

PARISH BULLETIN

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Upcoming Events

Teddy Bear's Picnic

THIS Sunday 25th October
at 11am Mass

Cake Stall

THIS Sunday 25th October
after 9am Mass in the front foyer

Parish Youth Groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

**Friday during the school term at
6.00pm – 9.00pm.**

Change of time now finishes at 9pm

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tues 27th Oct: Dedication of the Cathedral
- Wed 28th October: Ss Simon and Jude, apostles
- Sun 1st November: ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY
- **Monday 2nd** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed –
Mass at 9:15am.
Blessing of the memorial garden 9:45am and
Blessing of the graves at Mornington Cemetery 10:30am
- Tue 3rd Mass 9:15am – As per usual, even though it is a Public Holiday

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

(Names are removed after 30 days. To have a name added again, please contact the Parish Office)

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Dorothy Edwards, Peter Mayer, Robyn Horgan, Kath O'Malley

Death Anniversaries: Dawn Meier, Bruce Wright, Rosina Bongiorno, Mary Ebinger, Geoffrey Cuthbert, Giuseppina Josephine Taranto



Recent Deaths:

9.00am Sunday Mass Livestream

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6277405>

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>

Parish Website: [St Macartan's Parish](#)

Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082695880224>

Fr Geoff's Biker's Facebook: Holyhog Mc <https://www.facebook.com/holyhog.mc>

Fr Geoff's Vocation Facebook: Whenyourheartisright

<https://www.facebook.com/WhenYourHeartIsRight>

Fr Geoff's Vocation Instagram: 'Whenyourheartisright

<https://www.instagram.com/whenyourheartisright/>

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am and 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

Wednesdays 9:45 - 10:30 and

Saturdays 9:45 - 10:30 approx. (after 9:15am Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

9:45am: Wed & Saturday (after 9:15am Mass)

or by appointment Ph: 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Fridays 6pm - 9pm Community House & Hall

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)

ENLIVEN: Suspended



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St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 547 373 281

Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call, I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

RCIA

INFORMATION NIGHT – CHANGED

Now – Wednesday 28th at 7pm Church Hall

gospel focus

Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Gospel reflection

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series

of 'What about ...?' questions. Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Scriptural context – Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' followup, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. So, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.



VATICAN NEWS

Pope Leo speaks with President Zelensky, calls for humanitarian aid

In a telephone conversation with the Ukrainian President, Pope Leo XIV expresses his hope for cooperation to allow food and medical aid to reach civilians in Oleshky, in the Kherson region, and for their safe evacuation. Vatican News

The Holy See Press Office has announced that Pope Leo XIV and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky spoke over the telephone on Monday, 19 October.

During the conversation, according to a statement, "the Holy Father recalled the grave situation in the city of Oleshky, in the Kherson region, and made reference to the request for a humanitarian ceasefire that he had presented to the President of the Russian Federation". The Pope also expressed his hope that "cooperation between both parties will allow for the delivery of food and medical aid", as well as for the "voluntary and safe evacuation of the civilian population". Finally, the Holy Father reaffirmed the Holy See's commitment to promoting dialogue and peace.



BEING CATHOLIC

WHY DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HONOR THE SAINTS?



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The Church honors them as devoted followers of Jesus, whose holy lives reveal the beauty of God's grace.



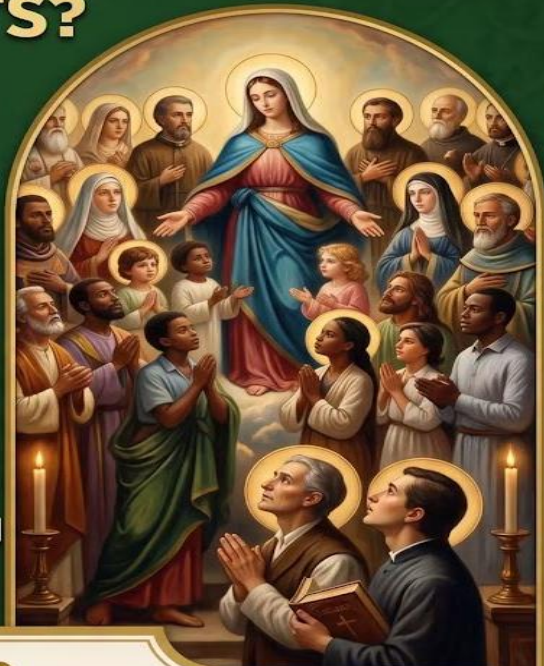
**THEIR EXAMPLE
INSPIRES**

Their earthly journeys, struggles, and triumphs encourage and inspire us on our own path to holiness.



**UNITED IN
CHRIST**

Their intercession and prayers remind us that the entire Church, in Heaven and on Earth, is one in Christ.



HONOR VS. WORSHIP

Do Catholics worship saints? No, worship (*latría*) belongs to God alone. We venerate (*dulia*) the saints as our spiritual family in Heaven who pray for us, always pointing us back to Christ.



Read the caption to explore this Catholic teaching.



Jokes of The Week



1) A priest is being chased through the woods by a hungry bear.

As the priest is running, he makes an impassioned plea to God: Oh please God, in your infinite wisdom and mercy, turn this bear into a good Christian! Before he can get another word out, he trips over a log and goes sprawling. The bear catches up and approaches the terrified priest. Rising up on its hind legs, it puts its paws together, and says "Lord, thank you for this meal that I am about to receive."

2) An 8-year-old told me this joke.

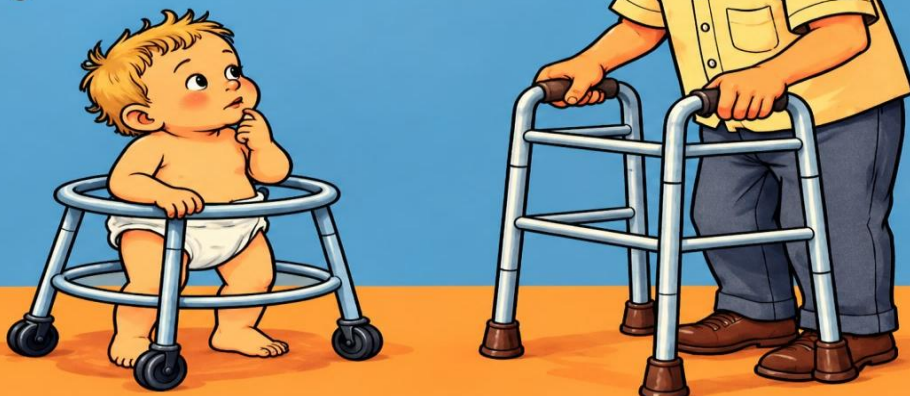
What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear

3) Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on.



The second guy says, "What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear." "I don't need to outrun the bear," the first guy says. "I just need to outrun you."

**The beginning and
the end are the same.
Enjoy the interval.**





ST. MACARTAN'S Church

Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 25th October 2026

- 11.00am Mass & Blessing of Teddy Bears
- Picnic
- Games & Competitions
- Music
- Surprises

Come and have some fun!

Just bring yourselves and your Teddy Bears, for a special treat and enjoy our friendly St Macartan's Church community.

6 Drake St, Mornington | Parking is at the rear of the property from 5 Cook St.

TEDDY BEAR – BLESSING

When God made Adam and Eve and placed them in the garden, he put them in charge of taking good care of the earth. They named the animals and began to work with the land.

Ever since then, girls and boys, women and men have enjoyed not only work but also play. God gave us the ability to make games and invent toys to help us enjoy ourselves and enjoy growing in our love for each other. So today we remember Teddy Bears, because they have a unique quality of bringing us comfort and revealing the love in our hearts. Let us also remember the one who made us and gave us hearts and minds that love to have fun, to share and to grow as we play.

Dear Lord, Bless these Teddy Bears.

Help us to be truly grateful for the time you give us to play.

Help all our play to be holy play.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Helping Our Parish Flourish

There are so many wonderful things happening at St Macartan's—people coming together in faith, friendship and service, supporting one another and reaching out to our wider community.

While much of this is made possible by the generosity of our volunteers, everything we provide has a cost. From the everyday expenses of keeping our doors open to supporting our ministries and maintaining our buildings, our parish relies on ongoing financial support.

Fundraising activities such as our cake stall help make these good works possible. Every cake donated, purchase made and helping hand offered contributes to the life of our parish and the services we can provide.

Thank you to everyone who bakes, buys, volunteers or contributes. Your generosity helps St Macartan's remain a welcoming, caring and active parish.



Little Macs Playgroup

Join us at Little Macs Playgroup every **Wednesday morning during the school term, 9:00–11:00 am, in the parish hall.**

It's a welcoming opportunity for little ones to play and make friends, while parents and carers enjoy a chat and connect with others in our parish and broader community.

New families are warmly welcome—we'd love to see you there!

Parish Cake Stall

Can you help? ♥

We are seeking parishioners who would be happy to bake an item for our next cake stall.



Sunday 25 October



After the 9am Mass

Your support would be greatly appreciated ♥





Please join me in praying for the Holy Father's recovery and healing. May the Lord's tender and merciful love provide every peace, comfort and consolation. And may our Blessed Mother be ever close to him, carrying him in her gentle care.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



St. Corbinian's BEAR

SAINT CORBINIAN

Corbinian's symbol is the saddled bear. According to his hagiography (Biography of a Saint), a bear killed Corbinian's pack horse on the way to Rome and so the saint commanded it to carry his load. Once he arrived in Rome, however, he let the bear go, and it lumbered back to its native forest. Both the heraldic element and the legend itself carry significant symbolism.

Devotional Reproduction of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Mantle

Sunday 25th October 2026

at St Thomas More Catholic Parish

(Endorsed by His Eminence Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez, Archbishop Emeritus of Guadalajara)

One of Our Lady of Guadalupe's devotional reproduction mantles (3rd class relic that has been laid on the original tilma- one of only a few in the world) will be visiting St Thomas More Catholic Parish in Mount Eliza.

Mass will be held at 10am and attendees will be able to wear the mantle and to receive prayer for healing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Where: St Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

When: 10am, THIS Sunday 25th October 2026

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's
mrs sippy jazz band

for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing

THIS Sunday 25th October from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, 350 Dunns Road Mornington

Admission \$20 p.p. B.Y.O. nibbles, coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.

Bookings not required.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24/25 October 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Louise Iagnocco, Brian Scantlebury
	Eucharistic Mins	Mairi Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	John and Mary Lewis
	Audio Visual	Tim Lambourne
	Live Stream	Tim Lambourne
11.00am	Readers	Karen Westbury, Michael Harrison
	Eucharistic Mins	John Rowe, Sheila Goddard
	Audio Visual	Marino Casamento

All Saints Day – 31 Oct/1 Nov 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath
	Eucharistic Mins	Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Spencer Meier
	Eucharistic Mins	Patricia Thomas, Frank Crea
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	James Barrett
11.00am	Readers	Joan Clements, Gabrielle Failla
	Eucharistic Mins	Shiela Goddard, Sue Fletcher
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel

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

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- **St Macartan's Primary School:** Ph: 5979 9200
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- **Padua College:** Ph: 5976 0100 • **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

FRIENDS OF OUR PARISH

I have always appreciated good customer service and good value for money. Therefore, whenever I find someone who supports our Parish in these ways, they become friends and I truly believe we should show our support to them too. [Fr Geoff]



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