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***Love One Another
As I Have Loved You***

John 13:31-35

Upcoming Events

WINTER CONCERT

MPWLC July 5th 2pm

(Mornington Peninsula Welsh ladies choir)

Thank you - friends

We feel blessed to be part of St Macartan's, we thank you all for your help & support after our car accident in the carpark.

We are both fine - Praise the Lord
We feel it was a miracle that no-one else was seriously hurt.

We are so grateful for your prayers.

John & Marcelle Azzopardi

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sat 24th Our Lady Help of Christians (Solemnity)

Youth groups

Quinns Place

Every Friday 6pm-10pm

Encounter Group

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday

Next scheduled is

Sunday 25th May

Thanksgiving March

ACTUAL = \$13,758

PLEDGED = \$15,482

88.9%

Thank you

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Michaela Gabriel,

Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Terry, Helen Roberts, Audrey Tunks & Therese

Summons

Death Anniversaries: Vincent Filippone, Jack Crapper

Recent Deaths: Jane Payne



Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5120244>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/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 & every Saturday from 9:45
(after 9:15am Mass)

3:30-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

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



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 547 373 281



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another;

just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia



Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say "I love you" in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

Gospel reflection

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context. The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier

in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

Gospel Focus – God's Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

Living the Gospel – Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

Pope Leo XIV: News media should foster peace and disarm words

Pope Leo XIV meets with media professionals in Rome to cover the papal election, and urges them to serve truth and promote peace, saying communication helps create a society's culture.

By Devin Watkins

Only four days have passed since his election to the papacy, and Pope Leo XIV made it a point to hold an audience with the men and women who were in Rome to report on the death of Pope Francis, the conclave, and the first days of his own ministry. He met on Monday with media professionals in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, and thanked reporters in Italian for their tireless work over these intense few weeks.

Fostering peace

The newly-elected Pope began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented.

He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that "does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it."

"The way we communicate is of fundamental importance," he said. "We must say 'no' to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war."



Solidarity with persecuted journalists

The Pope went on to reaffirm the Church's solidarity with journalists who are imprisoned for reporting the truth, and he called for their release. He said their suffering reminds the world of the importance of the freedom of expression and the press, adding that "only informed individuals can make free choices."

Service to the truth

Pope Leo XIV then thanked reporters for their service to the truth, especially their work to present the Church in the "beauty of Christ's love" during the recent interregnum period. He commended their work to put aside stereotypes and clichés, in order to share with the world "the essence of who we are".

Our times, he continued, present many issues that are difficult to recount and navigate, noting that they call each of us to overcome mediocrity.

Facing the challenges of our times

"The Church must face the challenges posed by the times," he said. "In the same way, communication and journalism do not exist outside of time and history. Saint Augustine reminds of this when he said, 'Let us live well, and the times will be good. We are the times'."

Pope Leo XIV said the modern world can leave us lost in a "confusion of loveless languages that are often ideological or partisan."

The media, he said, must take up the challenge to lead the world out of such a "Tower of Babel," through the words we use and the style we adopt.

"Communication is not only the transmission of information," he said, "but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion."

AI demands responsibility and discernment

Pointing to the spread of artificial intelligence, the Pope said AI's "immense potential" requires "responsibility and discernment in order to ensure that it can be used for the good of all, so that it can benefit all of humanity."

In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV repeated Pope Francis' Message for the 2025 World Day of Social Communication. "Let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred," he said. "Let us disarm words, and we will help disarm the world."

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians 1:15-20

*"He is before all things, and
in him all things hold together"*

Col 1:17



AUSTRALIA PRAYS

7th of June Ecumenical Service

11 AM – 12.15 PM at St. Macartan's Church 4 Drake St Mornington

Reflection by Fr. Geoff Mcilroy

This year's theme is "The Preeminence of Christ" Colossians 1:15-20. Join in unity with churches of all denominations Australia wide to worship Him who is preeminent and to give Him glory on the National Day of Prayer, **and to pray together in unity for our Nation.**

Parking also available at rear car park of church, off Cook Street.

History of St Macartan's Church, Mornington

The Advocate, Saturday the 26th of February, 1910, page 20, reads.....

ST MACARATANS, MORNINGTON, His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne blessed and opened the new church of St Macartan, Mornington last Sunday in the presence of a large congregation. His Grace congratulated the pastor (Rev. Fr. O'Hagan) and people on the ideal site and the fine church, which would he said, meet the requirements of the district for many years to come. The occasional sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert O'Dempsey, S.J.. A sum of 1269 pound has been expended on the building and furnishings and prior to the service on Sunday last, was raised by bazaars and donations. The latter amount was added to collections.

The Mornington and Dromana Standard on Saturday the 26th of February, 1910, page 3, took it further, noting that it was the hottest day of the season and mentioned the church founding parishioners who donated two beautiful statues on the alters, carpet for the sanctuary, matting for the isles and choir screens. His Grace described our church as an ornament to Mornington.

Tradition has it that Frank Crea was there, coordinating the collections and over-seeing the auspicious occasion.

We thank those founding parishioners for establishing such a solid foundation on which we grow our church today.

First Aid in the parish.

The parish recently contributed to a number of parishioners in attaining their first aid qualifications through St Johns. The parishioners are now able to assist in providing first aid to those injured or ill at parish events, assessing injuries and illnesses, administering appropriate first aid treatment and arranging for further medical assistance if needed.



We are in the process of organizing first aid tabards so they can stand out in the crowd.

The parishioners are:

Jody Kerrins, Esme Higgins, Richard Jolly and Tim Lambourne. Kate McInnes, Youth Group Leader for Encounter is now also qualified.

Vocations

An Afternoon in the Seminary, Corpus Christi College, Saturday May 24th @ 1045.

Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. This is an invitation for those who their priest has seen the qualities in them that may suggest a vocation to the priesthood, or those discerning more about a vocation. Whether a vocation is a serious consideration for you at the moment or not, come for the afternoon where you can hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with the current seminarians.

RSVP by Tuesday, 20 May 2025 to the Vocations Office at vocations@cam.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION

Just a reminder to return all Project Compassion boxes to the Parish Office or Sacristy in the next two weeks. We will need to collect, and count the funds before sending them to Caritas in the last week of May.

ALL BOXES DUE BACK NOW! - PLEASE

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Terry Roberts is now only 1 in front of Teresa after last week. James and Tessa are one further behind with 4 more another 1 back. Two clever tippers, Father Jude and John Finn, were our best with 8/9 last week in a fascinating year of continued surprises.

This weekend is the first of 2 weekends of the Sir Doug Nicholls Round. The AFLW has an equivalent event named the Indigenous Round. Do you know for how many years has the AFL had a dedicated Indigenous Round and for how many years has it been named after Sir Doug Nicholls and who is the seventh person named as the 2025 honoree this year?

If you have any queries please email or call:

James Barrett---jflob@bigpond.net.au—0418 491 781

Spencer Meier---sanddmeier@bigpond.com --- 0448 602 288



In Her Shoes



Facilitated by the expert team at Tomorrow Woman and Tomorrow Man, In Her Shoes is a game-changing workshop designed to equip men, young and old, with a deeper understanding and empathy for the experiences of women. Grounded in storytelling and reflective exercises, it is a space to ask questions to understand, without fear of being misunderstood or getting it wrong

**Wed June 4
7:30PM -- 9:30PM
Blairgowrie Yacht Club**

Reserve Your Free Ticket Here



@yeahman.mp

*"cheers,
big ears!"*



The Archdiocese mandate that all volunteers in all parishes have a Working With Children check. This is irrespective of the position they hold, or whether there is any likelihood of that person coming into contact with children. We are working with the various ministry groups to ensure we comply with this mandate. We are happy to work with those of you that find the application process difficult. Just contact me at the parish office. Tim



Jokes of the Week



1# One Sunday a priest 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 Jesus' new commandment, and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said: "You'd better give me five crosses."

MORE MOTHER'S DAY JOKES

2# A four-year-old and a six-year-old presented their mum with a houseplant. They had used their own money to buy it and she was thrilled. The older of them said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you. It was real pretty but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said 'Rest In Peace,' and we thought it would be just perfect since you are always asking for a little peace so that you can rest."

3# Angie, 8 years old, wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza & popcorn."



4# STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. "I love you so much that when you die, I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."



The Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit has been established too provide advice and support across the Archdiocese to the leadership, clergy, employees and volunteers to ensure that children, young people and adults are safe from all forms of harm and abuse. The unit will effectively respond to current and historical allegations of abuse and misconduct to meet the Archdiocese's moral, ethical and legal obligations. The office operates from Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm.

Phone: (03) 9926 5621

Email: safeguardingunit@cam.org.au

ROSTER

5th Sunday of Easter – 17/18 May 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Joyce Ward
9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi
Eucharistic Mins: Richard Jolly, Frank Crea
11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Joan Clements
Eucharistic Mins: Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

6th Sunday of Easter – 24/25 May 2025

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins: Alis Fisher, Mairi Duyvestyn
9.00am Readers: Spencer Meier, Kathleen Ronchi
Eucharistic Mins: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas
11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Esme Higgins
Eucharistic Mins: Terry Roberts, Sue Fletcher

The Ascension of The Lord – 31/6 -1 June 2025

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins: Fay Murphy, Christina Llopart
9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino
Eucharistic Mins: John and Mary Lewis
11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Iris Hallinan
Eucharistic Mins: Rosina Di Petta, Michael Harrison

Pentecost Sunday – 7/8 June 2025

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins: Tricia Hird, Alis Fisher
9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins: Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva
11.00am Readers: Esme Higgins, Michael Harrison
Eucharistic Mins: Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil

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

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