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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

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

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/4253221>

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>

Upcoming Holy days:

- **Wed 1st:** SAINT JOESPH THE WORK-
ER **Thurs 2nd:** ST ATHANASIUS
- **Fri 3rd May:** SAINTS PHILIP AND
JAMES, APOSTLES

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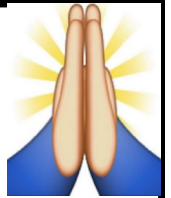
Keep an eye on our Parish Website

[St Macartans Parish \(melbcatholic.org\)](http://StMacartansParish(melbcatholic.org))

Especially on the
Upcoming & recent events page

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, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan, Sean O'Leary, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Richard Jolly, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik & Jane Payne.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversary: Fr Colin Miller, Anne Glover & Phillip Joseph Hackett

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

A Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes

to make it bear even more. You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine,

you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away

– he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.’

The Creed is said.

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.

Gospel Reflection

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the

Scriptural Context

In context

The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st Century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies

within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Historical Context – The 'True' vine

The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country – it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

By Christopher Wells

The Dicastery for Communication and the Dicastery for Culture and Education are sponsoring a press conference on Monday, 29 April, when the [Saint Pio Foundation](#) will release 10 authentic photos of Padre Pio.

The event, entitled “Photographs of Saint Pio – Memories of a Saint,” will mark the 25th anniversary of the beatification of Pio of Pietrelcina, known around the world as Padre Pio.

It also commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Saint Pio Foundation, a non-profit, charitable organization that promotes knowledge of and devotion to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, one of the most venerated contemporary saints of the Catholic Church.

Fostering devotion to St. Pio



A press release from the Foundation notes that the photographs of Saint Pio, including previously unpublished photos, were personally selected by founder Luciano Lamomarca in collaboration with Padre Pio’s personal photographer, Elia Stelluto.

The high-resolution pictures will be made available free of charge, via a dedicated website, to Catholic institutions, faithful, groups, and individuals in order “to foster devotion to Saint Pio.” They will not, however, be able to

be used for the creation of commercial projects.

“In an important year like this, where we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beatification of Saint Pio, and the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Saint Pio Foundation,” said Mr. Lamomarca, “we wished to mark these important milestones by making a gift to the millions of devotees and faithful of Saint Pio in the form of these authentic images of their beloved saint, whom they wish to bring in their homes, churches, and shops and entrust themselves and their lives to Him.”

Mr. Lamomarca added, “Through promoting his charism, we humbly recognize Saint Pio for His blessings and protection all these years.”

A gift to Catholics

For his part, Mr. Stelluto explained, “In all these years, I have always made the photos of Saint Pio in my possession available to those who have asked me, in order to be able to increase the devotion of Saint Pio.”

He said the photographs chosen for the project with the Saint Pio Foundation are “a gift that I give so that the Catholic community can benefit from this act of love, certain of doing something that is especially pleasing to Saint Pio.”

The press conference will be held at the Filmoteca Vaticana, on April 29, 2024, at 12:00 noon Rome time. The pictures will be released and made available to the public starting April 29, 2024, on the dedicated website: www.therealsaintpio.org.



Jokes of the Week



Better Write That Down

An elderly husband and wife noticed that they were beginning to forget many little things around the house. They were afraid that this could be dangerous, as one of them may accidentally forget to turn off the stove and thus cause a fire. So, they decided to go see their physician to get some help. Their physician told them that many people their age find it useful to write themselves little notes as reminders. The elderly couple thought this sounded wonderful, and left the doctor's office very pleased with the advice.



When they got home, the wife said, "Dear, will you please go to the kitchen and get me a dish of ice cream? And why don't you write that down so you won't forget?"

"Darling," said the husband, "I can remember a dish of ice cream!"

"Well," said the wife, "I'd also like some strawberries on it. You better write that down, because I know you'll forget."

"No! trust in my brain" replied the husband.

"A dish of ice cream and some strawberries. I can remember that!" "OK, dear, but I'd like you to put some whipped cream on top. Now you'd really better write it down now. You'll forget," said the wife.

"Trust in me, darling, my memory's not all that bad," said the husband. "No problem—a dish of ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream."

With that, the husband shut the kitchen door behind him. The wife could hear him getting out pots and pans, and making some noise inconsistent with his preparing a dish of ice cream, strawberries, and whipped cream. He emerged from the kitchen about 15 minutes later.

Walking over to his wife, he presented her with a plate of bacon and eggs. The wife took one look at the plate, glanced up at her husband and said, "Hey, where's the toast?"



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Last week was one of the hardest tipping Rounds in the 16 year history of our Competition. 10 tippers tipped best at 5/8 leaving Mel Fisher alone at the top of our leader board. Mel is one ahead of Geoff Walsh with another one back to Myke Schultz and Maree O'Halloran.

Umpires have been in the news. Do you know which Umpire became the 58th umpire to officiate 300 games on the weekend after debuting in 2004? Clue---the umpire won the Leigh Keen Shield in 2012. Question---do you know who the AFLUA is who award the Shield annually? Most know that Carlton are known as The Blues although some call them The Baggers? Prior to that they were known as The Butchers after rejecting the suggestion of The Cockatoos.

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**Please Return your Project Compassion boxes and donation
to the Parish by Sunday 28th April.**

**You can return your donations to the Sacristy or to the Parish
Office before this date.**

**If you haven't donated already, Project Compassion
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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 - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

5th Sunday of Easter – 27/28 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

6th Sunday of Easter – 4th/5th May 2024

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fiella, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Sue Fletcher

The Ascension of The Lord – 11/12 May 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Terry Roberts

Special Collection: CatholicCare—Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held in the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialized support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the fullest.



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Be aware of scams.

Fr Geoff

APPEAL FOR HELP!

The Parish has a Family (Mother, Father & teenage son), who I personally vouch for, as a terrific Family, but who have fallen on difficult times and need affordable rental accommodation.

Could the individual that expressed the possibility of being able to help please contact Fr Geoff.

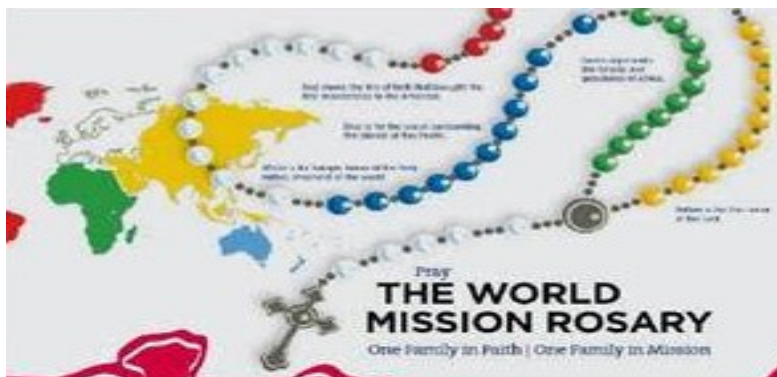
This is urgent, so if you can help, please contact me 59752200.

Thank you

Prayers for the Blessed Mother

The first Saturday of every month is devoted to the blessed mother.

On Saturday at the 9:15am mass, we shall pray for the safety of the baby in the womb, for all mothers to be and in reparation for all abortions



Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

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During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community.

If you have any question or need assistance in joining the online Rosary, please do not hesitate to email mhalim@catholicmission.org.au

We look forward to praying with you in May.

Marlene Halim

Parish Engagement Coordinator for the Archdiocese



PENINSULA YOUNG ADULTS

Benediction & Board Games

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY
OUR LADY OF FATIMA, ROSEBUD

6:30PM BENEDICTION
7:15PM: DINNER & BOARD GAMES

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