

PARISH BULLETIN

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Upcoming Events - here

- Winter concert MPWLC
August 29th 2pm

Archbishops Campaign
August 15-16

Padua extends its sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to the Winter Appeal. Through your generosity, we are able to bring warmth to those doing it tough this winter.

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Monday 3rd: St Dominic, priest
- Tues 4th: St John Vianney, Priest
- Thurs 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Sat 8th: St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop. Virgin

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

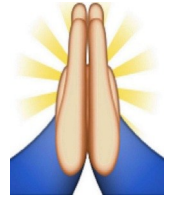
Is back every Friday during the school term @ 6:00 pm.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Helen Roberts, Audrey Tunks, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds, Dorothy Edwards



Death Anniversaries: Pat and Helen Hendry

Recent Deaths: Dawn Page,

Video Sunday 2nd August 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6078500>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/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

ENLIVEN: Suspended

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)



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St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

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First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon

Wisdom 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Different View

A different miracle

A very different interpretation of this miraculous feeding suggests that what Jesus did was actually shame people into pulling out from under their cloaks the little bits of food that each of them were carrying. The scripture tells us that the event takes place in a 'lonely place'. People didn't tend to travel very far at all from home without taking with them a bit of food. This interpretation suggests that by his own generosity and willingness to share what little he had, Jesus shamed the crowd into sharing their own morsels of food and produce enough to feed the multitude that were gathered there.

Gospel reflection

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers. As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were,

they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed. At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he took the bread and fish, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

Scriptural context – Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

Living the Gospel – Grieving John

The passage begins with Jesus receiving the news that his cousin, John the Baptist's death. In response, Jesus immediately withdraws to a lonely place where he can be alone with his disciples. His response to this terrible news is to take time out. He wants to go away to a quiet, lonely place to pray and grieve. He doesn't just take the news in his stride and carry on regardless; he steps back from the busy-ness of life to mourn. It's a lesson for us in times of stress and grief: the response Jesus models is to take time to grieve the loss.

Pope Leo XIV: Technology must serve truth and the common good

Pope Leo XIV encourages communicators at a seminar in Chile to promote communication that, in "the face of the new opportunities offered by technological development, knows how to safeguard the dignity of the human person."

By Giovanni Zavatta

Pope Leo XIV has encouraged communicators to ensure that every technological tool is placed "at the service of truth and the common good," as the Church reflects on the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence. His message, signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, was sent to participants in the Seventh International Seminar on Church Communication, taking place on 27-28 July at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in Santiago. The seminar, entitled The Challenges of Artificial Intelligence, has brought together communicators, pastoral workers, academics and Church representatives from across Latin America and the Caribbean to reflect on the ethical, cultural and religious implications of artificial intelligence in light of Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Magnifica humanitas.

Wisdom and responsibility in the age of AI

Addressing Archbishop René Osvaldo Rebolledo Salinas, President of the Chilean Bishops' Conference, the Pope expresses the hope that participants will promote "a communication that, in the face of the new opportunities offered by technological development, knows how to safeguard the dignity of the human person and place every tool at the service of truth and the common good." Pope Leo also entrusts the seminar to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, praying that its participants may address the challenges posed by artificial intelligence "with wisdom and responsibility, so that ecclesial communication may foster encounter among people and contribute to the proclamation of the Gospel."



Social media as human spaces

Opening the seminar, Cardinal Fernando Natalio Chomalí Garib, Archbishop of Santiago de Chile, reflected on the impact of social media, describing them as "truly human" spaces because they reflect emotions, relationships and conflicts. "Everything that happens to us also happens there," he said, proposing four essential criteria for communication: truth, goodness, beauty and usefulness. The Cardinal highlighted that Magnifica humanitas, dedicated to safeguarding the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, should not be read solely from a technological perspective. "Today there is much discussion about artificial intelligence," he noted, "but this Encyclical speaks above all about human dignity and truth."

Building Jerusalem, not Babel

Cardinal Chomalí said communication rooted in those principles can strengthen community life in an increasingly individualistic society. "We will promote dialogue, we will promote fraternity; in the end, we will build Jerusalem, not Babel," he said. The same themes were echoed in the homily he delivered during the Eucharistic celebration that followed. Describing Magnifica humanitas as a "Christological" Encyclical, he called for communication marked by discernment and expressed the hope that artificial intelligence would always remain at the service of human dignity.

A shared journey for the Church

Among the other speakers on the opening day were Juan Carlos de la Llera, Rector of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and Archbishop Rebolledo Salinas, who described the gathering as a concrete expression of synodality and of the Church's shared journey. He said the publication of Magnifica humanitas has given renewed depth to the Church's pastoral reflection on emerging technologies.

"The inviolable dignity of the human person must constitute the principle, the criterion and the ultimate goal of both technological development and scientific progress," he said.

BEING CATHOLIC

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

10 BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL REASONS

Jesus Christ founded one Church, entrusting it to the Apostles to nourish us through the Sacraments until the end of the age. Here are 10 reasons why the Catholic Church remains His Church.



1. THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Christ is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.



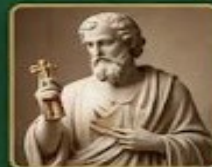
2. THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Christ acts and sanctifies through the Sacraments.



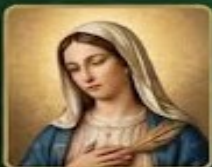
3. ONE BODY, ONE FAMILY

United in Christ through Baptism and the Eucharist.



4. APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

Built on the Apostles and their unbroken line.



5. MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Given to us by Jesus as our spiritual mother.



6. SACRED SCRIPTURE & TRADITION

Our faith rests on both, guided by the Holy Spirit.



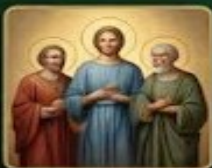
7. CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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8. PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Ancient prayers drawing us closer to Jesus.



9. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The saints in heaven intercede for us.



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Catholic means universal—for all people, everywhere.

The Catholic Church is not perfect because we are not perfect. But she is the Church founded by Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and sustained for over 2,000 years. Come, see, and discover the fullness of the Catholic Faith.

Ignatius Catholicum

National Vocations Awareness Week: 2 - 9 August 2026

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



St. Francis of Assisi ♪ SHOWCASE ♪

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CARITAS Australia.

Save the Date – Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

This national online event (3–4 September) will bring together the Catholic community across Australia to *Listen, Reflect, Act* in care for our common home. Registrations open in July. More information in next month's parish bulletin.



**SEASON OF CREATION
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An endorsed Caritas Australia initiative, with the support of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

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Little Mac's Playgroup is for children aged **0–5 years** accompanied by a parent or carer.

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New families are always welcome – come along and join

The Lady of All Nations



Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
send now Your Spirit
over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live
in the hearts of all nations,
that they may be preserved
from degeneration, disaster and war.

May the Lady of All Nations,
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
be our Advocate.

Amen.

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Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Kevin, Carolyn the Saint, Rons Pies and Maggies23 were our best tippers for last week with 9/9. Teresa is now two front of Delina Frank and Pauline. Irene, Lachlan, Howard's Hawks and Bardo22 are one further behind.

All teams want to win the AFL Premiership Cup at the end of the season and have their names inscribed on the perpetual E.L.Wilson shield. Only once in AFL history has a team ever won a gold premiership cup. Do you know who it is and why the cup was gold and who was E.L.Wilson?



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Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

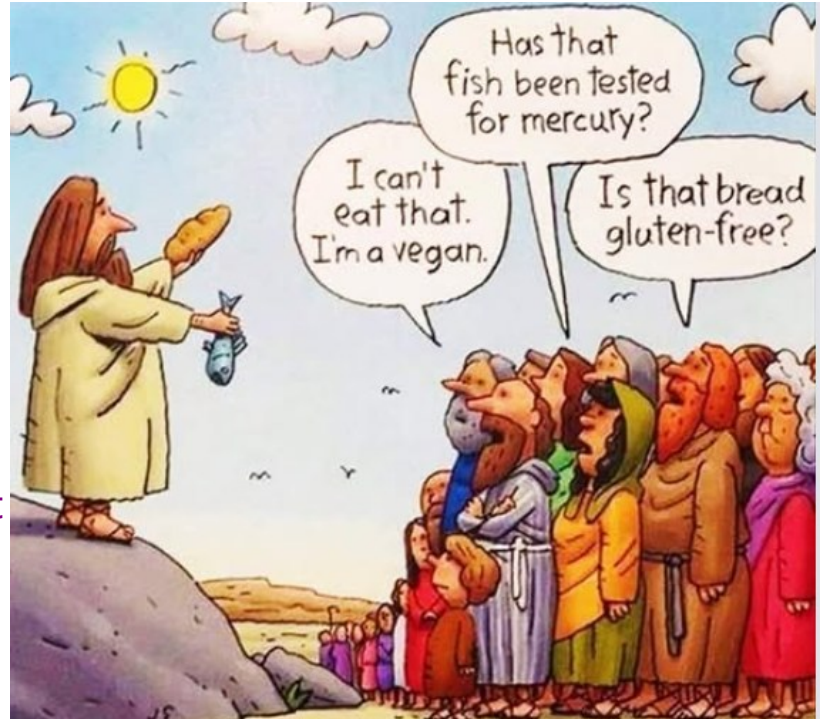
Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.



Jokes of the Week



1. Leftovers? A nervous young priest, concluding his first sermon, told the flock, "For my text this Sunday, I will take the words, "And they fed five men with five thousand loaves of bread and two thousand fish." A member of the flock raised his hand and said, "That's not much of a trick. I could do that." The priest didn't respond. However, the next Sunday he decided to repeat the text. This time he did it properly, "And they fed five thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fishes." Smiling, the priest said to the noisy man, "Could you do that, Mr. Perkins?" The member of the flock said, "I sure could." "How would you do it?" asked the minister. "With all the food I had left over from last Sunday!"



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6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 1/2 August 2026

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Faye Murphy
Eucharistic Mins: Christine Llopart, Rosina DiPetta
Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins: Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva
Audio Visual: James Barrett
Live Stream: Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers: Karen Westbury, Gabriella Failla
Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, John Rowe
Audio Visual: Graham Michel

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 8/9 August 2026

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins: Christina Llopart, Faye Murphy
Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Peter Lynch, Michael Kerr
Eucharistic Mins: Frank Crea, Marcelle Azzopardi
Audio Visual: James Barrett
Live Stream: Didier LeMeire

11.00am Readers: John Rowe, Esme Higgins
Eucharistic Mins: Sue Fletcher, Barb Ensil
Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

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Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



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