

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 29th October 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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“Love God.
Love others.
The rest are details.”

Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

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/3823636>

Or go to website to copy link:

[https://www.melbcatholic.org/
mornington](https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington)

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos)

Upcoming Holy days:

- Wed 1st Nov: **All Saints Day** -
Solemnity Mass 9:15am
- Thur 2nd Nov: **All Souls Day** -

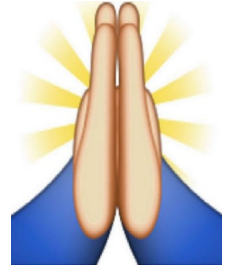
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

**Thursday 2nd, 11am Mornington /
Mt Martha Cemetery.**

Meet at MAIN entrance by 11am.

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: Phillipa Moore,

Recently Deceased: Frances McLean

Joanne Elizabeth Dean - Funeral at St Macartan's Tue 31st Oct 1:30pm

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Scriptural Context

Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' follow up, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Gospel Reflection

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Pope Francis calls US President Joe Biden to discuss peace

Pope Francis places a phone call to US President Joe Biden to speak with him about various conflicts and the need to identify paths toward peace. By Devin Watkins

On Sunday afternoon, Pope Francis spoke by phone with the President of the United States, Joe Biden.

According to the Holy See Press Office, the conversation lasted around 20 minutes.

The Pope and the President spoke about "situations of conflict in the world and the need to identify paths to peace."

Appeals for peace

Earlier on Sunday, Pope Francis renewed his appeals for peace and restraint in the war in the Holy Land.

"I am very concerned, grieved," he said at the Angelus prayer. "I pray and I am close to all those who are suffering, the hostages, the wounded, the victims and their families."

He lamented the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and blasts at the Anglican hospital and Greek Orthodox parish there.



"I renew my appeal for spaces to be opened, for humanitarian aid to continue to arrive and for hostages to be freed."

He also recalled Russia's ongoing war in "martyred Ukraine".

"War, any war that there is in the world - I also think of martyred Ukraine," the Pope continued, "is a defeat. War always is a defeat, it is a destruction of human fraternity. Brothers, stop! Stop!"

Limited aid entering Gaza

President Biden made a brief visit on Wednesday, 18 October, to Tel Aviv to seek a deal to allow some humanitarian aid to enter Gaza from Egypt.

He also expressed support for Israel following Hamas' surprise attack on Israel on 7 October, which killed at least 1,400 people.

Limited amounts of humanitarian assistance began to enter Gaza on Saturday, though the United Nations has said the aid represents "a drop in the ocean of immense needs in Gaza".

OCT 31ST = ALL HALLOWS EVE

Commonly celebrated as an evening of ghosts and ghouls, scary looking costumes and trick or treating but what are we celebrating? All things Dark?

As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light.

VERSES TO CONTEMPLATE

John 1: 1-9, 3:19-21 John 12: 27-36, 12: 44-46

1 John 1:5-7 Matthew 5: 14-16 1 Peter 2: 9-10

1 Thessalonians 5: 3 -5 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6, 6:14-18

*I am
the Light
of the World
John 8:12*



WEBSITES FOR FURTHER IDEAS AND RESEARCH

<http://www.nightoflight.org/>

<https://www.effortlessfoodie.com/easy-soul-cakes/>

<https://www.littlewaychapel.com/blog/tag/all+hallows%27+eve>

<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-celebrate-all-saints-day-at-home/>

Fun Idea 1 # Carve the shape of a cross in a pumpkin instead!

Fun Idea 2 # Bake some all soul cakes, you can find the recipe online.

OCTOBER 31st

PLACE A LAMP OR LIGHT IN YOUR WINDOW IF YOU STAND
FOR CHRIST AND HE IS THE LIGHT OF YOUR WORLD.

All hallows eve can be part of a special three-day holy celebration in which we can contemplate, pray, attend mass and create new and meaningful catholic traditions in our parishes and families. We can honour God by Worshipping Jesus as the light of the World, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light. There are some great resources online with lots of ideas for families and kids, as well as further information about these days.

OCTOBER 31st All Hallows Eve

NOVEMBER 1st All Saints Day

NOVEMBER 2nd All Souls Day



Jokes of the Week



#1: Spousal love: One Sunday the pastor was finishing up a series on marriage. At the end of the service he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of God's commandment of love and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said, "You'd better give me five crosses."

#2: "How much would you give me not to love my big sister?" A pastor was speaking to a Sunday school class about the things money can't buy. "It can't buy laughter and it can't buy love" he told them. Driving his point home, he said, "What would you do if I offered you \$1000 not to love your mother and father?" Stunned silence ensued. Finally, a small voice queried, "How much would you give me not to love my big sister?"

#3: "I'm tired of you too." An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." The wife's hearing wasn't very good, so she said, "What?" He repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true." "After fifty years, I'm tired of you too," she replied.

CDF has extended the Community Fund Offer to be shared with St Macartan's Parish Community. The campaign is that individuals can invest in a 12-month term investment at CDF's promotional rate of 5.55% p.a. The CDF Community Fund exists for lay investors to be able to invest funds with CDF knowing their funds are going to support Schools, Churches, Healthcare and the like.

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Bequests

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting testament to your values; ensuring that your dedication to improving the lives of others can continue for future generations.

We understand that providing for loved ones comes first, but even a small percentage of your estate left to the Parish can make a huge difference for our community, especially for those who are struggling with life's challenges also it will assist in the future growth of the Parish.

If you intend to leave a gift to the Parish in your Will, we'd love to know so that we can express our appreciation and gratitude. We would also like to have a bequest plaque created and displayed for you, inside the Church. Any information you provide will always be treated with the utmost respect for your privacy.

The Parish would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all benefactors - your generosity will enable the Parish to help future generations and give all people in our community the opportunity to enjoy 'life to the full'.

Blessings

Fr Geoff



Hello Friends of St Macartan's Parish

Preparation for Christmas is coming early to St Macs Church. We have now placed on a table outside the Gift Shop all the Christmas stock that has arrived. On a smaller table we have some beautiful gift ideas. The first shipment of the Water Lanterns were sold within 2 weeks so we have now received the second shipment along with a further 50 packs of Christmas Cards (8 cards for \$5.00)...which are flying out the door.

We have purchased stock that we haven't previously had so please drop in and have a look.

The Gift Shop is there for your convenience, to help you when you need to purchase a special gift, whether it is for a friend, relative or a child. I would hope we have something that's would be just right for the person you are shopping for

Little Drops of Water They are small figurines of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and selected Saints, which would make ideal gifts for the kids for Christmas, for example

St Anthony do the kids know to pray to St Anthony when they lose anything and he will help them to find it? St Jude, Patron Saint of hopeless cases, he will be there to help them when it all seems hopeless. The Assumption - when the Blessed Virgin Mary died, her soul and body went to heaven to be with her Son, Jesus Christ. Kids need to know these things, and a gorgeous little statue would be a constant reminder about their faith.

The figurines are poly resin, stronger and more durable than ceramic. They are hand painted in beautiful bright colours and are individually packed with the story of the Saints on the box. A small statue sitting beside the bed would be a visual reminder of that Saint, a Saint to turn to in time of need. The Spiritual Books - you just can't go past these, they are a beautiful gift and are ideal for any occasion. There are many titles to choose from.

Columban Calendars (\$10 each) are now in stock for those chasing them early.

Sometimes it's really difficult to open the Gift Shop due to caring for our beautiful 9 month old Mila. Should anyone need anything urgently at any time, please don't hesitate to call me on 0425 749 379. I will always be there to assist.

Regards Trish and Graham

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

Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28/29 October 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Trish Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4/5 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Mairi Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Helen Britton

Eucharistic Mins Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Gabrialla Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Shiela Goddard

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12 November 2023

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis, Pat Girolami

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina di Petta

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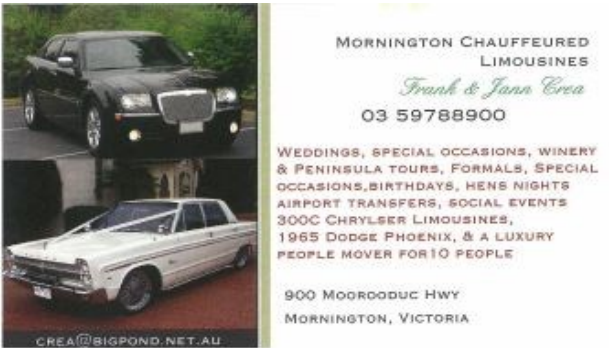
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