

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Upcoming Events - here

- Winter concert MPWLC
August 29th 2pm

Upcoming collection:
Propagation of the faith—Catholic
Missions Office 12th July.

School Holidays:
Saturday 27 June – Sunday 12 July

Fr Geoff on leave:
Tue 7th - Sat 11th

No 9:15am Masses Those Days
No Saturday or Wednesday
Reconciliation or Adoration

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sat 11th July, St Benedict, abbot

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

Is back every Friday during the school term @ 6:00 pm. Except school holidays

NO QUINNS PLACE:

Fri 3rd July & 10th July

Enliven

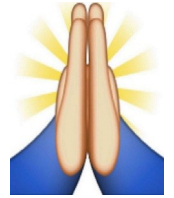
Suspended until further notice.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Helen Roberts, Audrey Tunks, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds,



Death Anniversaries: Michael Kesik, John Mahony,

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 5th July 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6016759>

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

ENLIVEN: Suspended

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)



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FOR THANKSGIVING:**

St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 547 373 281

Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church



First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1

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

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. 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.)**
3. 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. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalms 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Gospel reflection

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love

God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught. In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Historical Context – Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them .

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Peter A Comensoli to the Dicastery for Evangelisation, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World. The appointment was announced on Saturday 27 June

‘I thank the Holy Father for the trust he has placed in me with this appointment, and I commit to working diligently for the evangelising mission of the Church,’ said Archbishop Comensoli.

According to its constitution, the Dicastery ‘serves the work of evangelisation, so that

Christ, the light of the nations, may be known and witnessed to by word and deed, and the Church, his mystical Body, may be built up.’ The Dicastery for Evangelisation is composed of two sections: the Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World and the Section for the First Evangelisation and New Particular Churches. It is presided over directly by the Roman Pontiff, with



each Section directed in his name and by a Pro-Prefect. The Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World focuses in particular on the effective proclamation of the Gospel, ‘discerning suitable ways, means and language to carry it out’ In addition, the Section ‘studies and promotes the renewal that the Gospel brings in its encounter with the various cultures and with all matters concerning the promotion of human dignity and religious freedom.’ Since every member of the people of God, by virtue of baptism, is a missionary disciple of the Gospel, the Section supports the growth of this awareness and responsibility, so that each individual may effectively cooperate in missionary work in his or her daily life, through prayer, witness and works.’ Archbishop Comensoli was appointed a member of the Dicastery together with Archbishop Filippo Iannone, O. Carm. (Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops) and Archbishop Èric de Moulins-Beaufort of Reims, France. The appointment comes just a day after the Archbishop addressed a group of more than 200 parish and lay ecclesial leaders at the PROCLAIM26 conference held in Melbourne. Speaking from Rome, Archbishop Comensoli reflected on the journey of discipleship as illustrated in the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42). ‘It is of someone who has come to know Jesus Christ, and in knowing Jesus Christ, has come to know herself,’ he said. ‘[She] receives forgiveness and healing, then goes and gives that to others. That is a genuine story of discipleship.’ The gift of discipleship begins by ‘being open and allowing Jesus to enter into our lives for him to give us the water we need and then, even in our own difficulties and inadequacies ... being a disciple to others.’ In accepting his new appointment, Archbishop Comensoli asked the community to keep him in their prayers. ‘I humbly ask for your prayers for this appointment. And may each of us renew our commitment to share the hope of the Gospel with all we meet.’

Piety stall Sale & Thank you

Hi All

I hope this message finds you well and keeping warm with this chilly weather.

The Gift Shop is having an end of year financial clearance sale, to make room for the upcoming Trade Fair where we purchase stock for the next 6 months including Christmas.

The sale – **10% discount off all stock**. This is a great opportunity to purchase gifts for any occasion throughout the year including Christmas.

If you are interested or would like some information about volunteering in the Gift Shop on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings please contact me and I will answer any queries you may have. Training will be supplied.

A huge thank you to Ann for covering for me on so many occasions along with Rosemary for opening on a Sunday when I haven't been available. It is so much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and best wishes towards Grahams recovery—Trish

St Macartan's Bus Ministry

One of the quiet but important ministries in our parish is our Bus Ministry, which provides transport for parishioners who are no longer able to get to Mass independently. For many, this service is the difference between being able to participate in parish life and remaining isolated at home.

A sincere thank you to our wonderful team of volunteer drivers who generously give their time each week to ensure our parishioners can attend Mass safely and comfortably. Your kindness, commitment and care are greatly appreciated by both the parish and those you serve.

As the demand for the service continues, we are **seeking additional volunteer drivers** to help share the load and ensure the ministry remains sustainable into the future.

For more information about becoming a volunteer driver, please contact the Parish Office.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish through your generous donations. Your kindness helps to make our church a welcoming and prayerful place. We are delighted to share that a beautiful 130-year-old statue of Our Lady Mary has recently been installed in the Sistine Chapel Annex. This remarkable statue has come from Mauritius, is 135 years old and is a wonderful addition to our parish.

We extend our sincere thanks to Joe Le Miere, the uncle of Richard Le Miere, for his generosity and Clive for his restoration work.

HIGH SPIRITS

Sacrament catechism for children within our parish of Mornington and Mount Martha.

For BAPTISED CATHOLIC Children (Proof is needed)

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Confession)

- Starts Tuesday July 21st 4pm (Community House 8 Drake St)

HOLY EUCHARIST (1st Communion)

COST is \$35per child for BOTH

(Child must have received their First Reconciliation first)

- Start date to be confirmed

Parents & guardians please note that as part of the Child Safety Policy a parent or guardian must remain with the class. This is negotiated amongst the parents (guardians) themselves.

Contact Tim at the office: mornington@cam.org.au

Fr Geoff on leave:

As I try and do every year. Spend some quality time at my Mother's place. Do any chores she needs doing, take her places she can't get to etc. Plus she loves cooking and I love eating - to me it's a win, win.



I'm away from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th.

There will be no 9:15am morning masses or

Wednesday or Saturday reconciliation and adoration.

All inquiries to go to Tim in the Office: 59752200 email: mornington@cam.org.au

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us each Monday evening at **7:00 pm** in the church as we pray the Rosary together.

The Rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of Christ through the eyes of Our Blessed Mother and to pray for our families, parish, community and the needs of the world.

The church heater will be on.

Whether you pray the Rosary regularly or are just beginning, all are welcome. We look forward to praying with you.





10 OBSTACLES TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE



1 COMPLAINT

When we complain to God for everything that goes wrong in our lives.



2 WEAKNESS

We think our prayers go unanswered, leading us to abandon devotion.



3 RESENTMENT

Without a reconciled heart, it is difficult to hear the voice of God.



4 VANITY

We conform to the world's superficiality, ignoring the depth of our souls.



5 ENVY

That silent noise that blinds us to the gifts and talents God has given us.



6 MEDIOCRITY

We grow comfortable with sin and cease progressing in our spiritual life.



7 FEAR

It prevents us from trusting God, making us think He does not care.



8 OUR PAST

The memory of our sins burdens us with guilt, blocking a relationship with.



9 WORRIES

They absorb our attention and breed uneasiness.



10 FANTASIES

Idle imaginings distract us and prevent us from listening to God's voice.





NAIDOC Week - 5th July to 12th July

This year's NAIDOC Week theme "50 Years Deadly". For fifty years, NAIDOC themes have spoken to survival, resistance, culture and pride. They have honoured Elders and leaders, celebrated creativity, and challenged the nation to listen, reckon and act. Each theme has marked a moment in time, capturing where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-

lander peoples were, and where the country needs to pay attention.

50 Years of Deadly is both a reflection and a declaration. It acknowledges the strength it has taken to reach this milestone, not by chance, but because generations of people refused to be silenced. It recognises the organisers, artists, activists and communities who carried NAIDOC forward year after year, ensuring it remained grounded in culture and community. Further information on NAIDOC Week can be found at: <https://www.naidoc.org.au>

PRIESTS ARE NOT MACHINES

They are human beings called by God.



Priests feel joy and sadness.
They carry dreams and disappointments.
They have strength and fragility.
They walk with families, comfort the suffering,
and often bear invisible burdens.

Remember to pray for your priest.
He is not a machine — he is a man of God,
a brother, a father, and a shepherd.

† IGNATIUS CATHOLICUM †

MORNING TEA

You never quite appreciate how much someone contributes until they're unable to do it.

Alwyn has recently had to step back from his parish duties while he focuses on some health issues. This has left an Alwyn-sized gap in our morning tea ministry. We are looking for a few more volunteers to assist with preparation and serving, helping us continue this important opportunity for fellowship and hospitality.

Any questions can be directed to me at the parish office:

Mornington@cam.org.au

Some 2025 Parish statistics|

Number of funerals	53
Number of weddings	8
Number of Baptisms	90
Number of children for 1 st Holy communion and Confirmation	Communion: 51 Confirmation: 52 + 7 High Spirits
We also support	x5 Hospitals x9 Nursing Homes

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Our best tippers last week tipped 6/7 with no one able to tip 7/7. Meanwhile Delina Frank still leads our competition. Delina remains one in front of Irene, Teresa, Pauline and Lachlan Jolly. Bardo22 and Howard's Hawks are only one further behind.



Carlton's interim coach has done well. But do you know which coach has the best start for a VFL/AFL caretaker coach during the season with 7 wins and who are the Carlton coaches who started with the most consecutive wins during a season of 8 for one coach and 7 for 2 others?

Any queries please see James Barrett 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net.au or Spencer Meier 0448 602 288 sanddmeier@bigpond.com.au



Jokes of the Week



- 1. The Rumour:** A pastor told his congregation he was taking a two-week leave to clear his head. The next Sunday, the guest preacher looked at the packed pews and whispered to the deacon, "Wow, the pastor must be really popular!" The deacon replied, "Oh, he is. But honestly, everyone just showed up today to make sure he actually left."
- 2. The Bulletproof Excuse:** The worship leader announced, "The pastor is away on leave this week, so we will skip the sermon. Please remain seated for twenty minutes of awkward silence so you still feel like you've been preached at."
- 3. The Sound System Fix:** The sound technician loved when the pastor went on leave because it was the only Sunday he could turn the microphone volume down without getting "the look."
- 4. The Sheep's Holiday:** When the shepherd is away, the sheep finally get to sit in the back rows without feeling guilty.
- 5. The Generous Offering:** The collection plate is always lighter when the pastor is away—mostly because nobody is there to guilt-trip them into the extra collection.



Baptism Welcome

This weekend we warmly welcome **Ryan** into the St Macartan's parish family as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep this child and their families in your prayers as they begin their journey of faith, and may God's love and blessings be with him always.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5 July 2026

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Paul Girolami

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Rosina DiPetta

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Kathlene Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: Didier LeMeire

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Karen Westbury

Eucharistic Mins Shiela Goddard, Sue Fletcher

Audio Visual: Gram Michel

Children's Liturgy: Mel and Gabi

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12 July 2026

6.00pm Readers Faye Murphy, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: James Barrett

11.00am Readers Gabriella Failla, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, John Rowe

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

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- **Weddings contact the Office**
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- **Deputy:** Andrea Kershaw
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- **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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know is in immediate
danger, contact the
following crisis services:

Emergency 000

Lifeline 13 11 14

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

MensLine 1300 78 99 78

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

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Matthew 11:28-30

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