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Upcoming Events - here

29th March, 2026.

Palm Sunday Mass and children's event and BBQ

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Fundraiser :

Community Centre toilets

We are hoping to raise \$30,000 to pay for the renovation works.

So far we have \$20,000

Last collection this weekend

Upcoming Holy Days:

Tues 17th March St Patrick, Bishop

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

Is back every Friday during the school term @ 6:00 pm.

ENLIVEN (Primary school aged) after 11am Mass 22nd March

& EMPOWER (High school aged) during 11am Mass

THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 12th, 19th & 26th

7pm in the Church

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Aldo Nero



Death Anniversaries: Margaret Vino, Daniel Ross (Senior)

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 15th March 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5786933>

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]

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Wednesday's 9:45 - 10:30 and Saturday's
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+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community
House & Hall

ENLIVEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays after 11am
Mass (Primary School aged)

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High
school aged)



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St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 547 373 281

Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church



First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. 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.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (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

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth.

Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

Cont.....So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.'

The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
Your guilt remains.'

Communion Antiphon

When read:

Cf John 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Living Gospel

Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

Gospel reflection

Today's gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today's passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World. The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behaviour. As the man had been born

blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man's affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God. Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

Historical Context – Light of the World

The events of today's gospel passage occur within an extended passage of the gospel of John in which Jesus attends Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn 7:1 following). A feature of the feast was the illumination of the Temple. Pilgrims would cover the Temple with lights and torches so that it shone out over the entire city. It was during this feast that Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the World and, a few verses later, healed the blind man and brought light into his world.

Gospel Focus – None so blind

There's a very old saying that has its roots in the Bible but is not a direct quote from the Bible: 'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' It would be a fitting summary of today's passage for there are two movements between darkness and light that are evident in the story. Firstly, there is the blind man who can see. He can see physically but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Secondly, there are the Jewish authorities who have physical sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.

Pope Leo: May weapons fall silent in Iran

At the Sunday Angelus, Pope Leo invites the 15,000 pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square to pray that "the roar of bombs might cease, that weapons might fall silent, and that a space for dialogue might open, in which the voice of the peoples may be heard."

Vatican News

After praying the Angelus in St Peter's Square on Sunday, Pope Leo's thoughts turned to the Middle East, from which, he said, "news continues to arrive that causes deep dismay". Speaking to the some fifteen thousand pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square, the Pope mentioned in particular the "violence and devastation" and "widespread climate of hatred and fear" in Iran and across the region.

He also stressed his fear that the conflict might cause nearby countries, such as "beloved Lebanon", to once again "sink into instability".

Pope Leo invited his listeners to pray that "the roar of bombs might cease, that weapons might fall silent, and that a space for dialogue might open, in which the voice of the peoples may be heard."



He said that he was entrusting his prayer to Mary, Queen of Peace, who he also asked to "intercede for those who suffer because of war" and "guide hearts along paths of reconciliation and hope".

Peace not built with threats

A week ago, at last Sunday's Angelus, Pope Leo XIV expressed "deep concern" over the situation in the Middle East and Iran.

"Stability and peace are not built with mutual threats, nor with weapons, which sow destruction, pain, and death, but only through a reasonable, authentic, and responsible dialogue," he said.

The Pope warned of an immense tragedy if violence escalates out of control.

"Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of enormous proportions," he said, "I address to the parties involved a heartfelt appeal to assume the moral responsibility to stop the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss!"

Pope Leo prayed that nations may return to dialogue in order to seek peace.

"May diplomacy recover its role and may the good of peoples be promoted, peoples who long for peaceful coexistence founded on justice," he said. "And let us continue to pray for peace."

COMING SOON!

The "Encounter" youth group has been re-branded.
And two new Youth groups are to begin. **ENLIVEN** and **EMPOWER**



ENLIVEN – Is for primary school aged youth

MISSION

The mission of the St Macartan's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of young people and providing them with a safe, supportive, and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. St Macartan's Catholic Parish have initiated **ENLIVEN**, a Junior Youth Group (for primary school aged children) that will operate on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from after 11am Mass to 1:30pm. This Youth Group has been created for youth both from the parish and outside the parish to gather and have fun together in a safe and respectful setting, whilst celebrating the gift of the Mass at 11am and developing their Christian values, we hope it flows into a friendly and supportive Youth Group.

The ENLIVEN group will enjoy:

Celebrating the mass together at 11am.

provide an opportunity for both Christian and non-Christian youth to socialise and connect in a safe, fun environment, through a range of games, outings, and events.

We have a new youth worker Bree McNiel, with assistance from our current youth worker Kristina Turner, plus a roster of parent support.

Why not join the WhatsApp group.



EMPOWER is for High School aged teenagers.

This operates also on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, with plans to extend this to every week at 11am Mass.

EMPOWER is their to empower teenagers in participating more fully in the liturgy by encouraging them to realise their own charisms - abilities and skills. Or develop new ones by assisting in:

- . Reading at Mass
- . Welcomers at Mass
- . Assisting with Audio Visual (AV) operator
- . Assisting in the choir
- . Assist with children's liturgy
- etc.

The EMPOWER youth will also be given the opportunity, after mass, to assist adults in helping with the ENLIVEN group.

Being used as is appropriate for their age, with adult supervisors at all times and obeying all child safety requirements.

We ask all leaders of 11am Mass, to assist in empowering our older youth in our Liturgy.

We hope we can cater for all our Youth, in our community of faith.

Why not join the WhatsApp group.



Way OF THE Cross

SCRIPTURE WAY OF THE CROSS X BASED ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Come and experience the Stations of the Cross this Lent

A prayerful experience of the Stations of the Cross provides us with the opportunity to enter into a meditation upon Jesus' final journey to the Cross. Many Catholics associate praying the Stations of the Cross with Lent and while not a re-enactment, the Stations do enable us to reflect on how in our own lives we follow in Jesus' path. Jesus' journey to the cross reminds us of the depth of his love for humanity, his capacity for self-sacrifice and his absolute commitment to the service of others. Based upon Matthew's gospel. After reading the scripture passage, at each station we are invited to reflect, think and pray.

7pm - 7:45pm Thursday 12th, 19th & 26th in the Church.



Afternoon of Jazz

Jazz Session with Mrs sippy Jazz band -
Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's mrs sippy jazz band for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing **Sunday 22nd March 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

Archdiocese IT email

Some parishioners may recently have received an email inviting them to subscribe to our parish bulletin that appeared to come from the parish email address. This message was sent as part of a system update by the Archdiocese IT team without our knowledge and unfortunately did not include any explanation, which understandably caused some confusion and concern that the email was spam. We apologise for any concern or inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your patience as these systems are updated. The email link on that email is fine to go on to and update your details.



Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 March 2026

This year Australia celebrates Harmony Week from the 16-22 March. This is a wonderful time to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures that make up our Catholic community, and share the message that everyone belongs. Harmony Week coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Week is a celebration of our diverse identity,

promoting inclusiveness, respect, and belonging for everyone, from First Nations people to our newest community members. It highlights that despite our diverse backgrounds, we are bonded by shared Australian values such as freedom, fairness, and equal opportunity. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week as traditionally, it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Cultural Safety:

"Means an environment that is safe for people of all ethnicities and cultural identities: where there is no assault, challenge, or denial of their identity, of who they are and what they need. It is about shared respect, shared meaning, shared knowledge, and experience, of learning, living and working together with

A prayer by Pope Leo XIV

Jesus, Lord of our history,
Faithful companion and living presence,
You who never tire of coming to meet us,
Here we are, in need of your peace.
We live in times of fear and division.
Sometimes we act as if we were alone,
Building walls that separate us from one another,
Forgetting that we are brothers and sisters.
Send us your Spirit, Lord, To rekindle within us
The desire to understand one another, to listen,
To live together with respect and compassion.
Give us the courage to seek paths of dialogue,
To respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity,
To open our hearts to others without fear of differences.
Make us builders of bridges,
Able to overcome borders and ideologies,
Able to see others through the eyes of the heart,
Recognizing in every person an inviolable dignity.
Help us create spaces where hope can flourish,
Where diversity is not a threat
But a richness that makes us more human.
Amen.

(Catholic News Agency 5 August 2025)

dignity and truly listening."

Source: Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited, 2022. National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Ed.2, pp 42.

Interculturality:

"Interculturality is the sustained interaction of people raised in different cultures, generations, religious perspectives and other dimensions of difference. The focus is on relationship building, deep connections, interaction, mutual gifting, respect and learning from one another. It is how we are transformed, shaped and molded by the life of others."

Source: Catholic Religious Australia 2026, Interculturality Resources, viewed 4 March 2026,

<<https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/interculturality#:~:text=%E2%80%9CInterculturality%20is%20the%20sustained%20interaction,by%20the%20life%20of%20others.%E2%80%9D>>

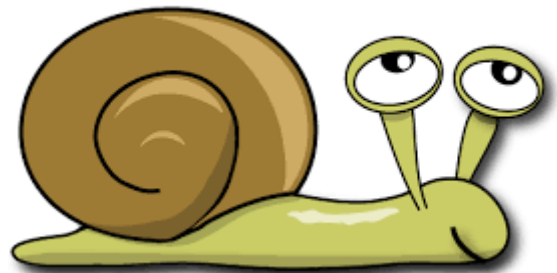
Parish Facilities Update – Toilet Renovation

Many parishioners will have noticed the recent renovation of the Community Centre toilet facilities. The previous amenities had served the parish for many decades but no longer met modern standards for comfort, hygiene and accessibility. The space has now been fully refurbished with new partitions, upgraded plumbing and ventilation, durable flooring, and brighter finishes, creating a much cleaner and more welcoming facility for parishioners and visitors.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this project. The final collection to support the toilet renovation will take place at this weekend's masses.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this project. The final collection to support the toilet renovation will take place this weekend, and we are grateful for your continued generosity in helping maintain our parish facilities.

Remember—Cars move at a snails pace on parish grounds.



Parish Footy Tipping Competition



None of our tippers selected all the winners in the Opening Round. Our best 3 tipped 4/5, Spencer Meier , Chris Houihan and John Franks.

How good is your memory? Do you remember the name of the cyclone that suspended two matches in last year's Opening Round?

It's not too late for new members to join us. 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. The password is "drake".

Cost to participate this season , including Finals, is \$30.00 payable to either James Barrett 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net.au or Spencer Meier 0448 602 288 sanddmeier@bigpond.com.au



What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only “What do we think?” but more importantly, “What is God asking of us at

this moment in our mission?” The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

Melbourne Synod Themes

- Young discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation.

Drawn from:

Australian Plenary Council (2021 and 2022)

The Synod of Bishops on Synodality in Rome (2021 and 2024)

Take the Way of the Gospel Regional Consultations

Synodality and Vatican II

Church as the People of God

- Synodality encourages listening to the voice and participation of all the faithful.
- Every baptised person shares in the mission of the Church.

Renewal of Collegiality

- Collegiality among bishops animates of synodal processes. ·In 1965, Paul VI created the Synod of Bishops specifically to enact this Vatican II insight.

Dialogue as a way of being Church

- Synodality is a structured practice of listening, dialogue, and discernment.
- Conversations in the Spirit reflect Gaudium et Spes’ vision of an engaged, listening Church.

Local Churches and Participation

- Synodality fosters co-responsibility at diocesan, parish, and regional levels.
- It strengthens the capacity of local churches to discern and respond to their context.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.



Jokes of the Week



#1: The blind farmer was often taken for a walk in the fields by a kind neighbor. However kindly the neighbor might have been, he was undoubtedly a coward. When a bull charged towards them one day, he abandoned the blind man. The bull, puzzled by a lack of fear, nudged the blind farmer in the back. He turned very quickly, caught the bull by the horns and threw it to the ground with a bump that left it breathless. "Aidan," shouted the neighbor, "I never knew you were so strong." "It's the strength of Faith," said the blind man. "If I could have got that fella off the handlebars of his bicycle, I'd have thrashed him properly." (He was under the impression that a bicycle had hit him).



#2: A blind man is walking down the street with his guide dog one day. They come to a busy intersection and the dog, ignoring the high volume of traffic zooming by on the street, leads the blind man right out into the thick of the traffic. This is followed by the screech of tires as panicked drivers try desperately not to run the pair down. Horns blaring around them, the blind man and the dog finally reach the safety of the sidewalk on the other side of the street, and the blind man pulls a cookie out of his coat pocket, which he offers to the dog. A passerby, having observed the near fatal incident, can't control his amazement and says to the blind man, "Why on earth are you rewarding your dog with a cookie? He nearly got you killed!" The blind man turns partially in his direction and replies, "To find out where his head is, so I can kick his rear end!"





St Patrick's Day 17th March

Each year on 17 March the Church celebrates St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and one of the great missionaries of the early Church. Patrick was born in Britain in the late 4th century. As a teenager he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave, where he spent several years tending sheep. During this difficult time he turned deeply to prayer and grew in faith. Eventually he escaped and returned home, but later felt called by God to return to Ireland—this time as a missionary bringing the Gospel to the people who had once held him captive.

As a bishop and missionary, Patrick travelled widely across Ireland preaching, baptising and establishing Christian communities. He ordained leaders and founded churches that would become the foundations of the Irish Christian tradition. Patrick's mission was not carried out alone. He was supported by a number of faithful companions who assisted him in spreading the faith and organising the growing Church.

Among the most important of these companions was St Macartan, one of Patrick's closest disciples. Macartan travelled with Patrick during his missionary journeys and is often described in tradition as Patrick's "strong right arm." He helped in preaching the Gospel, supporting the mission and strengthening the early Christian communities that were being formed across Ireland. Patrick eventually appointed Macartan as the first Bishop of Clogher, where he continued the work of evangelisation and pastoral care among the people.

The partnership between St Patrick and St Macartan reminds us that the mission of the Church is always shared. Through faith, courage and cooperation, they helped bring the message of Christ to a nation. As a parish bearing the name of St Macartan, we remember with gratitude his faithful service alongside St Patrick and the lasting legacy of their mission.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

4th Sunday of Lent – 14/15 March 2026

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Adrian Mitchell
Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Christina Llopart
Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Marcelle Azzopardi
Audio Visual & Live Stream: Tim Lambourne

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Iris Hallinan
Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Sue Fletcher
Audio Visual : Graham Michel
Children's Liturgy - Barb and Joy.

5th Sunday of Lent – 21/22 March 2026

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Louise Renshaw
Eucharistic Mins: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher
Audio Visual: Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Michael Kerr
Eucharistic Mins: Patricia Thomas, Frank Crea
Audio visual & Live Stream : Tim Lambourne

11.00am Readers: Gabriell Failla, Esme Higgins
Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, Barb Ensil
Audio Visual: Marino Casamento
Children's Liturgy - Grace &

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