst other volunteers, we need more Mass Managers to ensure each Mass has all it requires to operate successfully.

If that's you, then please see Fr Geoff or contact Jody: jody54@westnet.com.au

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's

Mrs Sippy traditional jazz band

for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing

Sunday 28th January from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

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Admission \$15 p.p. B.Y.O. nibbles coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.



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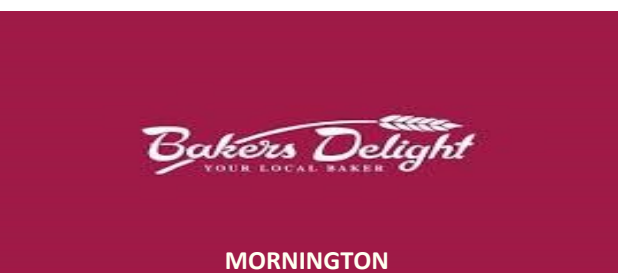
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