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Happy
FATHER'S
Day!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Norma del Carmen & Ricky Michele on their convalidation wedding on the weekend. Both are, let's say, - not so young and it was terrific to see you come together in Holy Matrimony.

Blessings
Fr Geoff

A SHORT MESSAGE TO AN OLD FRIEND WHO NOW RESIDES IN A NURSING HOME:

To Our longtime parishioner & friend **Ron Fitzgerald**, who many of you may know. Please know that you are always in the hearts, minds & prayers of all your friends at St Macartan's.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

Tues 3rd: ST GREGORY THE GREAT

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

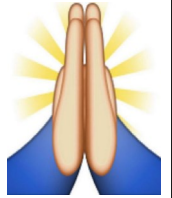
UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13-17:
FR GEOFF'S WALL TO WALL RIDE
FOR REMEMBRANCE



WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Sinead Ryan, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Christopher Lloyd & Scott Creswick.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries: Charles Parnis, Eileen Kerrins & Graham Caswell

Funeral service information: Tom Hodgkinson—Friday 30th @1pm

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4537253>

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>

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 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 5pm-9pm Community House & Hall

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

St Macartan's Primary School Newsletter:

Term 3 Week 6: 23 August

Padua Newsletter:

Edition 4 - 28 June



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First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon

.Psalm 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.



WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Last week we Congratulated:

Carter Zacharin who was baptized on Sunday 25th August

GOSPEL FOCUS

The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

Gospel Reflection

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more **Readers/ Commentators** for Mass.

We need you!

So, if you would like to help. Please contact the office:

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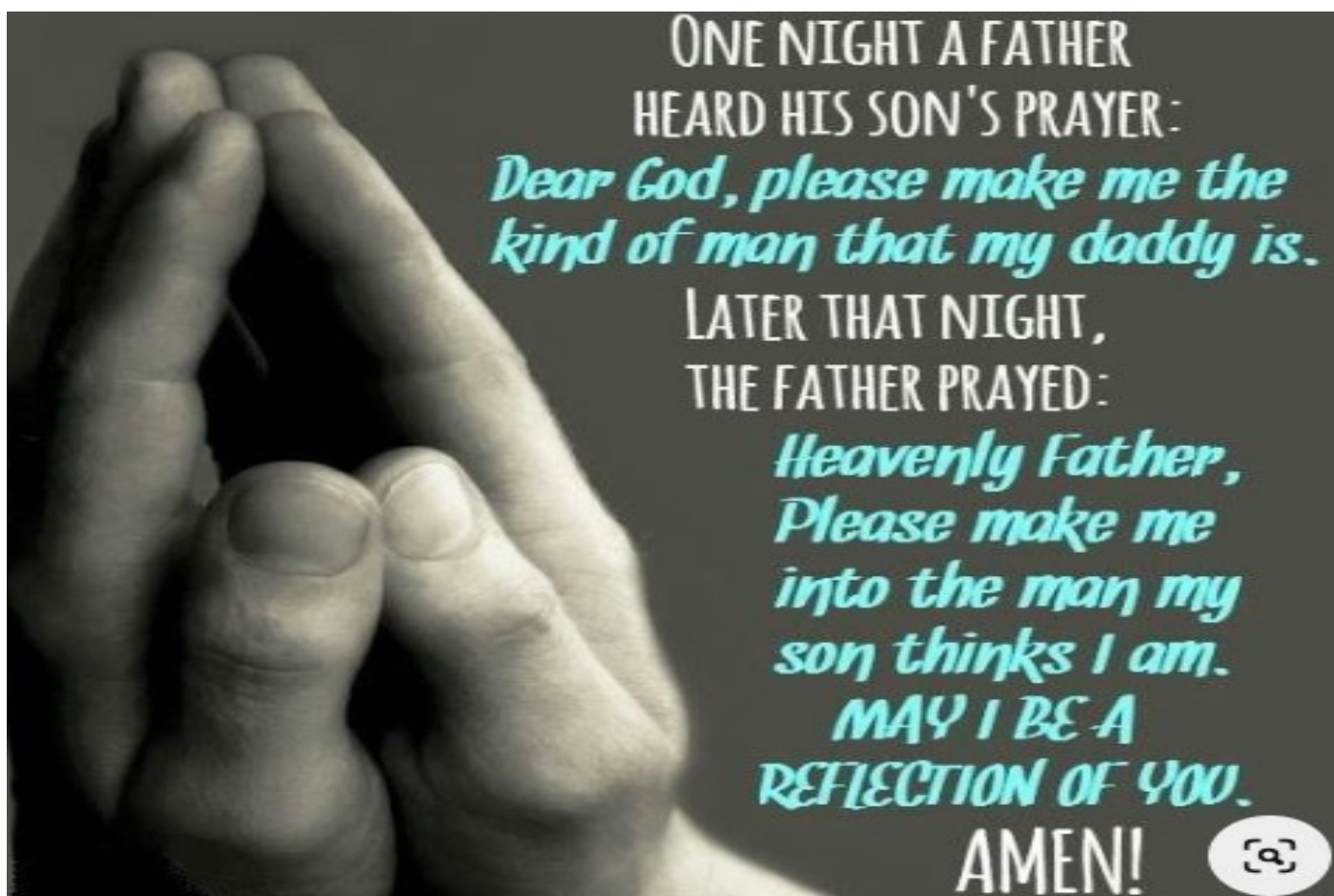




Parish Footy Tipping Competition

The \$ 600 first prize has been won? Congratulations Chris Houlihan who finished the season as our champion tipper. Chris was one ahead of Mary Lane and Maree O'Halloran. 1 further back were John Frank and Lachlan Jolly. Our best tippers last week were Mary and Lachlan who picked 9/9. Thank you everyone of our 40 tippers for your loyalty and support of our Competition for 2024. Our Finals' Competition is the next challenge.

Finals are only one week away. Billy James played his first and only game in the 1920 Grand Final. What prevented him from playing any further games with any other teams apart from his beloved Kyabram? Now the 9th season of AFLW starts with an AFLW record of 5 female senior coaches. Do you know which teams they are coaching? Also, which city will host their 2024 Dream-time match for the first time?



Pope: 'Lebanon must remain a project for peace'

Pope Francis meets a group of families of victims of the 2020 devastating explosion at the port of Beirut, expressing solidarity in their quest for truth and justice, and again invokes peace in the Middle East.

By Lisa Zengarini

Greeting the 30-member delegation in the Consistory Hall on Monday, Pope Francis conveyed his closeness to the Lebanese families, saying that he continues to pray for them and shares in their grief. *"I continue to keep you and your loved ones in my prayers, and I join my tears to your own."*

Truth and justice

The Beirut blast caused by the detonation of a massive quantity of highly explosive material that had been improperly stored in a warehouse at the city's port, killed over 200 people, injuring thousands, and causing extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure throughout the Lebanese capital.

The disaster highlighted issues of corruption, mismanagement, and negligence within the Lebanese government. Investigations into the incident revealed failures at multiple levels of government and port authorities, contributing to ongoing political and social turmoil in Lebanon.



In his address Pope Francis expressed his support to the Lebanese families in their ongoing quest for truth and justice which, as he acknowledged, continues to be obstructed by "opposing powers and interests." "The Lebanese people, and you above all, have a right to words and actions that manifest responsibility and transparency," he said. The Pope also reflected on the broader suffering in the region with the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas dangerously close to a full-out regional war, reiterating that war is a failure of politics and humanity.

He once again implored peace in the Middle East, stressing Lebanon's unique role as a land of diverse communities living together in harmony "where different religions and confessions encounter one another in a spirit of fraternity." "Lebanon is, and must remain, a project for peace," the Pope stressed. *"Let's not forget what a Pope said: 'Lebanon is a message, and this message is a project of peace'"*

Church's ongoing support

Pope Francis assured the families of the Church's continuous support, both in prayer and through concrete acts of charity. "You are not alone, and we will never abandon you," he said. Concluding the Pope thanked the Lebanese families for their resilience and faith, likening their strength to the dignity and nobility of the cedar tree, that is the symbol of Lebanon, and entrusted them to the care of the Virgin Mary.

"Cedars invite us to lift our gaze on high, to heaven, to God, who is our hope, a hope that does not disappoint."



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Sutherland,
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Marie Stopes and her eugenics agenda.
<https://exterminatingpovertybook.com/>

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Greeting from the Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is looking very healthy at the moment with items we haven't had previously. We aimed at purchasing gifts that could be given for any occasion with love. Father Geoff is very impressed with the selection and variety and I'm sure you will be also.

One of the suppliers we deal with have a new range of statues but the range is limited. They are more expensive but looking at them you can see why. On the table outside the Gift Shop there is a statue of Joseph, Mary and the Child Jesus in a crib. It is beautiful. More of this range is due in around October. I did purchase more of the Inspirational Books on request, so if you have been waiting on one, please come and have a browse. Some of the new titles and the content of these are fabulous, some with Prayers for each day of the year. These could be given to anyone as a gift to read over and over.

I had someone from the Annexe call in last week to buy a gift for her grandchild and she made the comment that she had no idea we had such a fantastic range of Catholic goods. We appreciate all the fantastic feedback but please remember, without you, the Parishioners and your support, we wouldn't be able to purchase what we do. Call in and browse around and see for yourself, what we have available, after all the Gift Shop is there for your convenience.

All the Christmas stock is due in at the beginning of October, so to make room there is a table of sale items which will be 20% off the marked price. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping.

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Jokes of the Week



Top 10 Dad Jokes

1. Why couldn't the bicycle stand up on its own? It was two tired.
2. When is a door not a door? When it's ajar.
3. Why can't your nose be 12 inches long? Because then it would be a foot.
4. What do you call a thousand rabbits walking backwards? A receding hairline.
5. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.
6. Want to hear a joke about paper? Never mind, it's tearable.
7. How does a penguin build a house? Igloos it together.
8. Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're so good at it.
9. What do you call a man with no body and no nose? Nobody nose.
10. What did the daddy spider say to the baby spider? You spend too much time on the web.



It is that time once again to get things moving for the 2024 with the "Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle".

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Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 31/8 – 1st September

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers Patricia Duryea, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Sandra Barrett

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 7/8 September 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Don Zinno, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensill, Sue Fletcher

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14/15 September 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Michael Harrison

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and gathered around Jesus.

Mark 7:1-8

