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ST MACARTAN'S**

Cherrie is going off to University to become a teacher, she will be truly missed.

Job description and all applicants please apply via:

[Parish Secretary, St Macartan's Catholic Church | Melbourne Catholic](#)

**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE POSITION ,
PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO
APPLY VIA THE LINK ABOVE.**

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Tues 3rd: ST FRANCIS XAVIER
- Sat 7th: ST AMBROSE

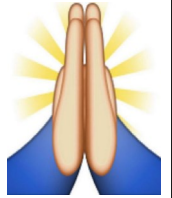
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ministry Groups and Youth groups closing over Xmas see inside for dates.

Vinnies Xmas appeal Sat/Sun 7th/8th December.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, 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, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Margaret Raynor, Margaret Wall, James O'Meara & Paul Girolami



Recent Deaths: Death Anniversaries:

Funeral service information

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4754396>

Or go to website to copy link: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/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 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 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

St Macartan's Primary School Newsletter:

Term 4 Week 7: 22 November

Padua Newsletter:

Edition 7: 1 November



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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. 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.)

3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon.

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING RAFFLE
TICKETS STUBS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BACK,
SO THEREFORE THESE TICKETS WILL
NOT BE IN THE DRAW.**

**If you have these tickets and would like a refund,
please contact the office**

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Tickets 36181—36170

Tickets 36371—36380

Tickets 36381—36390



Have you thought?

Waiting, waiting, waiting ...

I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God – in our lives and in our world.

Gospel Reflection

We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an 'in-between time'. From this week's first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah – the fulfilment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that

he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realisation that perhaps Jesus' return will not occur within the current generation. This realisation had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more volunteers for this ministry group.

Join our **COUNTING TEAM**. These volunteers have a special Ministry of ensuring the monies collected at Mass are counted and banked correctly.

This is a trusted role and vital for our Parish.

We need you!

So, if you would like to help. Contact the office:

5975 2200 or see Fr Geoff.



Pope: 'Never lose hope' when a loved one abandons their faith

Replying to an Italian grandmother concerned that one of her grandchildren has not been baptised, Pope Francis says that "gratuitous love is more persuasive than many words".

By Joseph Tulloch

Pope Francis has replied to a letter from an Italian grandmother concerned that her granddaughter, now five years old, has not been baptised by her non-religious parents. The brief letter, signed "Oliva from Bergamo", was published in the first edition of the new magazine Piazza San Pietro ('St Peter's Square'), published by St Peter's Basilica.



In the message, Oliva says that the decision taken by her daughter and son-in-law not to baptise her grandchild is "a source of great suffering" to her. "What will Jesus think of all this?", she asks.

In his reply, the Pope says that he understands Oliva's suffering and feels close to her. Baptism, he says, is "a great gift". Since his election as Pope, he notes, he has baptised many children, and always found this to be a moment of "great joy".

The Pope goes on to point out that one should "never lose hope" when a loved one loses their faith, recalling the example of St Monica, who prayed for decades for the conversion of her son St Augustine.

He also stresses that "baptism cannot be imposed on parents who do not want it for their children." He therefore urges Oliva to "accompany your children, speak with them, but not insist on baptism".

"Gratuitous love is more persuasive than many words," the Pope writes. "Love for God plants seeds of the future, of friendship, of the search for Him."



A message from the Piety Store

Hi Parishioners and Visitors to St Macartan's

Outside the Gift Shop is a large table full of Nativity Sets for both the Family and Children. They make great Christmas gifts for your kids or your Grandkids, something they will always have. What better gift than a gift reflecting the true meaning of Christmas. Pop in and have a look.

Before walking the shopping centres using energy you probably dot have, call in and see if we can help you with gifts for friends, neighbours or the special people in your life.

We have beautiful ceramic plaques and Crosses with messages, Statues, Rosaries, Spiritual Books, and *Footprints* Plaques for the wall or dresser.

The Bulletin Notice next week will cover new Gift Shop hours for December.

A big thank you to Ann, Rosemary and those that assisted with the Gift Shop over the past month. Your assistances was very much appreciated.

Regards

Trish and Graham

Piety Stall



Men ask for help - quietly. Can you hear them?

Thank you ALL for your support you gave me during Movember.

I was raising funds and awareness this Movember for health issues with the dads, brothers, sons and mates in our lives.

But I'm glad it's over and NO I'm not keeping the Mo.

Thank you , I raised \$700

Fr Geoff



Jubilee 2025

What is a jubilee?

Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old Testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years. Beginning with the blowing of a ram's horn—the yobel, from which the word jubilee comes—on the Day of Atonement, it was meant to be a kind of 'reset' or 'refresh' for their relationship with God and with each other. Debts would be forgiven, misappropriated land returned, slaves freed, and the land given rest. It was a stark and dramatic reminder for the ancient Israelites that nothing was absolutely theirs—not even the Promised Land.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Francis

Go to our website for full details:

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Jokes of the Week



#1: Who came up with this? A woman was in the mall doing her Christmas shopping. She was tired of walking through every aisle of every store to find just the right present. She was stressed out by the mounting debt on her credit card. She was tired of fighting the crowds and standing in lines for the registers. Her hands were full and when the elevator door opened, it was full. "Great!" she muttered and the occupants of the elevator, feeling her pain, graciously tightened ranks to allow a small space for her and her load. As the doors closed she blurted out, "I think whoever came up with this Christmas junk ought to be found, strung up, and shot!" A few others shook their heads or grunted in agreement. Then, from somewhere in the back of the elevator came a single voice that said, "Don't worry. They already crucified Him."

#2: Sign on a Church bulletin board: "Merry Christmas to our Christian friends. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. And to our atheist friends, good luck."

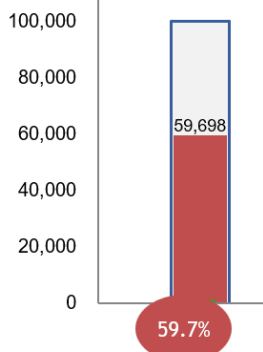
#3: "We don't have time for that!" Typical of last-minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in hers. In panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flat against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee: "Look Mommy! It's Jesus – Baby Jesus in the hay!" With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for that!"



ADVENT REFLECTION - LECTIO DIVINA: With Fr Joseph O'Shea

EVERY MONDAY 6pm-7pm in the Church

Lectio Divina has an illustrious past. St Ambrose (4th century) taught it to St Augustine; and St Benedict (6th century) made it part of monastic life. Guigo II (12th century), prior of La Grande Chartreuse, wrote the classic text of Lectio Divina, which gives the Latin terms *lectio*, *meditatio*, *oratio* and *contemplatio* to the four steps of this 'ladder' of prayer. It went through a dark period in the 19th century, when the 'historical critical' approach of biblical studies made it unfashionable, but revived in the early 20th century and is now widely used.



ROOF RESTORATION - FUND RAISING

Currently you have donated

\$62,221

**As Oliver Twist once said - "More Please!"
Yes, please continue to help get to \$100,000**

DONATE via the Parish website or using the details below:

St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas.

Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas, and give them hope for a better future.

In order to improve the lives of struggling families, SVDP and everyone aided by their support would be grateful for donations including food donations—especially staples and non-perishable foods.

Next week Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th there will be an opportunity to aid in supporting these families by contributing to the Christmas Appeal Special Collection.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



VACANCY - Parish Secretary

Applications are to be sent to recruitment@cam.org.au

There is an opportunity for an experienced Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at the Parish of St Macartan's in a permanent part-time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Parish Secretary will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support to the Parish Team, Volunteers and Parish Schools. The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office at 4 Drake Street, Mornington VIC 3931. This requires the secretary to work 26 hours per week across 4 days Tuesday to Friday. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and volunteers. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Key Requirements / Responsibilities

Reliable, dependable, trustworthy, and honest.

Good written and verbal communication skills with ability to relate to a variety of people. Provide secretarial and office support services to the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and the Parish community. Manage the Shared Calendar of appointments and events for Parish Priest and Assistant Priest. Maintain all Parish Registries for Baptism, Marriage and deaths and respond to enquiries.

See our website for further details of the above position, or look on the Archdiocese website at:

St Macartan's Parish Christmas Masses



Carols half an hour before each Christmas Mass

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

- **5pm Children's Mass**

(All Children encourage to this Mass and to dress up):

[Angel/Mary/Joseph/Star/Donkey/Cow/Sheep/Camel]

- **7.30pm Christmas Eve Mass**
- **11pm Christmas Eve Mass**

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

- **8.00am Christmas Dawn Mass**
- **10.00am Christmas Day Mass**

Thursday 26th December Boxing Day

- **9:15am Boxing Day Mass**

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

1st Sunday of Advent – 30/11– 1st December 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Patricia Girolami

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Len Seal

2nd Sunday of Advent – 7/8 December 2024

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Evelyn Atkins

Would all readers and commentators please let Jody Kerrins know what masses they will be attending over **Christmas Eve/Day please.**

Masses will be: 24th Dec 5pm / 7:30pm / 11pm

25th Dec: 8:00am and 10:00am

Email Jody at: jody54@westnet.com.au

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

Many Ministry Groups will be shutting down before Christmas and will resume in the new year.

Ministry Group Dates

	<u>LAST DAY 2024</u>	<u>RETURN 2025</u>
Parish Office	Friday 20th Dec	Tuesday 7th Jan
St Mac's Café	Wednesday 16th Dec	Wednesday 15th Jan
Encounter Youth Group	Sunday 8th Dec	Sunday 26th Jan
3:30 pm Holy Hour &	Sunday 8th Dec	Sunday 26th Jan
Quinn's Place	Friday 13th Dec	Friday 24th Jan
Baptism Information	Wednesday 11th Dec	Wednesday 8th Jan
Minister Unto God	Tuesday 10th Dec	Tuesday 11th Feb
Men's Night	Finished for Year	Thursday 20th Feb
High Spirits	Finished for year	February TBC
The Prayer Cenacle	Tuesday 17th Dec	Tuesday 21st Jan
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday 24th Dec	Thursday 30th Jan
RCIA	Thursday 12th Dec	Thursday 23rd Jan

DECEMBER 2024—JANUARY 2025 OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed After Friday 20th December 2024 and will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

If you have any non-urgent enquiries, please contact the Parish office before office closure.

(including any death anniversaries or newsletter notices for this time).

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