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Upcoming Events

Fr Joe O'Shea

**Lenten discovery, scripture unraveled and
beautiful prayers.**

Mondays 6-7pm

In the Church

February Thanksgiving:

Amount pledged = \$15,482

Amount received = \$12,157

78.5%

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Upcoming Holy Days:

Monday 17: ST PATRICK

**Wed 19: ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE
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40 days of LENT

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Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Jane Payne, Michaela Gabriel

Death Anniversaries: Margaret Vino, Mary Cattermole, Daniel Ryan Snr

Recent Deaths: Kevin Kershaw

Funerals: Kevin Kershaw (Funeral Fri 21st at 11:30am here).

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4985109>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/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 & every Saturday from 9:45
(after 9:15am Mass)

3:30-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

9:45am: Wed & Saturday (after 9:15am Mass) or by appointment 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall

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



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Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Scriptural Context

Gospel Parallels

The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the 'Q' source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

Gospel Reflection

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a

man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

Mornington Waste Vouchers / Tip passes

If there are any of you who receive these vouchers and don't use them?
Please may the Church have them as we do not get any.

It becomes quite costly, to use this waste facility which we need to regularly for our garden waste and other miscellaneous items.

Thank you

Fr Geoff

Bring them to the office or put them in the letterbox



Pope Francis continues treatment amid ongoing improvement

Pope Francis had a restful night and is continuing his treatment and physical therapy, the Holy See Press Office said on Tuesday, the day after the Pope's doctors said his prognosis was no longer guarded even if he requires more time in the hospital. By Vatican News

Pope Francis had a restful night and woke up about 8 a.m. this morning, according to a statement published on Tuesday morning by the Holy See Press Office. This morning, the Holy Father is continuing his treatment and his physical therapy for respiration and mobility, and followed, via video link, the Roman Curia's Spiritual Exercises.

The Press Office also stated that the Pope spent time in prayer, and went to the chapel to pray. On Monday evening, the Holy See Press Office provided an update on Pope Francis' health, noting that given his ongoing improvements, the Pope's prognosis is no longer "guarded." In the statement, it explained the Holy Father's clinical condition remains stable.

Improvements recorded in previous days were further consolidated, as confirmed by both blood tests and clinical findings, as well as by the Pope's good response to pharmacological therapy.

For these reasons, the statement acknowledged, the doctors had decided today to lift their guarded prognosis.



"However, given the complexity of the Pope's clinical picture and the severe infection present at the time of hospitalization," it explained, "it will still be necessary to continue pharmacological treatment in a hospital setting for a period of time."

On Monday morning, the Holy Father had been able to follow the Spiritual Exercises of the Roman Curia via a video link with the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, and subsequently received the Eucharist and went to the chapel of his private apartment for a moment of prayer. The Roman Curia's Spiritual Exercises, which are held every year, began on Sunday afternoon in the Paul VI Hall and are being led by the Preacher of the Papal Household, Fr. Roberto Pasolini, OFM Cap. In the afternoon, the Holy Father had again joined the Curia's Spiritual Exercises, and throughout the day, had alternated between prayer and rest.

On Monday, the Pope sent a telegram of prayers and closeness to those who have experienced deadly flooding in the Argentinian port city of Bahía Blanca as well as the nearby city of Cerri.



Jubilee 2025

Throughout the [2025 Jubilee Year](#), there are 36 special celebrations highlighting aspects of Church life.

For each event, a set of resources has been prepared which parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.

The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes
- Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; Image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

15-18 February [Jubilee of Artists](#)

21-23 February [Jubilee of Deacons](#)

8-9 March [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)

28 March [24 Hours for the Lord](#)

28-30 March [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

Please use [this link](#) to view the full calendar for 2025.



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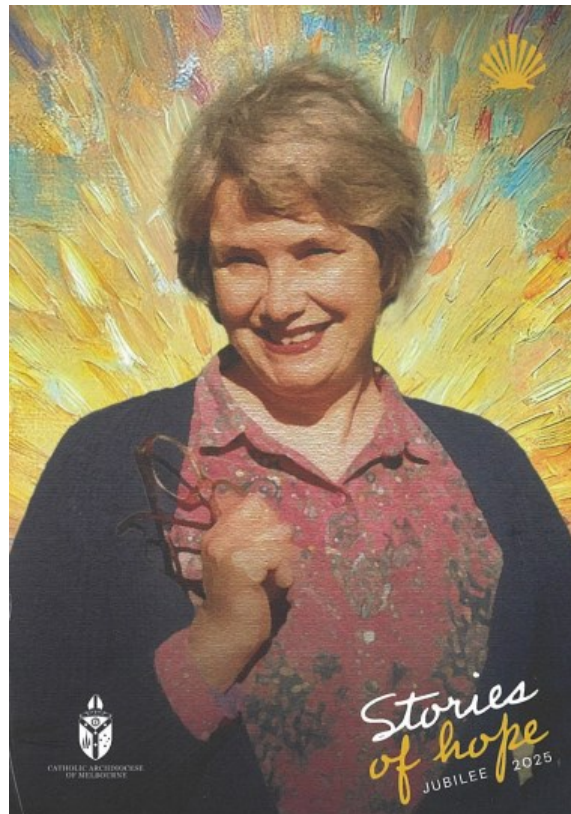
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Dr Philomene Joshua Tenni



Dr Philomene Joshua Tenni (1930–2022) loved delivering babies. Believing that all pregnant women needed hopeful, life-affirming options, she played an important role in Melbourne's growing pro-life movement. Dr Joshua opened her home in Box Hill to expectant mothers who were struggling. Trusting in God and channelling Christ's sacrificial love, she inspired others to join her, starting a pregnancy support service with the help of generous volunteers. Together, they developed a network of people who supported women in need, offering housing, advice, meals, home visits and basic goods they could not otherwise afford.

Dr Joshua's selfless commitment to serving women and babies is a contemporary expression of Christ's love, a love that inspires hope at the most challenging times. Today, her work continues through the Caroline Chisholm Society in Melbourne, which she co-founded and that still brings practical support, dignity and hope to mothers and their babies.

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Volunteering, let's give thanks for all those who, like Dr Joshua, bring hope to our communities, generously volunteering their time and talents. Let us pray that, like her, we respond generously when we see an unmet need, doing all in our power to bring the hope of Christ's love to others.



Jokes of the Week



1: The old farmer from the countryside who was visiting a big city for the first time with his son, stood speechless before the elevator of a big hotel, watching in wonder, as an old woman got into the elevator and, within minutes, a beautiful young woman came out. He called out to his son who was registering at the reception. "Son, come on here, put your mother into that miracle machine immediately. It will transform her into a beautiful young lady."



2: At the transfiguration Peter offered to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Jesus said, "And what about you, Peter?" And Peter replies, "Don't worry about me Lord, I got a better place in Jaffa."

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey
we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
when we are called to greater justice
and care for our common home
that we may **Unite Against Poverty**.

May we work in unity for the freedom
of the oppressed and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds
and generous hearts help bring about a
world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of
fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

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Minister unto God prayer group

Minister Unto God prayer group is meeting again this year, every Tuesday morning from 10—12. You're invited to join us to share in the blessings the Lord has prepared for us this Jubilee year. We have a brand new "Life in the Spirit" seminar coming straight from Rome, we are waiting on the resources made available to us in the coming month so keep an eye out for further updates. It will be an exciting opportunity for us all, to be refreshed, restored and be pilgrims of hope, in love and fellowship with each other and the Lord

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Richard Jolly was our winning tipper for last week's Opening Round. In fact, Richard was our only tipper who correctly tipped 2/2.



What a crazy unusual start to the 2025 AFL season with an Opening Round quickly changed by the devastation of Cyclone Alfred? This is the first time that games have been rescheduled since 1963 when the grounds were flooded .

It's still time for new tippers to join. It's only \$ 30 for the season and a lot of fun. All you need to do is go to ESPN Footy Tips---www.footytips.com.au , and create an account then search for St Macartans Parish Footy Tipping. Previous tippers are already registered.

If you have any queries please email or call one of our administrators: James Barrett---jflob@bigpond.net.au—0418 491 781 Spencer Meier---sanddmeier@bigpond.com ---0448 602 288

1st Sunday of Lent – 8th/9th March 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy
Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher
9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Don Ziino
Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis
11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Joan Clements
Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Rosina Di Petta

2nd Sunday of Lent – 15/16 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Adrian Mitchell
Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner
9.00am Readers Don Ziino, John Azzopardi
Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Richard Jolly
11.00am Readers John Rowe, Gabriella Fialla
Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

3rd Sunday of Lent – 22/23 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward
9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins Mihael Kerr, Rosemarie D'Silva
11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Michael Harrison
Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

Men of St Macartan's

St Patrick's Day may have gone, but it's a night for the Wearing of the Green. There will be a sing along so come prepared for A Hooley at 5 pm on March 20th in the Community Centre, BYO Guinness Or Whatever. Nibbles provided. All for a \$3.00 donation. Remember St Macartan and St Patrick were great mates, so lets do them justice! Slainte—The Odd Couple.

RIP Kevin Kershaw: One of our three Amigos. We miss you already



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