

Christ the King YrA 26th November 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- 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 6pm-10pm Community
House / Hall / Church.

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

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3897463>

Or go to website to copy link:

[https://www.melbcatholic.org/
mornington](https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington)

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Upcoming Holy days:

- Thur 30th: **St Andrew, Apostle**
- Sun 3rd Dec: **1st Sun ADVENT**

**Also, new 2023-2024 Thanksgiving
Envelopes in Foyer. Please take
your number! Anyone who took
No. 007 PLEASE RETURN THEM.
Also the person with number 082
please contact the office.**

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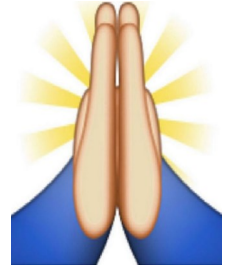
LAST St Mac's Café: Wed 20th Dec

LAST Encounter: Sun 10th Dec

LAST Quinns place: Fri 15th Dec

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, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



Death Anniversary: Richard Holloway,

Recently Deceased:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

gospel focus

The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we

may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself. But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Scriptural context – Matthew 25

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

Pope: 'People of Palestine and Israel have right to live in peace'

Pope Francis releases a video message to appeal for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine, praying that wars might be resolved through dialogue rather than a mountain of casualties. By Devin Watkins

"We all feel the pain of the wars."

Pope Francis acknowledged the proliferation of war and its devastating effects with those words in a video message released on Wednesday. "Since the Second World War ended until today, wars have followed in many parts of the world," he said. "When they are far away from us, we do not feel them as much. Today there are two very near that force us to react: Ukraine and the Holy Land." The Pope expressed his sorrow for the suffering caused by war. "What is happening in the Holy Land is very painful. It is very painful," he said.

Right to live in peace

Pope Francis went on to assert that the Palestinian people and the people of Israel "have the right to peace".

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He then invited everyone the Holy Land and for

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Prayer novena for peace

The Pope's video message was accompanied by a press release from the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, which invites people to take part in a novena. The "Peacemakers" novena seeks to unite Christians in praying for "peace in the world, and for the Holy Land, Palestine and Israel."

Prayers and material can be found at the link and on the "Click To Pray" app, known as the Pope's official prayer app.

Audiences with Palestinians and Israelis

Earlier, at the Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father renewed his appeal for peace in the region.

He also met separately with several Israelis whose relatives are being held hostage in Gaza and with a delegation of Palestinians whose families are suffering in the Strip. During those encounters, the Pope met first with the 12 members of the Israeli delegation at his residence in the Casa Santa Marta at 7:30 AM.

He then met with the Palestinian delegation at around 8:00 AM in a room in the Paul VI Hall.

The Palestinian delegation was composed of 10 people with relatives in Gaza, and included Christians and Muslims. They were accompanied by Fr. Gabriel Romanelli, the parish priest of the Catholic Church of the Holy Family in Gaza, and a Greek Orthodox priest. "They suffer so much. I heard how they both suffer," said the Pope, in his remarks at the Audience, adding that "wars do that".

"Let us pray for the Palestinian people; let us pray for the Israeli people, so that peace may come," the Pope concluded.



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

with Fr Joe O'Shea

Starting Monday 27th November at 6pm

Father Joe returns leading the faithful through Lectio Divina and into a reflection of the Gospels in Advent.

Come and enjoy this prayerful and insightful 45minutes with this Holy Priest.

St Macartan's Church - 6pm Monday evenings. It's free, tell your friends!



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Our SVDP Conference continues to do great work in assisting those members of the community struggling with financial stress and other difficulties. There will be a leaving collection after this weekend's Masses to raise funds to help the Conference in providing much needed aid to those less fortunate in the community.

Please be generous."

PARISH CENSUS - LAST WEEK

Please, if you haven't already done so, fill in the census card at the end of each pew. It is vital that we as a Parish have updated information on who our Parishioners are, so as help us in working for the present and preparing for the future.

Your assistance in helping with updated information, that is treated privately and kept confidential, is an important start to better help and support our faith community and our Mission into the wider community.

Thank you

Fr Geoff

BE AWARE OF CALUMNY!

The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation.

It is a sin.



Jokes of the Week



1: Christ is in charge: Susan C. Kimber, in a book called *Christian Woman*, shares a funny piece of advice she received from her little son: “Tired of struggling with my strong-willed little son, Thomas, I looked him in the eye and asked a question I felt sure would bring him in line: ‘Thomas, who is in charge here?’ — Not missing a beat, he replied, ‘Jesus is, not you, Mom.’ ”

2: Sleep-inducing sermon on Christ the King: “I hope you didn’t take it personally, Father,” an embarrassed woman said to her pastor after the Holy Mass, “when my husband walked out during your sermon on Christ the King.”
“I did find it rather disconcerting,” the pastor replied. “It’s not a reflection on you, Father,” she insisted. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

3: Co-pilot Christ the King: Many people love bumper sticker theology. Bumper stickers may not always have the soundest theological statements, but they generally at least have the ability to make us think. One such, “God is my Co-pilot,” has also been found on Church signs, where the theology is just a much fun and sometimes sounder. — In this case, the Church sign says, “If Christ the King is your Co-Pilot, change seats.”



CONGRATULATIONS - High Spirits First Eucharist children

This weekend the following children will be celebrating their first Eucharist with us:

*Lucy Hollier, Maximo Duque, Georgia Popov, Sophie Keleher, Charlotte Abela ,
Max Abela, Max (Maxwell) Genders, Drew Force, Athena Galli, Luke Pinzone,
Henry Bishop, Levi Cengia, Isaac Ranalli, Harrison Fuke, Luca Holowiuk, Amelia Dugec.*

Well done to these children for their participation in the sacrament course and well done to the parents for bringing them and supporting them.

A special Thank You goes to Mr Michael Kerr their teacher.

Michael is a very busy person but finds the time to teach the High Spirits children every week.

It wouldn’t happen without him.

Well done and Thank you

Fr Geoff



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC & MASS

What a GREAT SUCCESS!!!!

Thank you all who were involved in creating such a fun day for children and adults alike. Yes, there were many new families here and we have some now join our Parish and the Encounter Youth group.

We had CJ the puppeteer who had the children and many adults enthralled with his biblical stories told with puppets and music and songs.

The Mass was finished with the Blessings of the Teddy Bears and other fluffy animals and a prayer for Saint Corbinian.

Many stayed back afterwards to enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle, chicken from our friends at *Main Grill* on Main Street - yum! Also delicious quiches and sausage rolls from *Temptations bakery*. The children then enjoyed party favourites, fairy bread and lollies. The weather was perfect, the adult volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes and the Encounter Youth were present meeting and greeting new arrivals.

It was a great TEAM effort and showcased the great St Macartan's hospitality and friendship spirit, which some new families commented on and thus will return.

A special thank you goes out to our PPC Chair Jody Kerrins, whom I'm now nick-naming the juggler, as she was doing several things at once.

Thanks to Alwyn, Damian and his sons, for the Marquee and everyone who turned up and welcomed some new friends in our community.

What a blessing this faith community is.

Thank you all

Fr Geoff

PS: I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Fr Geoff, Alwyn, our chefs Richard and Dr Joe, and of course to my amazing events team for making our Teddy Bears Picnic event such a success. A special thank you to our giant guest bears, Cherrie and Dean. And of course God, for sending us sunshine on the day.

Jody Kerrins - Events Co-ordinator.

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

Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 25/26 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Barb Ensil

1st Sunday of Advent – 2/3 December 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Mairi & Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Sandra Barrett

2nd Sunday of Advent – 9/10 December 2023

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Clive Tucker

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Rosina di Petta

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FAREWELL to the "Gathering Group"

The Gathering group has been a spiritual and friendship based group in our Parish for some 15 years and they have finally decided, due to age and lack of numbers, to finish up and meet privately when they can. They are wonderful people and I wish them all the best - My prayers are with you.

Thank you Fr Geoff

FRIENDS OF OUR PARISH

I have always appreciated good customer service and good value for money. Therefore, whenever I find someone who supports our Parish in these ways, they become friends and I truly believe we should show our support to them too.



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