

2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YrB 14th Jan 2024

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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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 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church. **ON HOLIDAYS**

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

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/4005030>

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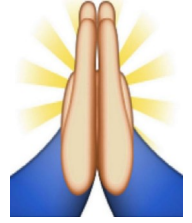
MOVEABLE FEASTS OF 2024

- 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
- 31st March - Easter Sunday
- 12th May - Ascension of our Lord
- 19th May - Pentecost
- 2nd June - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- 1st December - 1st Sunday Advent

Fr Geoff away from 7th Jan - 23rd Jan.

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, 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 Anniversaries: Ruby Winifred Conlan

Recent deaths: *[please send in any notices by Wednesday afternoon]*

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:5.

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



Have YOU thought? Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come

and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Living the Gospel – Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

From the perspective of ... The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptist for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptised us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special – some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

Pope at Angelus: Our Baptism made us children of God

During his Sunday Angelus on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis reminds faithful that the day they were baptized, we became children of God forever, and this date of great grace must be remembered and celebrated.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

At our Baptism, we became God's beloved children forever, and this is an occasion to remember and celebrate.

This was the powerful reminder Pope Francis offered to the faithful during **his Angelus address** in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As he reflected on the day's Gospel passage, which recalls Jesus' Baptism by St. John the Baptist, the Holy Father reminded the faithful how our Baptism extraordinarily changes our lives and immerses us in His infinite embrace.

Our own Baptism

Our Baptism, Pope Francis continued, has made us, in turn, "children of God."

"It is, in fact, not, like John's, a symbolic gesture, but," the Pope explained, "a real gift of divine, eternal life, an event of grace and communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

At our Baptism, we are immersed in "His infinite embrace, transmitting to us the power of His saving love."

New life as beloved children

Baptism, he underscored, is the gift not only of a new life, but of becoming, in Jesus, beloved children of God forever.

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"Let us also thank Him," the Pope continued, "for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the Sacrament to us, for the godfather and godmother, for the community in which we received Him."

Questions to ponder

The Pope urged the faithful to ask themselves some questions.

"Am I aware of the immense gift I carry in me because of Baptism? Do I recognize, in my life, the light of God's presence, who sees me as His beloved son, as His beloved daughter?"

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In the memory of our Baptism, the Pope invited the faithful to join in welcoming God's presence in us, and doing so with a Sign of the Cross. "Let us do it together: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

"May Mary, temple of the Spirit," the Pope prayed, "help us to celebrate and welcome the wonders the Lord performs in us."

Pope Francis concluded by asking the Blessed Mother to guide our paths, before offering a blessing to those gathered in the Square.

He also encouraged everyone to remember the date of their baptism, and if they do not know when it was, to find out and celebrate it as you would a birthday.





Jokes of the Week



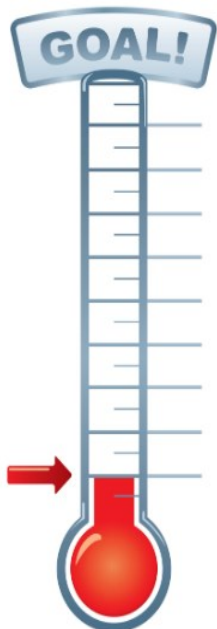
1. There was a couple trying to understand God, so they asked Him, "God, how long is a million years to you?"
God answered, "A million years is like a minute."
Then they asked, "God, how much is a million dollars to you?"
God replied, "A million dollars is like a penny."
They thought for a short time and asked, "God, will you give me a penny?"
"In a minute," God responded.

2. A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten girl.
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.
"You know – Our Father, who does **ART** in Heaven... "

3. It is said that Fr. Billy tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Fr. Billy thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the JB Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."
The boy replied, "I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office."



4. Two brothers are terrible trouble makers. They are always breaking things, stealing things, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents have tried everything to get the boys to change, to no avail. Finally, out of options, they ask their pastor if he can help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home, promising to return to get him soon. The boy sits in a chair across from the pastor's desk and they just look at each other. Finally, the Pastor says, "Where is God?"
The boy just sits there and doesn't answer.
The pastor begins to look stern and loudly says, "Where is God?"
The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer. The pastor is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts "Where is God?"
To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumps up out of his chair and runs out of the office. The boy leaves the church and runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in **BIG TROUBLE**. God's missing and they think we did it!"



ROOF RESTORATION FUND RAISING

**Currently you have donated
\$14,285- Increase of \$2456 from last week.**

Thank you

Dear parishioners,

The roof is scheduled to get repaired early in February so we still have time to raise the funds we desperately need.

We expect it to cost \$100,000. Your generosity is needed!

See our website video: <https://youtu.be/G4UgPcjSOk0>

So this fundraising starting today, will continue until we raise all the money. The sooner we raise it, the sooner we stop asking! There are several ways to donate!

1. Via a specific 'roof fundraising' Tap & Pay machine in the main foyer.
2. Via our website and give - under donations.
3. Send a cheque to the church.

I thank all of you for your patience and I know your generous support in this matter.

Blessings - Fr Geoff

Return dates 2024

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| • St Macs Café: | Wednesday 24th Jan |
| • Encounter Junior Youth Group: | Sunday 28th Jan |
| • 3:30pm Holy Hour & 5pm Youth Mass | Sunday 28th Jan |
| • Quinn's Place senior youth group: | Friday 2nd Feb |
| • Baptism Information sessions | Wednesday 24th Jan |
| • Minister Unto God: | Tuesday 6th Feb |
| • Men's Night: | Thursday 20th Feb |
| • High Spirits | Tuesday 6th Feb |
| • The Prayer Cenacle: | Tuesday 16th Jan |

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on ***Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral***, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 13/14 January 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Pat Girolami, Kathleen Ronchi

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Shiela Goddard

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 20/21 January 2024

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Marie Picton

Eucharistic Mins Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabrialla Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Shiela Goddard

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time—27/28 January 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Tricia hird, Michael turner

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, George Atkin

Eucharistic Mins Trish Thomas, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Sandra Barrett

JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAMS

If you are a regular at Mass and would like to help, we would love it!

Instruction and support will be given. Amongst other volunteers, we need more Mass Managers to ensure each Mass has all it requires to operate successfully.

If that's you, then please see Fr Geoff or contact Jody: jody54@westnet.com.au

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's

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Sunday 28th January from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, Dunns Road Mornington

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