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Upcoming Events - here

Preps Welcome Mass & Cultural Awareness Festival

February, 2026

Children's Liturgy

Returns 25th January, 2026

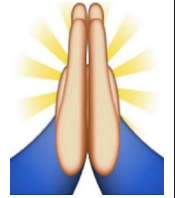


UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Thur 1st Jan– Mary, Mother of God
- Fri 2nd Jan –St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

THIS IS A BRIEF SUMMER EDITION

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Joan Watts, Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Therese Simmons, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, David Harnett & Mary Ross

Death Anniversaries:

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5595636>

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]

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



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 547 373 281



First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 2: 1-12

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

Communion Antiphon

Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Community Centre Toilet Renewal – Fundraising Appeal

The toilets in our Community Centre are no longer fit for purpose. Some urgent works were completed some time ago to keep the facilities operational; however, they are now well past their useful life and no longer provide a safe, hygienic, or welcoming environment for those who use the Centre. As a parish that hosts many community groups, families, and visitors each week, it is important that these facilities meet appropriate standards of safety, cleanliness, and dignity. We are therefore seeking to fully refurbish the toilets to make them safe, hygienic, and aesthetically pleasing. To achieve this, we need the support of our parish community. Any contribution, large or small, will assist in bringing this important project to fruition and help ensure our Community Centre remains a welcoming space for all.

As we gather during this Christmas season, we hold in our prayers those that may be experiencing loneliness or a sense of isolation. For some, these days can be especially difficult, marked by an absence of family, friends or familiar companionship. We ask the Lord to draw close to those without company, to comfort them with his abiding presence and to surround them with peace, hope and the assurance that they are never alone. May our parish community be attentive to those in need of a kind word, a welcoming gesture or a simple act of care, reflecting Christ's love to all.

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

Feast of the Holy Family – 27/28 December 2025

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins: Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

Audio Visual—Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

Audio Visual & Live Stream—Tim Lambourne

11.00am Readers: Esme Higgins, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins: Barb Ensil, Michael Harrison

Audio Visual—Graham Michel

The Epiphany of The Lord – 3/4 January 2026

6.00pm Readers: Kees Duyvestyn, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins: Mairi Duyvestyn, Fay Murphy

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins: John & Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: James Barrett

11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins: Sue Fletcher, Barb Ensil

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

Many Ministry Groups will be shutting down before Christmas and will resume in the new year.

Ministry Group Dates

Group	Date End 2025	Date Return 2026
Men's Group	20/11/2025	19/02/2026
St Mac's Café	17/12/2025	28/01/2026
Children's Liturgy	21/12/2025	25/01/2026
Quinns Place	12/12/2025	30/01/2026
Encounter	14/12/2025	TBA
Minister unto God prayer	02/12/2025	03/02/2026
Little Macs Playgroup	10/12/2025	4/2/2026

The parish office will be closed from the afternoon of the 24th of December 2025, and will reopen on the Tuesday 6th of January, 2026.



New Year Blessings

As we begin a new year, we give thanks to God for the blessings of the year that has passed and place the year ahead into His loving care. We extend our best wishes to all parishioners, families, and visitors, especially those travelling at this time. May your journeys be safe, your homes be filled with peace, and your hearts renewed with hope. We pray that the coming year may draw us closer to Christ, strengthen our faith, and guide us in love, compassion, and service to one another. May God bless you and keep you, today and throughout the year ahead.

Father Geoff and Tim

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The Holy Family

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