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Upcoming Events

Fr Joe O'Shea

Lenten discovery, scripture unraveled and beautiful prayers.

Mondays 6-7pm

In the Church

February Thanksgiving:

Amount pledged = \$15,482

Amount received = \$12,157

78.5%

Thank you

Upcoming Holy Days:

Tuesday 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

40 days of LENT

PRAYING

FASTING

ALMS GIVING

Special fundraising collection

next week

see inside for details.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Jane Payne, Michaela Gabriel

Death Anniversaries:

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5001513>

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]

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 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall

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



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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Reading:

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit. I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."' "

Communion Antiphon : John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

Scriptural Context

Parables

The parable of the unproductive fig tree at the end of today's passage is not a straightforward story with a clear message. Indeed, this is a hallmark of the style of storytelling that we call 'parable'. A parable is deliberately open to interpretation at different levels. In the first instance, today's parable is a simple farming story. However, the original audience knew (as we know) that there had to be more to the story. Parables use metaphoric and symbolic language that invites the listener or reader to explore deeper and find a meaning that lies beyond the literal.

Gospel Reflection

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action – obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word

'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

Living the Gospel – Bad Things / Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

Gospel Focus – Repent

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.



Pope Francis: War is absurd. Let's disarm the Earth

We publish a letter from Pope Francis to the Italian daily newspaper "Corriere della Sera" editor-in-chief Luciano Fontana, written in response to Fontana's message of support during the Pope's illness. In the letter, the Pope asks Fontana to relaunch and amplify his appeal for peace and disarmament.

Dear Director,

I wish to thank you for the words of closeness with which you have expressed your presence in this moment of illness, in which, as I have already said, war appears even more absurd. Human fragility has the power to make us more lucid about what endures and what passes, what brings life and what kills. Perhaps for this reason, we so often tend to deny limits and avoid fragile and wounded people: they have the power to question the direction we have chosen, both as individuals and as a community.

I would like to encourage you and all those who dedicate their work and intelligence to informing, through communication tools that now connect our world in real time, to feel the full importance of words. They are never just words: they are facts that shape human environments. They can connect or divide, serve the truth or use it for other ends. We must disarm words, to disarm minds and disarm the Earth. There is a great need for reflection, calmness, and an awareness of complexity.

While war only devastates communities and the environment, without offering solutions to conflicts, diplomacy and international organizations are in need of new vitality and credibility. Religions, moreover, can draw from the spirituality of peoples to rekindle the desire for fraternity and justice, the hope for peace.

All this requires commitment, work, silence, and words. Let us feel united in this effort, which heavenly Grace will continue to inspire and accompany.

Francis

Rome, Policlinico Gemelli, March 14, 2025





Jubilee 2025

Throughout the [2025 Jubilee Year](#), there are 36 special celebrations highlighting aspects of Church life.

For each event, a set of resources has been prepared which parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.

The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes
- Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; Image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

15-18 February [Jubilee of Artists](#)

21-23 February [Jubilee of Deacons](#)

8-9 March [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)

28 March [24 Hours for the Lord](#)

28-30 March [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

Please use [this link](#) to view the full calendar for 2025.

Join the audience for ABC TV's Q+A on Monday, March 24th.

We're on the cusp of a federal election campaign but is anyone listening? What do you want to hear from your leaders to get your vote?

Host Patricia Karvelas will be joined by a panel of decision-makers and commentators who will answer YOUR QUESTIONS!

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1. Register your interest online at www.abc.net.au/qanda/studio-audience/
2. In Q.15 "How did you hear about us", write: ST MACARTAN'S PARISH
3. If you secure a seat on the bus and in the audience, we'll provide more details.

Seats are limited, so hurry! We hope to see you at Q+A!

Christa Hill – 0488 021 053 (business hours only)



STORIES OF HOPE



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Mary MacKillop (1842–1909) dedicated her life to teaching poor and forgotten children. She started schools where no learning opportunities existed, patiently working with each child, giving them special attention and encouragement, until gradually they began to succeed. Mary believed every child is a gift from God, deserving the chance to grow, learn and feel loved.

When Mary made her first profession at age 24, she took the title 'Mary of the Cross' in recognition of Christ's ultimate gift of love for us and the hope it signified. Her journey was not without challenges. She faced excommunication for doing what was right, particularly for the most vulnerable of children. But she embraced challenges, even when the way forward was unclear, saying, 'Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to an eternity of happiness.' Her unwavering hope in Christ is a powerful example to us all.

Let us be inspired by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to bring Christian hope to others, staying strong in times of trouble and trusting in God. As we reflect on her life and example, may we too remember the power of teachers to be a source of hope, pointing to God and lighting the way.



Jokes of the Week



#1 Pastor's temptation and policeman's forgiveness: In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn't find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

#2: Restitution with a hook to IRS: Nicky Gumbel tells us of a man who sent a check to the government for back taxes with a note attached that said: "I felt so guilty for cheating on my taxes I had to send you this check. If I don't feel any better, I'll send you the rest."

#3: Horrible mistake: There is the story of a young woman who talked to her pastor about the sin of pride. She said, "Every Sunday I come to church and look around and think to myself that I am the prettiest girl in the church. I try to stop but I just can't. Am I horribly sinful?" The minister looked at her and said, "No dear, not horribly sinful; just horribly mistaken."

#4: What do you say when someone around you sneezes? Most of us will quickly say, "God Bless You " or "Gesundheit" (which is the German word for Good Health). Have you ever wondered why we say "God Bless You" when someone sneezes? Jewish sages tell us that it has to do with an ancient belief that the Lord just blessed that person with another day here on His earth.



SPECIAL FUNDRAISING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

I have noticed a lot more people with disabled stickers on their cars, and they are constantly searching for one of the limited disabled carparks around the Church. So I would like to create another 3 maybe 4 disabled carparks near the bus garage.

Frank Crea has estimated it will cost approx. \$3500

So next week we will have an extra collection to help get this started.



Thank you

Fr Geoff

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's

mrs sippy jazz band for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing

This Sunday 23rd March from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, 350 Dunns Road Mornington

Admission \$15 p.p. B.Y.O. nibbles coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.

Bookings not required.

Minister unto God prayer group

Minister Unto God prayer group is meeting again this year, every Tuesday morning from 10—12. You're invited to join us to share in the blessings the Lord has prepared for us this Jubilee year. We have a brand new "Life in the Spirit" seminar coming straight from Rome, we are waiting on the resources made available to us in the coming month so keep an eye out for further updates. It will be an exciting opportunity for us all, to be refreshed, restored and be pilgrims of hope, in love and fellowship with each other and the Lord

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

After last week Richard Jolly is still our Competition leader. Richard and a few others tipped 8/9 as our best tippers for the week.

Some questions for you! Do you know which two of the AFL's best and most experienced umpires chalked up the magic 500 games milestone last weekend or exactly 100 years ago, which 3 teams played their first game in the VFL?

It's still time for new tippers to join. It's only \$ 30 for the season and a lot of fun. All you need to do is go to ESPN Footy Tips---www.footytips.com.au , and create an account then search for St Macartans Parish Footy Tipping. Previous tippers are already registered.

If you have any queries please email or call one of our administrators:

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3rd Sunday of Lent – 22/23 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Mihael Kerr, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

4th Sunday of Lent – 29/30 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Michael Harrison

5th Sunday of Lent – 5/6 April 2025

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

PATRICK ORATION 2025

Last night, in his sixth annual Patrick Oration, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, in the spirit of St Patrick, calls us also to turn to the light of Christ, so that we might notice and nurture the many seeds of faith and hope that are slowly but surely germinating in our local Church.

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