

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 1 October 2023

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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### **Mass Times:**

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- 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 after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

### **RECONCILIATION:**

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

**YOUTH GROUPS:** QUINN'S PLACE:  
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

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

### **Video Sunday Mass:**

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/3745845>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

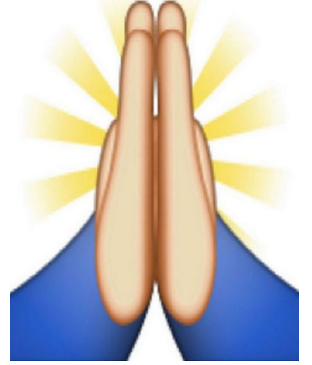
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

### **Upcoming Holy days:**

- Mon 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Wed 4th: St Francis of Assisi
- Sat 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



**Death Anniversary:** Nicholas Presniakovas, Darren Ryan and Joe Garla.

### ***First Reading***

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

***The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.***

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**

**(R.)** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

# **Living the Gospel**

## **Saying "Yes!"**

*In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.*

## **Gospel Reflection**

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment. Jesus is criticising the religious

leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

## **Historical Context – Chief Priests and Tax Collectors**

Only men of the Israelite tribe of Levi could become Priests and Levites. Men from the other eleven tribes were prohibited. It was not a religious 'call' but rather a fact of birth that led men to be priests. The chief priests and high priest performed all the rituals in the Temple in Jerusalem – it was they who performed sacrifices on behalf of others. They were very important and influential. Tax collectors were regarded poorly because they acted on behalf of the Romans – collecting revenue for an occupying and pagan force. They made their living by collecting extra amounts. They were looked down upon by most people.

## Pope Francis: 'Pacem in Terris' invites renewed efforts for peace

*In a message sent to participants in a Vatican conference on the 60th anniversary of "Pacem in Terris", Pope Francis renews his calls for nations to eliminate nuclear weapons and use 'conventional' arms only in self-defense.*

*By Sr. Nina Benedikta Krapić, VMZ*

Pope Francis sent a message on Tuesday to participants in an International Conference organized by the Academy of Social Sciences and the Peace Research Institute Oslo to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the publication of *Pacem in Terris*, the landmark encyclical of Pope St. John XXIII.

In his message addressed to Cardinal Peter Turkson, the Chancellor of the Academy, the Pope said the conference is taking place "as our world continues to be in the grip of a third world war fought piecemeal, and, in the tragic case of the conflict in Ukraine, not without the threat of recourse to nuclear weapons."

He compared the present moment with the one that preceded the publication of *Pacem in Terris*, when in October 1962,

missile crisis  
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struction.

### **Paths to peace**

Pope Francis encouraged the conference to devote attention to those parts of *Pacem in Terris* that discuss the pathways to lasting peace.

He urged participants to analyze current military



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technology-based threats to peace, as well as disciplined ethical reflection "on the grave risks associated with the continuing possession of nuclear weapons, the urgent need for renewed progress in disarmament, and the development of peace-building initiatives."

The Pope repeated his statement from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in 2019, when he said that "the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral," adding that "a world free of nuclear arms is possible and necessary."

### **Threats of 'conventional' warfare**

At the same time, Pope Francis noted that the world must not let the threat of nuclear warfare overshadow the use of so-called "conventional" weapons in modern warfare.

Even conventional arms, he said, "should be used for defensive purposes only and not directed to civilian targets."

"It is my hope that sustained reflection on this issue will lead to a consensus that such weapons, with their immense destructive power, will not be employed in a way that foreseeably causes 'superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering', to use the words of the St. Petersburg Declaration," said Pope Francis.

In conclusion, the Pope recalled the words of his predecessor, St. John XXIII, at the conclusion of *Pacem in Terris*, as he prayed that, "by God's power and inspiration, all peoples may embrace each other as brothers and sisters, and that the peace for which they long may ever flourish and reign among them."



Are you thinking of  
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

## **RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic**

### **WHO IS RCIA FOR?**

Adults who are not baptised.

Adults who are already baptised in another Christian 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:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**7:00pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street, next to the Church**

**or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)**

## **Parish Footy Tipping Competition**



Our Final's competition concluded this Saturday. Winners will be announced next week. After last weekend, when 15 tippers scored 2/2, there are a few in the running for our



Final's prizes. The crowning of our competition's winners is very close.

**DO YOU KNOW?** Which 4 players hold the record for most finals without tasting victory at 6? Which player holds the record for most finals played in AFL/VFL history with 40? Which coach has the most flags as coach? Final question for our year---who are the only 2 Grand Final coaches never to have played an AFL/VFL game?

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781,



# Jokes of the Week



**1)** A Non-Catholic Minister recently quit the ministry after more than 20 years of faithful, dedicated service and became a funeral director. When asked why he had changed vocations, he said: "I spent 10 years trying to straighten out John and he's still an alcoholic. Then I spent three and one-half years trying to straighten out Harold and Susan's marriage problems and they ended up getting a divorce. Later I tried for two years to help Bob kick his drug habit and he is still an addict. Now, at the funeral home, when I straighten them out, they stay straight! Perfect obedience!"

**2)** One night an Admiral on a US Navy Battleship ordered a certain course. The navigation officer, seeing a light in the distance, reported that the battleship now seemed to be on a collision course with another ship. So, the Admiral ordered his radio officer to send a message to the on-coming ship that it should change its course 10 degrees to the south. The reply came simply, "Change your course 10 degrees to the north." After two more unsuccessful exchanges, the Admiral, now quite furious, came thundering into the radio control room, grabbed the microphone, and bellowed into it, "Do you know that you are talking to an ADMIRAL in the UNITED STATES NAVY?!" After a brief moment of silence, the even-tempered reply came back, "This is a lighthouse; alter your course 10 degrees to the North." — So, when God's Word asks us to do something, and we wonder why, we need to remember Whom we're talking to! If we want to avoid disaster in this life and the next, we really need to obey His orders!



## WELCOME - Kate McInnes

### Youth Worker for Encounter Youth Group

Kate has recently turned 18, still completing her VCE , but has been an active member of our Parish and Youth communities for quite a while. Kate is an amazing young person who recently won the 2023 Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Community Leader's Award for her services to volunteering.

Kate has just accepted a casual position St Macartan's, working with the younger youth at our Encounter Youth Group and at the Youth Mass.

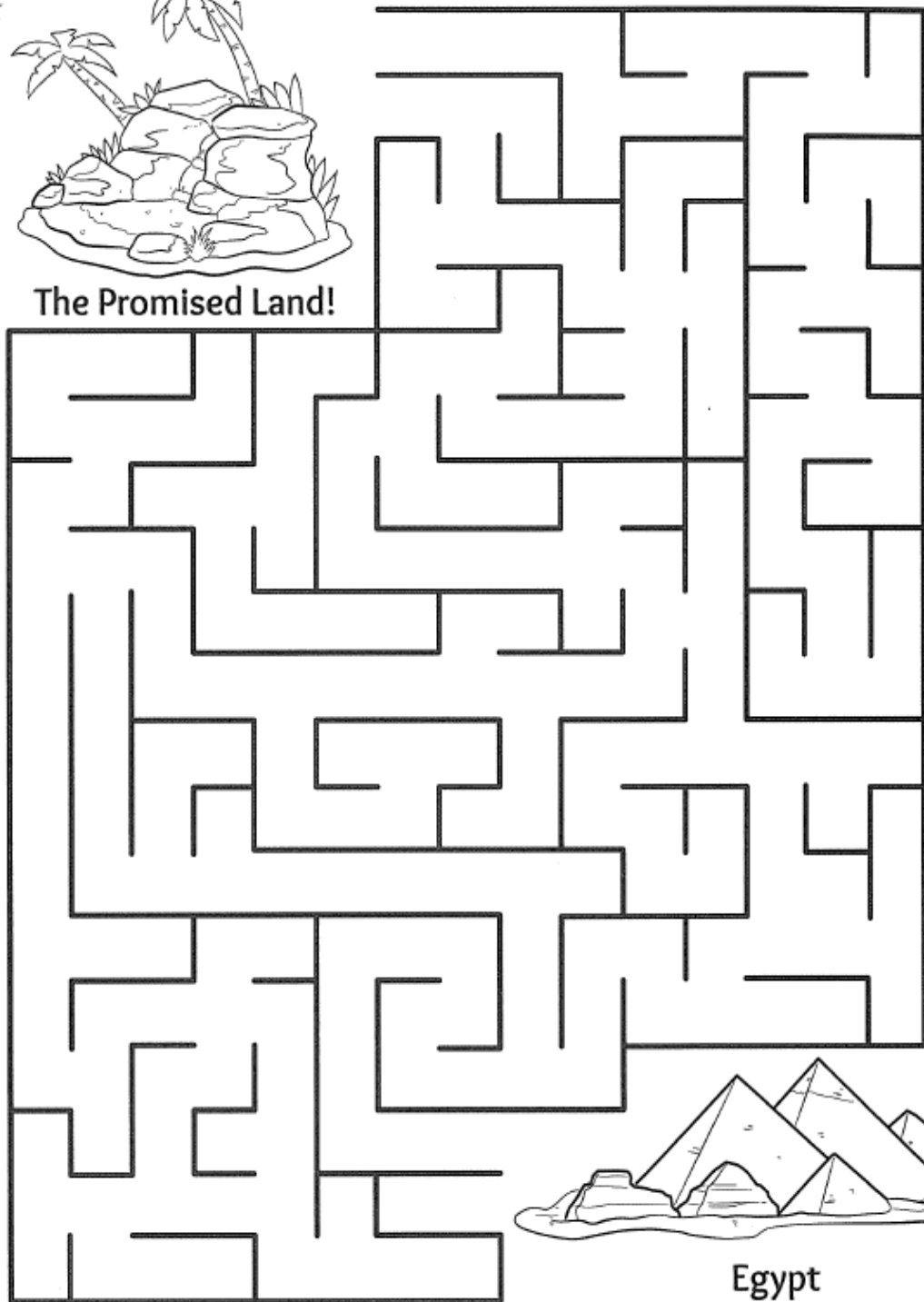
I am delighted to welcome Kate in this role.

Fr Geoff

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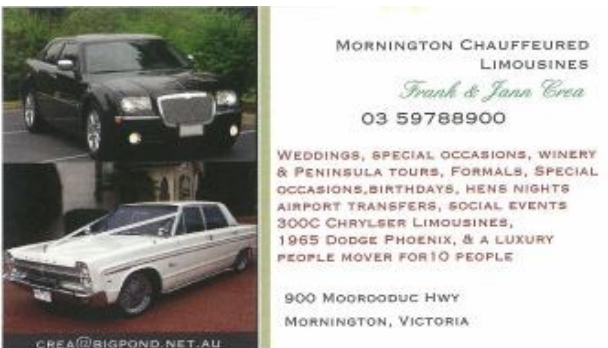
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## **Rosters for Special Ministers and Commentators - Mass Co-ordinators**

6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 30<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Kees Duyvestyn,  
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino  
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi and Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier  
Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Thomas, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements  
Eucharistic Ministers: Shiela Goddard, Bridie Sexton

### **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell  
Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts  
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

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