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Upcoming Events

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 25th October at 11am Mass

Cake Stall

Sunday 25th October
after 9am Mass in the front foyer

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tues 27th Oct: Dedication of the Cathedral
- Wed 28th October, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

Parish Youth Groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

Is back every Friday during the school term at 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

Change of time now finishes at 9pm

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

(Names are removed after 30 days. To have a name added again, please contact the Parish Office)

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Dorothy Edwards, Peter Mayer, Robyn Horgan, Kath O'Malley

Death Anniversaries: Maureen Barrett, Richard John Allen, George Diamond Raymond John Ellis, Sharon Puryer, Peter Clark, Nicole Martina, McConnell and Larry Walsh



Recent Deaths: Michaela Tokarszyk, Angela Cripps (Berwick)

9.00am Sunday Mass Livestream

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6253518>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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

Parish Website: [St Macartan's Parish](#)

Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082695880224>

Fr Geoff's Biker's Facebook: Holyhog Mc <https://www.facebook.com/holyhog.mc>

Fr Geoff's Vocation Facebook: Whenyourheartisright

<https://www.facebook.com/WhenYourHeartIsRight>

Fr Geoff's Vocation Instagram: Whenyourheartisright

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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am and 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Wednesdays 9:45 - 10:30 and

Saturdays 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+ Fridays 6pm - 9pm Community House & Hall

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)

ENLIVEN: Suspended



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Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Different View

A simple question?

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

Gospel reflection

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome. Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show

him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

Historical Context – What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

Scriptural context – Jesus and the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees – as the rightful interpreter of the Law.



Pope Leo XIV undergoes successful lung surgery

Pope Leo XIV has undergone surgery at Gemelli Hospital, during which doctors removed the lower lobe of his right lung, according to the Holy See Press Office.

Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV underwent thoracic surgery at Gemelli Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, as planned, according to a statement from Dr. Luigi Carbone and Professor Stefano Margaritora released by the Holy See Press Office.

The surgeons removed the lower lobe of the Pope's right lung. "To ensure a radical resection, the lower lobe of the right lung was removed using a video-assisted technique," the statement said. Tissue examined during the operation confirmed the diagnosis suspected from tests conducted beforehand.

"An intraoperative histological examination confirmed the diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, as suspected from the preoperative examinations," the doctors said.

The Pope was in the operating room for approximately three hours, while the operation itself lasted about 90 minutes. The doctors said it was successful and there were no complications.

Pope Leo awoke normally after surgery and, following a brief period of observation, returned to his room on the hospital's 10th floor, according to the statement.

Professor Margaritora led the surgical team, assisted by Professor Elisa Meacci, Dr. Maria Teresa Congedo, and Dr. Leonardo Petracca Ciavarella.

The anesthesia team comprised Professor Massimo Antonelli, Dr. Giovanni Punzo, and Dr. Giuseppe Bello.



Tests and hospital stay

In the coming days, post-operation exams will be conducted on the removed tissue. The preoperative tests had already shown the doctors where and how to operate.

No change has been communicated regarding the previously announced hospitalisation time of one week.

On Wednesday morning, the Holy See Press Office is expected to provide an update on how the Pope spent the night and any exam results that have come through.

Following the operation, Pope Leo asked for dinner and spent the evening in the company of his secretaries and other Vatican staff, according to the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni.

RCIA

INFORMATION NIGHT – CHANGED

Now – Wednesday 28th at 7pm Church Hall

THE FOUR HOLY EVANGELISTS

Their Gospel Symbols and Sacred Meanings



MATTHEW: THE MAN

Symbolizes Christ's humanity and the Incarnation.



MARK: THE LION

Symbolizes the Resurrection and the voice crying in the wilderness.



LUKE: THE OX

Symbolizes Christ's sacrificial and priestly service.



JOHN: THE EAGLE

Symbolizes the soaring heights of divine mystery and the Word.

Ignatius Catholicum



Jokes of the Week



1) No dues to God: A prosperous farmer was miserly in what he gave to his Church. So, his pastor went to visit him with the hope of getting him to increase his donation. The pastor pointed out to him that the Lord had given him a fertile piece of land and had blessed him with sunshine and rain so that his crops would grow. The priest added, "You know, this farm and everything you have is really on loan to you from God. You should be more grateful." The farmer replied, "I don't mean to complain, Father, but you should have seen what a mess this place was when God was running it by Himself!"

2) Remember the movie, "Oh, God!" with George Burns? In that movie, the idea was mentioned that the reason God gave Adam and Eve no clothes to wear was because God knew that once they had clothes, they would want pockets. Once they had pockets, they would want money.



3) "Will the Reverend also have a martini?" A pious pastor who had been a teetotaler all his life, was invited to dinner by a new parishioner. "Would you gentlemen care for a drink?" the waiter asked. "I'll have a Martini," said the parishioner. "Will the Reverend also have a martini?" the waiter asked. "I'd sooner break all Ten Commandments," said the pastor. "I didn't know we had a choice!" said the parishioner. — *In today's Gospel Lesson, the Pharisees ask Jesus a question involving choice.*

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's
mrs sippy jazz band
for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing
Sunday 25th October from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, 350 Dunns Road Mornington
Admission \$20 p.p. B.Y.O. nibbles, coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.
Bookings not required.



ST. MACARTAN'S Church

Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 25th October 2026

- 11.00am Mass & Blessing of Teddy Bears
- Picnic
- Games & Competitions
- Music
- Surprises

Come and have some fun!
Just bring yourselves and your Teddy Bears, for a special treat and enjoy our friendly St Macartan's Church community.

6 Drake St, Mornington | Parking is at the rear of the property from 5 Cook St.

Devotional Reproduction of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Mantle

Sunday 25th October 2026

at St Thomas More Catholic Parish

(Endorsed by His Eminence Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez, Archbishop Emeritus of Guadalajara)

One of Our Lady of Guadalupe's devotional reproduction mantles (3rd class relic that has been laid on the original tilma- one of only a few in the world) will be visiting St Thomas More Catholic Parish in Mount Eliza.

Mass will be held at 10am and attendees will be able to wear the mantle and to receive prayer for healing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Where: St Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

When: 10am, Sunday 25th October 2026

Could you lend a hand at St Macartan's?

Our parish is fortunate to have many people who quietly give their time each week to help our community flourish. From Children's Liturgy and the AV team to morning tea, visitation, counting, welcoming, cleaning, flowers, the bus ministry and many other areas. Much of parish life depends on volunteers.

At the same time, some of our teams are quite small, and the same people are often being called upon week after week.

You do not need to make a huge commitment to make a real difference.

Perhaps you could help once a month, join a roster, assist occasionally when someone is away, or simply find out more about a ministry that interests you. Training and support can be provided.

Volunteering is also a wonderful way to meet other parishioners, become more connected with the parish community and contribute your own skills and experience.

If you have been thinking about becoming involved - even in a small way - we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200 or speak with Tim or Laura.

Many hands make parish life possible. Thank you to everyone who already gives so generously of their time.




Parish Cake Stall
Can you help? 

We are seeking parishioners who would be happy to bake an item for our next cake stall.

 **Sunday 25 October**

 **After the 9am Mass**

Your support would be greatly appreciated 



Please join me in praying for the Holy Father's recovery and healing. May the Lord's tender and merciful love provide every peace, comfort and consolation. And may our Blessed Mother be ever close to him, carrying him in her gentle care.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17/18 October 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Paul Girolami, Kees Duyvestyn
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosina DiPetta, Faye Murphy
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosemarie D'Silva, Frank Crea
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	James Barrett
11.00am	Readers	Gabriella Failla, Joan Clements
	Eucharistic Mins	Michael Harrison, John Rowe
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24/25 October 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Louise Lagnocco, Brian Scantlebury
	Eucharistic Mins	Mairi Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	John and Mary Lewis
	Audio Visual	Tim Lambourne
	Live Stream	Tim Lambourne
11.00am	Readers	Karen Westbury, Michael Harrison
	Eucharistic Mins	John Rowe, Sheila Goddard
	Audio Visual	Marino Casamento

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

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