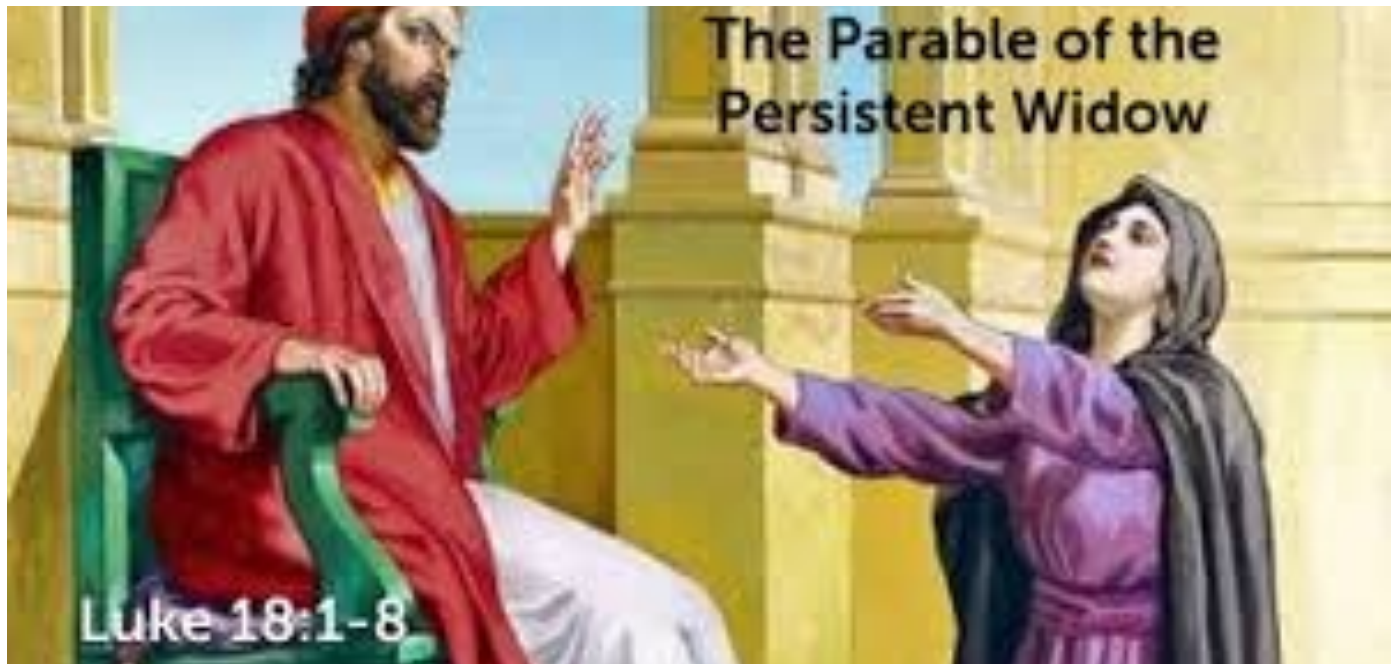




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Parish Coordinator: Tim Lambourne



Upcoming Events - here

- **Teddy Bears Picnic** - 11am
Mass October 26th. Kids, fun,
food and activities 12-2pm
- **Inaugural: Blessing of Pets
and Christmas Fair** - Saturday
29th November 11-3pm

We will need more adult volunteers
and youth participation. Please
contact the office.

Thanksgiving September 2025

Pledged = \$15482

Received = \$13749

88.8% Thank you

EXTRA COLLECTION TODAY

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Upcoming Holy Days:

None

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)
Every Friday 6pm-10pm

Encounter Group (Primary school age)

After the 11am Mass on:

- Sunday 26th (joining in with the
Teddy Bears Picnic)
 - Sunday 9th Nov
 - Sunday 23rd Nov
- Sunday 14th December (Last for
2025) Christmas Party.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Fred Verna, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil & Kath Stokes, Audrey Tunks & Therese Simmons, Rosie Trianda, David Harnett



Death Anniversaries: Sharon Puryer, Raymond John Ellis

Recent Deaths: Margaret Kelly, Anne McKenna, Peter Clark, Laurie Howard, Nicole Martina, McConnell & Larry Walsh

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5448976>

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

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age Midday-1:30pm after 11 AM mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month in the Community House



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church



First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through-

- faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Gospel reflection

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables. In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow,

knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge. Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

Have you thought? A parable about God

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

Scriptural context

Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

Pope Leo XIV to every parish: 'Take part in World Mission Sunday'

In a video message, Pope Leo XIV calls on every Catholic parish to take part in World Mission Sunday, 19 October, recalling how the generosity that day concretely enables and sustains the good work of missionaries worldwide, as he saw firsthand while serving in Peru. By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday," insisted Pope Leo XIV in a video message for the occasion of World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is held every year on the second-to-last Sunday of October. This year it will take place on 19 October with the theme of "Missionaries of Hope among the peoples."

The video begins with the Holy Father recalling that on World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors.

"When I served as a missionary priest and Bishop in Peru," Pope Leo illustrated, "I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities." Hence, he gave all Catholic parishes some concrete homework.



"I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday," Pope Leo said, underscoring, "Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."

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"This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be 'missionaries of hope among the peoples,'" the Pope encouraged, "let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth."

The Holy Father concluded by thanking parishes worldwide for everything you they do to help him to help missionaries throughout the world and imparting his Apostolic Blessing.

Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Where do you begin?

Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follow a process called RCIA the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normal way in which adults become full active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The goal of the process is full communion which means "full active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, get acquainted with people in the community and get involved in service within the community.

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptised in another Christian Church. They must attend the sessions but do not need to be baptised again.

INFORMATION NIGHT: Wednesday 22nd October 7pm (Hall 10 Drake St)



RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

- Adults who are not baptised.
- Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.
- Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an **information night**.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Wednesday 22nd October

7:00pm in the Church Hall, 10 Drake Street (under the Palm tree)

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au

Council tip vouchers

As with most things these days, tip fees are continuing to go up. If you have some council tip vouchers excess to your needs, the parish could use them.

We have the working bee this weekend, and expect to be doing a few tip runs as the sheds are sorted through. Please drop them into the office next time you pass by.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sue Renner discusses her trip to the Holy Land.

Sunday the 19th of October, at 1PM in the parish hall.

All Welcome

A Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

Sue writes.....In November 2022 I went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land: we visited Bethlehem and Ain Karem, and we literally walked in Jesus' footsteps in Nazareth, beside the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee and along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary, ending one visit offering Mass inside the Edicule – with a chance to step behind the altar and pray for a moment inside the Empty Tomb. This experience has profoundly changed the way I pray the Mysteries of the Rosary and the way I read the New Testament.

In the light of current events, I feel blessed to have visited the Holy Land when I did, and I feel moved to share some images and experiences .



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We remember in a special way the mothers who walk for days in labour to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the children who walk over 10 kilometres to access education. Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles.



Baptism



We warmly welcome Aria Bath, Eleanor Proud and Jack Stevenson.

May they grow in faith, surrounded by the love and prayers of our St Macartan's family.

ST. MACARTANS TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Sunday 26th October 2025



- 11.00am Mass & Blessing of Teddy Bears
- Picnic
- Games & Competitions
- Treasure Hunt
- 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
community.



THANK YOU - YOU BUSY WORKING BEES!

What a terrific day and what terrific parishioners I am surrounded with.

This was my first working bee here at St Macartan's and the weather was picture perfect and we had 25 people turn up to help clean, tidy, wash, garden etc. etc.

So much effort and it was definitely worth it.

We found some treasure, we didn't know we had and also got rid of a lot of trash, so we have more space to again accumulate stuff until the next working bee.

The best thing I saw, was parishioners getting to know each other and have fun.

What a blessing!

Thank you all.

Fr Geoff



SAFEGUARDING NEWS:

We remind all parents if the need to accompany their children to the church toilets at ALL times. The toilet block is left unlocked for the use of parishioners and there is the possibility that people may enter and loiter in the block. For this reason, it's important for parents to enter the block with their child to ensure that it is empty.



Wishing Year 12 students all the best in for their final exams.

In our schools and homes across the country, our most senior students are preparing to sit their final exams. This is the culmination of years of preparation, dedication and engagement from thousands of students, teachers and parents. I know that this time is filled with mixed emotions – pride from parents, nervousness from students and anticipation from teachers.

Let's keep them in our prayers.



Jokes of the Week



#1: Rescue mission to Egypt: Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom," he reported, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he ordered his engineers to build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters to call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom," Joey admitted, "but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

#2: Did Jesus Christ Ever Kill a Lion? A story is told about a missionary who went to a remote area in Northern Tanzania to proclaim the Gospel among the Maasai tribes who were warriors. One day he was explaining to a group of adults the saving activity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He told them how Jesus is the Savior and Redeemer of all humankind. When he finished, a Maasai elder slowly stood up and said to the missionary: "You have spoken well, but I want to learn more about this great person Jesus Christ. Now I have three questions about Jesus. First, did he ever kill a lion? Second, how many cows did he have? Third, how many wives and children did he have?"



Pastoral letter to Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

In response to the Government's plans, the Bishops of Victoria have written a Pastoral Letter to all Catholics in Victoria to ask that they contact their local Members of Parliament to urge them to vote against the proposed laws. This is particularly important as Members of Parliament will have a conscience vote on the matter – meaning they do not have to vote according to party lines and can vote according to their own conscience.

A COPY OF THE PASTORAL LETTER IS ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS.

The Pastoral Letter and further resources can be found online at: bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill

Tom Pretty

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Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 18/19 October 2025

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Christina Llopart

Audio Visual –Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

Audio Visual -James Barrett

Livestream - Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Sue Fletcher

Audio Visual - Marino Casamento

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 25/26 October 2025

6.00pm Readers: Faye Murphy, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins: Mairi Duyvestyn, Alis Fisher

Audio Visual: Grahram Michel

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: Tim Lambourne

11.00am Readers: Iris Hallinan, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, Rosina Di Petta

Audio Visual –Marino Casamento

Children's Liturgy

We are looking at beginning children's liturgy on Sunday 2nd November at 11am Mass.

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

jody54@westnet.com.au

THANK YOU

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- **St Mac's High Spirits:** Teacher is Michael Kerr: Contact office: 5975 2200
- **St Mac's Café: Coordinator:** Peter Lynch 0402325681 or Fr Geoff 5975 2200
- **St Macartan's Gift Shop:** Trish Thomas: 0425 749 379
- **St Vincent de Paul:** Barry Murphy: 0419 225 455
- **Volunteer Application Support Officer:** Contact Parish Office: 5975 2200
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- **Youth Worker (Encounter):** Kate McInnes:
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 - **Principal:** Colleen McGreal
 - **Deputy:** Andrea Kershaw
 - **Padua College:** Ph: 5976 0100
 - **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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MensLine 1300 78 99 78

Suicide Call Back Service

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