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Please see inside for Ministry
Group return dates

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Teachers and New Preps
Welcome Mass
Sunday 9th Feb @ 11am
Followed by entertainment

Sunday 3pm Encounter Youth Group
3:30-4:30 Holy Hour and
5pm Youth Mass
Returns this Sunday 26th.

Upcoming Holy Days:

- ♦ Tuesday 28th: ST THOMAS
AQUINAS; PRIEST, DOCTOR
- ♦ Friday 31st: ST JOHN BOSCO;
PRIEST

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!

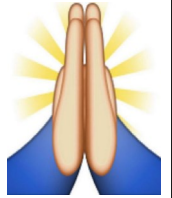
TO ALL WHO SHARE THIS COUNTRY-
GOD'S COUNTRY



Additional Adoration
Every Saturday 9.45—10.30 am
(after Morning Mass)

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, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Margaret Raynor, Margaret Wall & James O'Meara



Death Anniversaries: Terry Said

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4865726>

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>

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 5pm-9pm Community House & Hall

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

23RD DECEMBER—28TH JANUARY



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Is 32:15-18

The effect of justice will be peace. Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9 (R.)

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth and justice look down from heaven (R.) 3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 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

Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Gospel Reflection

The Beatitudes are at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount'. This sermon provides a picture of a society where the usual expectations of how people relate to each other are turned upside down. Australia, 'Down Under', is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin. De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu

Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. I am convinced that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, one of whose most distinctive works at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic and language barriers between people. Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is creating a new society. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires. But, we could pause for a moment and thank God. For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare. For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this South Land of the Holy Spirit.

St Mac's Cafe

Invites you to an evening of
good food and good
company!

**Every Wednesday evening from
5.45pm in the Community
Centre**



New Parish Secretary

Hi, my name is Bronwen, and I am replacing Cherrie as Parish Secretary.

I was born and raised in Mornington, and this year, have returned to live here.

I am delighted to be back on the Mornington Peninsula, and excited to be taking on the role of the Parish Secretary at St Macartan's.

Pope Francis: A woman will head the Vatican Governorate

Pope Francis grants an interview to Fabio Fazio for Italian TV channel Nove's Che tempo che fa, announcing that Sr. Raffaella Petrini will be appointed in March to head the Governorate of Vatican City State. He also addresses a question about rumors of the new Trump administration's plans for deporting migrants: If this happens, it would be a disgrace; the poorest should not be made to pay for the imbalances of society. By Salvatore Cernuzio

Sister Raffaella Petrini, currently Secretary General, will head the Governorate of the Vatican City State starting in March. The appointment will follow the retirement of Cardinal Fernando Vérgez Alzaga from his role as President of the Governorate. In an interview with Fabio Fazio for Italian TV channel Nove's Che tempo che fa program, which aired on Sunday evening, Pope Francis announced the news of his intention to appoint Sr. Petrini as President. He also expressed sorrow over the prospect of mass deportations of migrants in the United States, joy at the truce in Gaza, and his hope for a two-State solution. The Pope discussed welcoming migrants, the ongoing Jubilee, his decision to open a Holy Door in a prison in Rome, efforts to combat abuse, and his personal health. Pope Francis had previously granted an interview to Che tempo che fa in 2022 and another in 2024. Sunday's new hour-long conversation also served as an opportunity to present his autobiography, *Hope*, curated by journalist Carlo Musso, published by Mondadori, and available in 100 countries. He described the work of writing his autobiography as "very delicate," comprising numerous stories that "convey a sense of who I am."



Sister Petrini to head Vatican Governorate

Pope Francis reassured viewers about the condition of his arm following Thursday's bruise, saying, "It's moving better." He then announced that, starting in March, Sister Raffaella Petrini will become President of the Vatican Governorate. This marks another significant appointment of a woman to a prominent role, following Sr. Simona Brambilla's appointment as Prefect of the Dicastery for Consecrated Life. "The work of women in the Curia has progressed slowly but effectively. Now, we have many," the Pope noted. Listing roles assigned to women in the Vatican, he added: "At the Governorate, the Secretary General, who will become President in March, is a nun... Women manage better than we do," he remarked.

Mass deportation plans in the U.S.

Pope Francis responded to a question about the United States amid rumors of a potential mass deportation plan for migrants following President Donald Trump's inauguration. The Pope described such an eventuality "a disgrace," because "it makes the poor who have nothing pay the price for imbalance".

Welcoming migrants and declining birthrates

On the topic of migration, Pope Francis reiterated the "four verbs" to address the emergency. "Migrants must be welcomed, accompanied, promoted, and integrated." He also touched on his concern over declining birthrates, citing Italy's average age of "46 years." "If you don't have children, you have to let migrants in," he said.

Two-State solution and the importance of peace

The Pope also addressed the war in the Middle East, noting the start of the ceasefire on Sunday in Gaza and the release of three women held hostage by Hamas.

As he did at the Angelus earlier in the day, he expressed gratitude to those who negotiated the ceasefire, saying, "They are good."



Jubilee 2025

For locals wanting to participate in next year's Jubilee and unable to travel to Rome, we have good news. In anticipation of the official opening of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has revealed the 13 churches and shrines within the Archdiocese that will be designated Pilgrim Places for the purposes of the 2025 Jubilee, with the majestic St Patrick's Cathedral serving as the principal Pilgrim Place.

The designated pilgrim places are:

- St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
- St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne
- St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
- St Luke's, Lalor
- St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham
- Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon
- St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- St Francis Xavier, Mansfield
- Sacred Heart, Croydon
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough
- St Patrick's, Mentone
- St Macartan's, Mornington

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

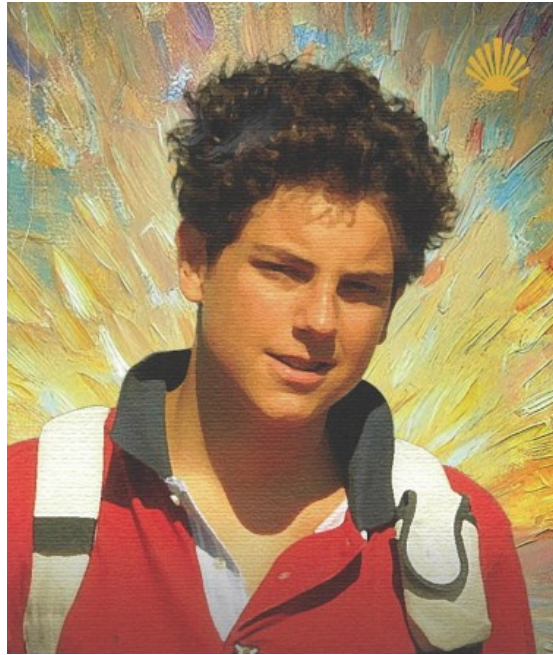
PLENARY INDULGENCES

Indulgences are a way to reduce the time a person spends suffering for sins, even after they have been forgiven. A faithful Christian can earn an indulgence for themselves or for someone who has passed away, as long as they meet certain conditions. Indulgences are a wonderful support on the great pilgrimage towards heaven. While indulgences do not absolve people of sin—that is for the sacrament of Reconciliation—they orient hearts towards God and are characterised by a mysterious interior renewal.

To receive a Jubilee plenary indulgence within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, individually or in a group, people can visit any Pilgrim Place, remain there for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, then conclude their time of prayer with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and the Hail Mary (or any other invocation to Mary the Mother of God).

By fulfilling these conditions while they are at a Pilgrim Place, the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence is granted. Normally only one plenary indulgence can be received per day, but for the duration of the 2025 Jubilee Year, pilgrims will be able to 'pay it forward' and obtain a second, on condition that they have carried out an act of charity offered for the souls in purgatory and received Holy Communion a second time that day.

STORY' OF HOPE



St Carlo Acutis



Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) reminds us of the hope and joy that young people bring to the world. Carlo had a deep love for Jesus and used his gift for technology to create a website about miracles. By sharing these stories online, Carlo helped many learn of Christ's love for us and gave them hope for eternal life. Carlo shows how young people can use their unique gifts to inspire hope in others.

Carlo's life was not easy. At 15, he was diagnosed with leukaemia. He faced this with incredible faith and courage, offering his suffering to the Lord. Carlo's life reminds us that Christian hope can shine brightly, even in the hardest times. His joyful spirit and trust in God encourage us to face our own challenges with faith, love and hope.

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Youth and prepare for his canonisation, let us be inspired by Carlo's example. Let us pray for all young people to find joy in their faith and to use their talents to inspire Christian hope, a hope that does not disappoint, in others.



Jokes of the Week



1) “I’ve been looking for these for 3 years!” A door-to-door salesman from a publishing house asked a lady if she owned a copy of the Bible. “I certainly do” she replied with some pride. To his next question, did she read it regularly, she responded, “Oh, yes!” and sent her little daughter to get the Bible from the table drawer. As she showed it to the man, her spectacles fell from between the pages. Without thinking, she exclaimed, “Oh, here are my glasses! I’ve been looking for these for 3 years!”

ESPECIALLY FOR AUSTRALIA DAY!



You Know You're Australian - When:

- most of the words you know end in "o" such as arvo, servo, bottlo, supo, garbo.
- you know that there is a difference between thongs and underwear.
- stubbies are things that can either be worn by blokes or drunk.
- a place called "woop woop" is not actually a place but is very far from civilisation.
- calling someone "mate" is a completely appropriate term to call anyone in Australia be they male or female.
- you answer most questions by saying "no worries" or "no drama".
- when you know the national anthem but have no idea what "girt" means.
- you know the best place to get a cooked sausage is Bunnings.
- you greet people by saying garn.
- when you pronounce Australia as STRAYA

'The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will visit the Parish on the weekend of 25/26 January to promote their work on behalf of the missions and distribute their 2025 Claver Almanac -

Calendar at all Masses.

This is a free copy but any donation towards the missions would certainly be gratefully received.'

Feel free to have a chat and introduce yourself.



Call for Volunteers

Ever thought of volunteering

Or

Have you volunteered before, and would like to do it again!

St Macartan's Church have many volunteer opportunities.

If you or someone you know, would like to volunteer, there is an extensive list of contacts and volunteering opportunities to choose from, in the Parish Newsletter .

If interested, please contact Bronwen, Parish Secretary on 5975 2200.



FAREWELL CHERRIE - WE WILL MISS YOU

12 Months ago I decided to give an inexperienced 18yr old young lady, on a gap year from university, an opportunity to be a Parish secretary, her name

Cherrie Azzopardi

At the time, the human resource department of the Archdiocese, advised me it maybe a risk as she had no experience, but Cherrie in her interview, said all the right things.

I am so delighted and proud of Cherrie, she has turned into a terrific secretary, one I don't want to lose, she is also a wonderful person. But Cherrie has a calling a vocation of sorts, to be a teacher and I know she will be excellent teacher.

Cherrie; the Parish has been enriched by your dedication, hard work, your always "can do" attitude and your genuine friendliness - We THANK YOU!

I will greatly miss you but I know we will see you around in our Parish and we will remain connected and assist you where we can in your future endeavours.



Good luck and you remain in our prayers.

Blessings

Fr Geoff



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 Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26 January 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil

The Presentation of The Lord – 1st/2nd February 2025

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Sue Fletcher

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9 February 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Gabriella Fiella

Eucharistic Mins Len Seal, Barbara Ensil

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

Ministry Group Return Dates

	<u>RETURN 2025</u>
Parish Office	Tuesday 7th Jan
St Mac's Café	Wednesday 15th Jan
Encounter Youth Group	Sunday 26th Jan
3:30 pm Holy Hour & 5pm Youth Mass	Sunday 26th Jan
Quinn's Place	Friday 24th Jan
Baptism Information Sessions	Wednesday 8th Jan
Minister Unto God	Tuesday 11th Feb
Men's Night	Thursday 20th Feb
High Spirits	February TBC
The Prayer Cenacle	Tuesday 21st Jan
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 30th Jan
RCIA	Thursday 23rd Jan
SVDP	Tuesday 21st Jan
Visitation Team	20th Jan

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Contact Office: 5975 2200
- **Baptism Preparation:** Fr Geoff: Wednesdays of each month 5:30pm - 6pm
Or via Zoom. Bookings are necessary. 5975 2200.
- **Catholic Mission Parish Ambassador:** Jody Kerrins
jody54@westnet.com.au
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Email: charholmes59@gmail.com
- **Marriage Preparation:** Fr Geoff, Email: Geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au
- **Memorial Wall:** Contact Parish Office: 5975 2200
- **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Jody Kerrins (Chairperson)
Email: jody54@westnet.com.au
- **Men's Night:** Contact Kerry McInerney 5976 2155
- **OH&S:** Contact Fr An Le email: An.Le@cam.org.au
- **Safeguarding Officer:** Tim Lambourne Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au
- **Spiritual Director/Pastoral Counsellor/Psychotherapist:** Angelo
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- **St Mac's High Spirits:** Teacher is Michael Kerr: Contact office: 5975 2200
- **St Mac's Café: Coordinator:** Michaela 0434957758 or Fr Geoff 5975 2200
- **St Macartan's Gift Shop:** Trish Thomas: 0425 749 379
- **St Vincent de Paul:** Barry Murphy: 0419 225 455
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- **Weddings contact the Office or Fr Geoff : 5975 2200**
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