

PARISH BULLETIN

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Upcoming Events

PUBLIC ROSARY

Saturday 10th October at 10am in the
Memorial Garden

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 25th October at 11am Mass

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Thurs 15th Oct: St Theresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
- Sat 17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Youth Groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)
Is back every Friday during the
school term at 6.00pm.

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: Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds, Dorothy Edwards, Michael Tirant, Belinda Reghenzani, Peter Mayer, Robyn Horgan,

Death Anniversaries: Maureen Barrett, Richard John Allen, George Diamond

Recent Deaths: Michaela Tokarszyk, Angela Cripps (Berwick)



9.00am Sunday Mass Livestream

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6247857>

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](#)

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Fr Geoff's Vocation Instagram: 'Whenyourheartisright

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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 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Fridays 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)

ENLIVEN: Suspended



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St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

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First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

gospel focus

'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

Gospel reflection

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet, but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some

honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Historical Context

This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.

Have you thought? – Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?



VATICAN NEWS

Pope Leo XIV: Marital love is tireless and faithful 'Yes' for a lifetime

Pope Leo XIV pens the foreword for a new edition of "YOUCAT: Love Forever," a book to accompany young people in reflecting on love, relationships, and marriage in the light of the Catholic faith.

By Pope Leo XIV

Dear young friends, your heart longs for love. A love that is deep, self-sacrificing and enduring. This longing is no accident. It is a sign that you are made for love. Saint Augustine, whose burning heart is depicted by the arrow in my coat of arms, put it this way: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God" (Confessions 1:1). In this, he expressed the longing for divine love which God truly pours into our souls when we are united with him. Yes, God himself can be present in human love and transform it. Then he grants us the ability to love as he does: in service, in generous self-giving and, when necessary, in forgiveness. For God is love, and he has created you to love – him and the people by your side. Of all the forms of human love, that between a man and a woman holds a special place. It can strike the heart like an arrow – intensely and swiftly. Yet true love does not stop there. It is not merely a fleeting, briefly inflamed emotion. It is more. It is a deep commitment to the other, a decision, a journey and a covenant for life. "Love is authentic and can last forever only when it reflects the eternal splendour of God – God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8). Solid and fruitful relationships are built together on mutual trust, on this 'forever' that is the beating heart of every vocation to family life and religious consecration" (Address during the meeting with young people in Lebanon). This love asks first: "How can I love as Christ loved?" (cf. Jn 15:12) and puts the question "What do I get out of it?" last. Marriage reveals something of God's very mystery. When a man and a woman give themselves wholly to one another in love, then God comes alive in their midst. Their faithfulness, their forgiveness, their daily striving for what is good are a reflection of Christ's love for his Church. It may perhaps sound like a romantic exaggeration, but it is a profound truth about reality: "In him, who is one, we are one." (Augustine, Commentary on Psalm 127). God calls you, dear young people, to this great love. Do not be afraid of its depth! For the love to which you are called is strong enough to overcome difficulties, and great enough to sustain you throughout your whole life. It is not perfect, but it grows in the light of faith. True love is a gift from God, and we cannot simply create it ourselves. Whereas human love is often tainted by selfish desires, God's love, on the other hand, is selfless, long-suffering, patient and possesses all the wonderful qualities that Paul lists in his Letter to the Corinthians (cf. 1 Cor 13). We see the most beautiful image of true love when we look upon the cross of Jesus Christ. He loves us so much that he was willing to die for us. This is the "DNA" of Christianity, the commandment of Christ: "Love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12–13). This book, YOUCAT: Love Forever, aims to accompany you on this journey. Young people like you, from more than 30 different countries, have shared their testimonies in it, showing that the ideal to which Christ calls us is a fascinating treasure. The book invites you to open your hearts to a plan that is greater than any human dream. It serves as preparation for a "yes" that is not just for a single day, but for a lifetime – a "yes" like God's love, that is tireless and faithful. I pray for you who are reading this book, inspired by our beloved Pope Francis. May Jesus Christ stir your hearts until they find rest in him. May the Holy Spirit be your light and your strength. And may you, like Mary, the Mother of beautiful love, respond with trust and courage to the most beautiful of all vocations: the vocation to love.



RCIA

What is the RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normal way in which adults become full active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The goal of the process is full communion which means “full active participation” in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, get acquainted with people in the community and get involved in service within the community.

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptised in another Christian Church. They must attend the sessions but do not need to be baptised again.



2026 - 2027

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

- Adults & Youth who are not baptised.
- Adults & Youth who are already baptised in another Christian Church and/or haven't been received fully into the Catholic church.
- Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an **information night.**

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Wednesday 21st October

7:00pm in the Church Hall, 10 Drake Street, (under Palm Tree) next to the Community House

Classes will be held Wednesday nights 7pm-8:15pm

(No classes from December 16th – January 20th)

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au

MAKE THE ROSARY

— A habit in every season —

- When you are grateful —
thank God with the Rosary
- When you are hurting —
find comfort in the Rosary
- When you need to be close
to God — turn to the Rosary

*“The Rosary is a conversation with
the One who loves you most”*

† Ignatius Catholicum †





Jokes of the Week



1) Late have I come for the Heavenly Banquet! An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health, food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast. "How much does it cost to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." — The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault! If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, we could have been here ten years ago!"



2) Toothless grandma at the heavenly banquet. A little girl came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mummy teacher told us that God puts people in this world so that they can get ready for a big banquet in Heaven." "Yes, that is right," she said. "But why doesn't grandma get ready for that banquet by getting a set of new teeth from her dentist?" Mother replied: "It is because she knows that God will give her a brand-new set of strong and beautiful teeth in heaven."

MEN'S NIGHT

Men of St. Macartan, our next meeting will be held on
Thursday the 15th of October 2026 in the Community Centre.

Please note that the NORMAL TIMES of 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm. will apply.
This is what was agreed to last year when Daylight Savings was started.

We will review the timing at this meeting.

A guest speaker, nibbles and surprises provided. "B.Y.O. \$5 Donation"

New members welcome. The Odd Couple



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

After 24 Rounds, one opening round, one wild card round and 4 Finals rounds, the 2026 AFL season has finished. Teresa Lincoln, for the second year, was our best tipper for the season and won \$755, runner up was

Pauline Peters who won \$175 and third place went to Delina Frank who won \$100. 12 other tippers also won prizes for their season's work.

Thank you again to Father Geoff, Tim and Laura for your support. Will 2027 echo the ups and downs of 2026 with its highlights and lowlights, its controversies and celebrations, and the disappointments and delights AFL gives so many?

Final questions to test your knowledge--which are the 7 venues used for Grand Finals besides the MCG and when was the first Final played at the MCG?

Visitation Team

Our parish Visitation Team brings the warmth of our community to those who can no longer join us at Mass. Each week, team members visit parishioners and other Catholics living in aged care facilities and nursing homes around Mornington and Mount Martha, offering friendly companionship, conversation, and a familiar, caring face.

The team also brings Holy Communion, allowing residents to stay connected to the Eucharist when they're unable to attend in person.

If you're interested in joining this quietly rewarding ministry yourself, please contact the Parish Office.

"Hello Parishioners,

I would love to bring to your attention the World Premiere of my documentary
"That Race".

"That Race" is the second documentary that I have produced, and what a privilege to have been able to produce it with Cathy Freeman.

The World Premiere will be held at the Melbourne's iconic Astor Theatre on Sunday 11 October, with doors opening 3:30pm for a 4pm start.

The evening will feature the first screening of the film anywhere in the world, a Q+A with Cathy Freeman, myself and the full cast, and for those with VIP tickets, a meet and greet with Cathy Freeman herself.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased via the following link.

<https://events.humanitix.com/that-race-documentary-premiere-q-and-a-with-cathy-freeman>

I look forward to seeing you there.

Didier Le Miere"

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.

Could you lend a hand at St Macartan's?

Our parish is fortunate to have many people who quietly give their time each week to help our community flourish. From Children's Liturgy and the AV team to morning tea, visitation, counting, welcoming, cleaning, flowers, the bus ministry and many other areas. Much of parish life depends on volunteers.

At the same time, some of our teams are quite small, and the same people are often being called upon week after week.

You do not need to make a huge commitment to make a real difference.

Perhaps you could help once a month, join a roster, assist occasionally when someone is away, or simply find out more about a ministry that interests you. Training and support can be provided.

Volunteering is also a wonderful way to meet other parishioners, become more connected with the parish community and contribute your own skills and experience.

If you have been thinking about becoming involved - even in a small way - we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5975 2200 or speak with Tim or Laura.

Many hands make parish life possible. Thank you to everyone who already gives so generously of their time.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 10/11 October 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Marlene Tesmann, Faye Murphy
	Eucharistic Mins	Joyce Ward, Christina Llopart
	Audio Visual	Carmel McGrath
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	James Barrett
11.00am	Readers	Esme Higgins, John Rowe
	Eucharistic Mins	Sue Fletcher, Barb Ensil
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17/18 October 2026

6.00pm	Readers	Paul Girolami, Kees Duyvestyn
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosina DiPetta, Faye Murphy
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosemarie D'Silva, Frank Crea
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	James Barrett
11.00am	Readers	Gabriella Failla, Joan Clements
	Eucharistic Mins	Michael Harrison, John Rowe
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel

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

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- **St Vincent de Paul:** Sue Fletcher: 0429 262 765
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- **St Macartan's Primary School:** Ph: 5979 9200
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- **Padua College:** Ph: 5976 0100 • **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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Matthew 22:1-14

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