

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 8th October 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/3765617>

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>

Upcoming Holy days:

- Wed 11th: St John XXIII, Pope

St Mac's school coming to Mass:

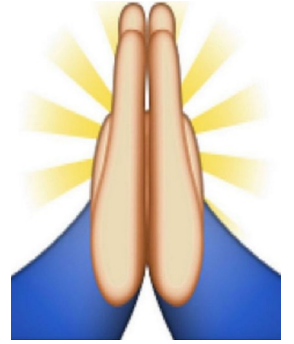
Preps: Fri 20th 9:15am.

Padua Chapel Mass:

St JohnXXIII House Wed 11th 10:15am

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: Maureen Woods, Jeffrey Hemingway., Colin Clark

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend, the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.



Have you thought? The benevolent Landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel,

beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.

Pope to new Cardinals: Work for 'an ever more symphonic and synodal Church'

In his homily during the Consistory for the creation of 21 new Cardinals, Pope Francis reflects on unity and diversity in the Church, highlighting the importance of synodality under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the “master of walking together.”

By Lisa Zengarini

“The College of Cardinals is called to resemble a symphony orchestra, representing the harmony and synodality of the Church.” Pope Francis made this remark as he presided on Saturday at the Consistory for the creation of 21 Cardinals in St. Peter's Square.

Diversity in one Catholic Church

In his homily addressed to the College of Cardinals and its new members (including 19 archbishops and bishops, and two priests), the Pope reflected on the reading from the Acts on the story of the Pentecost, in which the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and experienced the gift of tongues as they preached the Gospel to Jews of different nationalities in Jerusalem (Acts 2, 1-11).

The gift of being evangelized in our own language

He drew attention to the similarity between all those Jews of different nationalities and languages who heard the Apostles preaching to them and the Bishops and Cardinals of our time hailing “from all parts of the world, from the most diverse nations”.

Seen in this perspective, Pope Francis noted, the story of the Pentecost should make us “think back with gratitude on the gift of having been evangelized and having been drawn from various peoples who, each in their own time received the Kerygma, the proclamation of the mystery of salvation, and in welcoming it, were baptized in the Holy Spirit and became part of the Church” who “speaks all languages, is One and is Catholic.”



He therefore pointed out that before being “apostles”, before being priests, Bishops, Cardinals, pastors should remember that they are “Parthians, Medes, Elamites etc” like those Jews, and should be grateful for having received the grace of the Gospel among their respective peoples of origin and in their own language, through their grandparents and parents, catechists, priests, and religious.

“In the ‘flesh’ of our people, the Holy Spirit has worked the wonder of communicating the mystery of Jesus Christ who died and rose again. And this came to us ‘in our language’ (...). The faith is transmitted ‘in dialect’ by mothers and grandmothers.”

Evangelized evangelizers, not functionaries

“Indeed - the Pope said - we are evangelizers to the extent we cherish in our hearts the wonder and gratitude of having been evangelized, even of being evangelized, because this is really a gift always present, that must be continually renewed in our memories and in faith, because, he emphasized, “We are evangelized evangelizers, non functionaries”.



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Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an
information night.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Thursday 19th October

7:00pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street, next to the Church

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Our competitions are over for the season. A few correctly tipped Collingwood last weekend but just 3 triumphed in our Final's competition. They take home our Finals's prizes with 8/9 for the 4 weeks series. Congratulations to Michael Barden who wins \$ 100, Terry Roberts \$ 50 and The Lane Family \$ 30. The competition was for the most winners during the Finals and the closest margin to the winning score of the first match of each of the 4 weeks. James and Spencer thank every tipper very much for your participation during a very exciting year. We are also very grateful to both Father Geoff and Father Jude for their continuing support even though their Blues didn't quite make it to the last day of September. One final question for the year---who were the youngest and oldest players to appear in a premiership side and who is the premiership player with the fewest career matches?



Jokes of the Week



1) The tenant and the landlord. A lady answered the door to find a man standing there. He had a sad expression on his face. "I'm sorry to disturb you" he said, "I'm collecting money for an unfortunate family in the neighbourhood. The husband is out of work, the kids are hungry, and their utilities will soon be cut off. Worse yet, they're going to be kicked out of their apartment if they don't pay the rent by this afternoon." "I'll be happy to help," said the woman. Then she asked, "But who are you?" He replied, "I'm the landlord!"

2) Professional advice: TV personality Hugh Downs tells a story about the problem lawyers and doctors often encounter with people who seek to obtain free professional advice at parties and other social events. It seems that a certain doctor and lawyer were having a conversation during a cocktail party. While they were talking, a woman approached the doctor and complained about a sore leg. The doctor listened, then told her about applying cold compresses and keeping the leg elevated and taking aspirin, etc. After she had gone, the doctor turned to the lawyer and said, "I think I ought to send her a bill, don't you?" The lawyer said, "Yes, I do think you ought to send her a bill." So, the next day, the doctor sent the woman a bill... and the lawyer sent the doctor a bill."

3) "She knows now." A mother ran into the bedroom when she heard her seven-year-old son scream. She found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to the boy, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that hurts." He nodded his acknowledgement, and she left the room. As she started down the hall the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she asked, "What happened?" The little boy replied, "She knows now."

WELCOME - Kate McInnes

Youth Worker for Encounter Youth Group

Kate has recently turned 18, still completing her VCE , but has been an active member of our Parish and Youth communities for quite a while. Kate is an amazing young person who recently won the 2023 Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Community Leader's Award for her services to volunteering.

Kate has just accepted a casual position St Macartan's, working with the younger youth at our Encounter Youth Group and at the Youth Mass.

I am delighted to welcome Kate in this role.

Fr Geoff

PUBLIC ROSARY

On Saturday 14th of October at 10am, our Parish will once again join over 150 Parishes Australia wide in praying the Rosary. We shall gather in the Memorial Garden under the statue of our Blessed Mother where chairs will be provided – weather permitting (if the day is rainy, we shall move into the Church.

This is an invitation to all our Parishioners.

St. Louis de Montfort taught that “Somebody who says the Rosary alone gains the merit of one Rosary but if said together with 30 other people, the merit of 30 Rosaries is gained”.

We all have many prayer intentions for ourselves and our loved ones and this will be a grace filled opportunity to pray for these needs and for our Shepherds of the Church, for Vocations, for peace and harmony throughout our world, for the sick, the lonely, for the Holy Souls and for a greater respect for the sanctity of life. Our Rosaries will draw down God’s blessing on Australia.

A morning tea will follow and a welcome to all new Parishioners.

Please join us, as we pray together and enjoy meeting over a cuppa!!



OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

WHICH INCLUDES THE FEAST OF

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

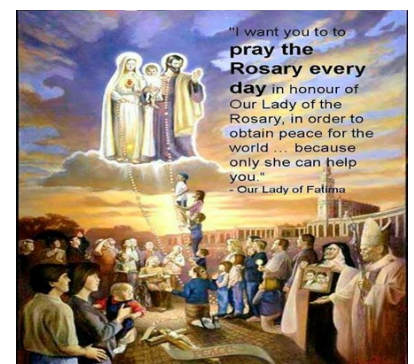
DUE TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS THE

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY AND THE DIVINE MERCY

CHAPLET WILL NOW BE AT 7PM (was 8pm)



**AT ST MACARTANS
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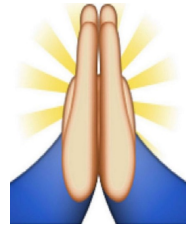


Parish Secretary - Cynthia Gooriah

It is with a sad heart, that I say goodbye to Cynthia as our Parish Secretary. Cynthia has been working here now for the last 18 months and is a real dynamo with a terrific pastoral soul.

Cynthia has moved on and I wish her health and happiness. I'm sure we will all hold her deeply in our hearts and prayers.

Fr Geoff



Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - 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

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 30th September & 1st October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 7th & 8th October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi and Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Thomas, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Shiela Goddard, Bridie Sexton

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14th & 15th October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

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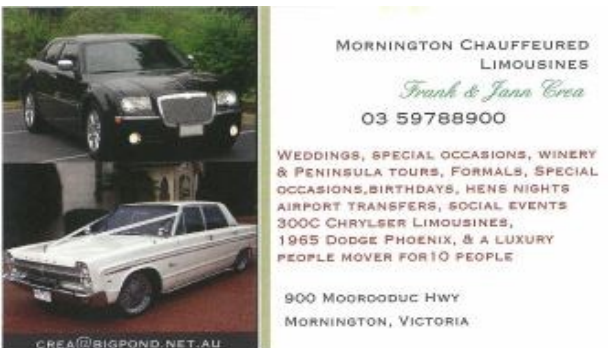
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