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**Upcoming Events**

**Fr Joe O'Shea**

**Lenten discovery, scripture unraveled and  
beautiful prayers.**

**Mondays 6-7pm**

**In the Church**

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

**None**

**40 days of LENT**

**PRAYING**

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**ALMS GIVING**

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Kath O'Malley, Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Jane Payne, Michaela Gabriel

Please be advised that the above names are updated at the end of each month. Please contact the Mornington Parish on Ph: 5975 2200 or email: [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au) to add to the list.

**Death Anniversaries:** Nancy Watkins

### Video Sunday 9am Mass

**LIVESTREAMING:** <https://vimeo.com/event/4967486>

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]

**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:**

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## Reading

### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the  
young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him  
glory. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **Gospel**

**Luke 4:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose.

Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Creed is said.

## **Communion Antiphon**

**Matthew 4:4**

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

# **Living the Gospel**

## **Lent**

*The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.*

## **Gospel Reflection**

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out

what he had decided.

### **Scriptural context – The temptations**

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

## **Mornington Waste Vouchers / Tip passes**

If there are any of you who receive these vouchers and don't use them?  
Please may the Church have them as we do not get any.

It becomes quite costly, to use this waste facility which we need to regularly for our garden waste and other miscellaneous items.

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Fr Geoff

Bring them to the office or put them in the letterbox



## **Pope's March prayer intention: 'for families in crisis'**

*Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of March 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "families in crisis," as he acknowledges that no family is perfect, but that when we forgive our family members, we can rediscover peace.*

*By Deborah Castellano Lubov*

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this March is for "families in crisis."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

The images and audio in the video were prepared prior to the Holy Father's arrival at Rome's Gemelli Hospital on 14

February, where he continues his treatment for bilateral pneumonia.

In The Pope Video for March, the Holy Father acknowledged the great difficulties facing families.



### **'No such thing as a perfect family'**

"We all dream about a beautiful, perfect family. But," Pope Francis recognized, "there's no such thing as a perfect family," for each family "has its own problems," "as well as its tremendous joys."

While every member of the family is important because each is unique, the Pope lamented how often their differences cause conflict and painful wounds, as he suggests a solution.

"The best medicine to heal the pain of a wounded family," he stressed, "is forgiveness," adding that forgiveness requires giving our family members "another chance."

"God," Pope Francis pointed out, "does this with us all the time." Reminding that God's patience is infinite, the Holy Father reminded how He "forgives us, lifts us up, and gives us a new start."

### **Renewing the family through forgiveness**

In the same way, the Pope suggested, pardoning one another "always renews the family" and makes "it look forward with hope."

Even when there's no possibility of the "happy ending" we'd like, he noted, God's grace gives us the strength to forgive.

Doing so, he explained, "brings peace," because "it frees us from sadness, and, above all, from resentment."

Pope Francis concluded by saying, "Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."

PS—As of Thursday 6th March. The Holy Father is still in hospital. Pray for Him.



## Jubilee 2025

Throughout the [2025 Jubilee Year](#), there are 36 special celebrations highlighting aspects of Church life.

For each event, a set of resources has been prepared which parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.

The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes
- Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; Image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

15-18 February [Jubilee of Artists](#)

21-23 February [Jubilee of Deacons](#)

8-9 March [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)

28 March [24 Hours for the Lord](#)

28-30 March [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

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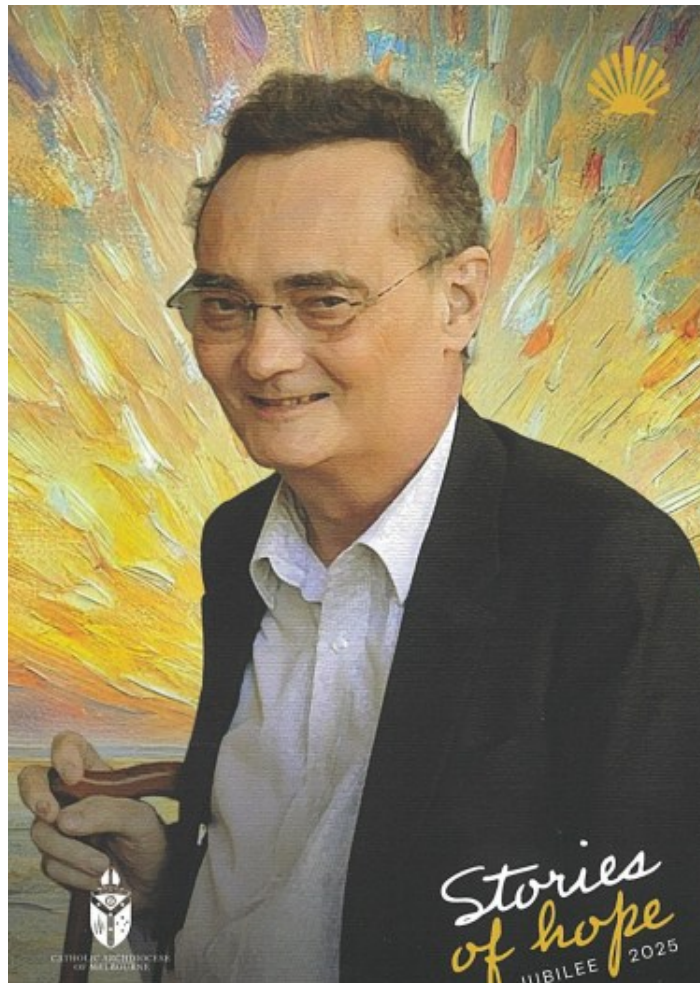
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## STORIES OF HOPE



### Prof Nicholas Tonti-Filippini



Prof Nicholas Tonti-Filippini (1956–2014) lived what he believed. Based in Melbourne, Prof Tonti-Filippini was a brilliant ethicist and philosopher, known worldwide for his defence of the dignity of human life from conception until natural death—a defence founded on Christian hope.

From a young age, he lived with severe health difficulties, including chronic kidney failure. Despite living under this shadow of death, and the physical suffering that went with it, Prof Tonti-Filippini lived hopefully, clinging to God's promise. He used the gift of his intelligence to bring light and clarity to some of the most challenging ethical issues of our day. He did not shy away from public debate but pursued truth, encouraging those around him to do the same, and to be the best they could be.

During this Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers, may we be inspired by Prof Tonti-Filippini's example, asking God to help use our talents, and even our weaknesses, to bring light. Like him, may we ground our lives in an unshakeable love of God, and even during times of trial, may we use our gifts to bring the hope found in Christ's love for us to others.



## Jokes of the Week



**1) Satan or God?** A priest was ministering to a man on his deathbed. "Renounce Satan!" said the priest. "No," said the dying man. "I say, renounce the devil and his works!" "No," the man repeats. "And why not, I ask you in the name of all that is holy?" "Because," said the dying man, "I want to wait until I see where I'm heading, before I start annoying anybody."

**2) "Get behind me, Satan!":** I saw a cartoon on this notion recently. "A woman had bought a new dress which was very expensive. Her husband asked why she had been so extravagant. She replied, "The Devil made me do it." "Well," the husband asked, "Why didn't you say, 'Get thee behind me Satan!'" "I did," explained the wife, "But he said it looked as good in back as it did in front. So I bought it."



**3) Priestly temptations:** Once four priests were spending a couple of days at a cabin. In the evening they decided to tell each other their biggest temptation. The first priest said, "Well, it's kind of embarrassing, but my big temptation is gluttony." "My temptation is worse," said the second priest. "It's gambling." "Mine is worse still," said the third priest. "I sometimes can't control the urge to drink." The fourth priest was quiet. "Brothers, I hate to say this," he said, "but my temptation is worst of all. I love to gossip – and if you guys will excuse me, I'd like to make a few phone calls!"

### PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey  
we are all pilgrims of hope  
brought together by your love  
and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee  
when we are called to greater justice  
and care for our common home  
that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom  
of the oppressed and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds  
and generous hearts help bring about a  
world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of  
fasting, almsgiving and prayer  
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

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### Flower Roster

For further information, please contact

Mary Arter on mob: 0437 102 483



### Ministry unto God prayer group is back!

Josie, Frank and the faith filled team is back each Tuesday in the Community House, 8 Drake St from 10am - 12pm

Prayer, Praise & Worship awaits

COME AND JOIN IN!!!

### Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Last week the Opening Round of the 2025 AFL season had its dramas in our northern States. Round 1 is this coming week. More importantly, our St Macartan's Footy Tipping Competition moves to its second week as our tippers continue their quest for tipping success.

If you have been part of our competition before then all you need to do is log back in to your ESPN Footy Tips account and make sure your details are up to date.

We would love new members. All you need to do is go to ESPN Footy Tips [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au) and create an account then search for St Macartan's Parish Footy Tipping. The password to join is 'drake'.

Cost to participate this season, including finals, is \$30.00 payable to either James or Spencer. Any queries contact James Barrett ph 0418 491 781 [jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) or Spencer Meier ph 0448 602 288 [sanddmeier@bigpond.com](mailto:sanddmeier@bigpond.com)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy  
Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher  
9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Don Ziino  
Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis  
11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Joan Clements  
Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Rosina Di Petta

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 15/16 March 2025**

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Adrian Mitchell  
Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner  
9.00am Readers Don Ziino, John Azzopardi  
Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Richard Jolly  
11.00am Readers John Rowe, Gabriella Fialla  
Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 22/23 March 2025**

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann  
Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward  
9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier  
Eucharistic Mins Mihael Kerr, Rosemarie D'Silva  
11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Michael Harrison  
Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – 29/30 March 2025**

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy  
Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher  
9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Michael Kerr  
Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi  
11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, John Rowe  
Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Michael Harrison

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