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Upcoming Events - here

29th March, 2026.

TODAY

Palm Sunday Mass and children's event
and BBQ

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Extra collection for 'Holy Places' to
support Christians in the Holy Land
and the upkeep of sacred pilgrimage
sites will be taken on Good Friday.

PLEASE NOTE:

**Due to the unavailability of a
coordinator, there will be NO
stations of the cross on Good
Friday this year.**

Youth groups & school holidays:

**NO QUINNS PLACE
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

NO MASS

Tuesday 31st 9:15am

Fr Geoff away at a funeral

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Aldo Nero



Death Anniversaries:

Recent Deaths: Carol Jeffrey (nee Murphy)

Video Sunday 29th March 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5809262>

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: 2nd & 4th Sundays after 11am Mass (Primary School aged)

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (Teenage)



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First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The passion narrative of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Thank you

**to Pat, Lucy and Frank Decesare
for providing the large palms for our liturgies
this week.**





Legend of the donkey's cross

A poor farmer near Jerusalem owned a donkey far too small to do much work at all. He felt that he couldn't afford to feed a worthless animal like this, one that could do him no good whatsoever, so at the supper table he told his family that he was going to kill the donkey.



His children, who loved the little donkey, begged him to sell it rather than harm it. But the farmer said, "It's wrong to sell an animal that can't do a good day's work."

Then his oldest daughter suggested, "Father, tie the donkey to a tree on the road to town, and say whoever wants it may take it for nothing." And the next morning, that's what the farmer did.

Soon, two men approached and asked if they could have the donkey. "It can carry almost nothing," the farmer warned them.

"Jesus of Nazareth has need of it," replied one of the men. The farmer couldn't imagine what a great teacher would want with such a worthless donkey, but he handed it over.

The men took the animal to Jesus, who stroked the grateful donkey's face and then mounted it and rode away. So it was on the day we call Palm Sunday, Jesus led his followers into the city of Jerusalem riding on the back of a small, common donkey.

The donkey so loved his gentle master that he later followed him to Calvary. Grief-stricken by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but couldn't leave. It was then that the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the donkey, and there it stayed. All donkeys have borne the sign of the cross on their backs since that very day.

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Kathleen Ronchi, Mary Lane and Myke Schultz were our best tippers in Round 2 last week with 6/7. Chris Houlihan and John Frank are still our leaders, two ahead of our next 7.

2 weeks ago Melbourne and St Kilda played at the MCG? Over time they have played each other at 9 other venues. Can you name them?

It's not too late for new members to join us. 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. The password is "drake".

Cost to participate this season, including Finals, is \$30.00 payable to either James Barrett 0418 491 781

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Pope: Authorities must pursue ceasefire and peace through dialogue

Pope Leo XIV issues a brief statement to journalists in Castel Gandolfo, renewing his appeal to “work for peace, not with weapons,” and denouncing the rise in hatred, violence, and death.

Vatican News

"I wish to renew the appeal for a ceasefire, to work for peace, but not with weapons—with dialogue, truly seeking a solution for everyone."

Pope Leo XIV renewed that appeal for peace in a brief statement on Tuesday evening to a group of journalists waiting for him outside Villa Barberini, the residence in Castel Gandolfo.

Recalling the international situation, the Pope said, "Hatred is increasing, violence keeps getting worse, more than a million people are isolated, and there are so many dead."



"We want to pray for peace, but I urge all authorities to truly work through dialogue to resolve problems," the Pope said.

Separately, in his Angelus address on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV had expressed his "dismay" at the situation in the Middle East and in other regions of the world "torn apart by war and violence."

"We cannot remain silent in the face of the suffering of so many defenseless people who are victims of these conflicts," the Pope said on that occasion. "What hurts them hurts all of humanity. The death and pain caused by these wars is a scandal for the entire human family and a cry that rises to God!"

Pope Leo continued, "I strongly renew my appeal to persevere in prayer, so that hostilities may cease and paths to peace may finally open up, based on sincere dialogue and respect for the dignity of every human person."



St Macartan's Easter Mass Times 2026

PALM SUNDAY:

Saturday Night March 28th **6pm Mass**

Sunday March 29th **9am & 11am Masses**

11am Mass procession with children & donkey & after Mass a magic show, with refreshments and light lunch for adults.

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Thursday April 2nd at **7pm** (No 9:15am Mass Thursday)

GOOD FRIDAY

PASSION OF THE LORD at 3pm:

Friday April 3rd at **3pm**

(Note: No Quinn's Friday night Youth Club)

EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT VIGIL:

Saturday April 4th **8pm Mass** (No 9:15am Mass or 6pm Mass Saturday)

Includes lucernarium, lighting of the new Paschal Candle, candle procession into church, catechumens and catechists receive baptism and confirmation.

EASTER SUNDAY:

Sunday April 5th at **9am and 11am Masses**



Jokes of the Week



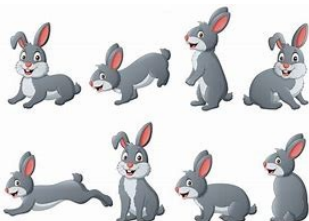
1) Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from Church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, "Why do you have that palm branch, Dad?" His father explained, "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honor Him; so we got palm branches today." "Aw, shucks," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one Sunday I can't go to Church, and Jesus shows up!"



2) The king on a donkey! There was a husband and wife who had a quarrel. It had been a pitched battle of wills, each digging heels in to preserve the position each had vehemently taken. Emotions had run high. As they were driving to attend a family wedding in a distant city, both were nursing hurt feelings in defensive silence. The angry tension between them was so thick you could cut it with a knife. But, then the silence was broken. Pointing to a donkey standing in a pasture out beside the road, the husband sarcastically asked, "Relative of yours?" The wife quickly replied, "By marriage!"

SUNDAY 29th - PALM SUNDAY

IMMEDIATELY AFTER 11AM MASS



Please stay around and enjoy:

- BBQ
- MAGICIAN
- EASTER EGGS
- LIVE ANIMALS (RABBITS) and MEET CHESTER THE JERUSALEM DONKEY
- HAVE FUN MEET NEW PEOPLE
- PARTICIPATE





A group of doctors from the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) has just completed a study trip to Melbourne that underscored the enduring connection between Australia and India through the Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey. Among the group was CHAI's incoming director general, Sr Dr Helen Mary Anthony, the first sister-doctor to run the organisation since Mary Glowrey started it in 1943.

The concept of a 'sister doctor' is particularly significant in India, a tradition that can be traced back to Mary Glowrey. This legacy has allowed women like Sr Dr Helen to combine their religious vocation with a medical profession, offering a unique blend of spiritual and physical care. Sr Dr Helen explains that it was the Australian doctor's dream to have a medical school for nuns. 'We have a medical college, St John's Medical College, after her dream. I was privileged to study in that very prestigious college in Bangalore,' she says. 'Normally, Catholic nuns are not allowed to practise. It was a bold step that Mary Glowrey took, and she pleaded to the Vatican to give the permission for the nuns to practise the medicine. The Canon Law says that we are exposed to the private parts, and that's not allowed. But she fought for us, as the first Catholic nun to be a doctor. Now we are sister-doctors, and we can practise medicine.' Initially, the focus for sister-doctors was mainly on maternal and child health, addressing critical needs in underserved communities. Sr Dr Helen says when she began practising, the mortality rates of women giving birth and of infants could be as high as 50 per cent in poor, rural areas. But she says the federal government has largely taken over maternal and child health, and ploughed in resources, resulting in a dramatic drop in mortality rates.

CHAI doctors have pivoted to focus on another pressing need where rural India is particularly underserved. 'We are more now concentrating on mental health, which is very, very important for all sectors, from child to the middle age and to the geriatric,' says Sr Dr Helen. It was only 40 hospitals when Mary Glowrey founded this association; now it has grown to about 3700 member institutions,' Sr Dr Helen says. 'There are five medical colleges, about 200 bigger hospitals and 400 about more-than-100-bed hospitals. There about 35 schools of nursing. The rest are small dispensaries and health centres and clinics. They are all spread out throughout India.'



*Sr Dr Mary Glowrey, now the Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, at work in India.
(Photo via the Catholic Health Association of India. https://chai-india.org/history_who-we-are)*



As we journey through Lent, we thank all parishioners who have supported Project Compassion, the annual appeal of Caritas Australia. Through your generosity, we are helping to bring hope, dignity and practical support to vulnerable communities both here and around the world. If you have been using a Project Compassion box, we kindly ask that you return it to the parish office once it is full. All donations will be forwarded to Caritas after Easter. Thank you for your continued kindness and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others .

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

Palm Sunday – 28/29 March 2026

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Mins: Marlene Tesmann, Christina Llopart

Audio Visual: Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: John & Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins: Sue Fletcher, Evelyn Atkins

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

No Children's Liturgy

Easter Sunday - 4/5 April 2026

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Marcelle Azzopardi

Audio Visual and Livestream: James Barrett

11.00am Readers Karen Westbury, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Evelyn Atkins

Audio Visual: James Barrett

No Children's Liturgy

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

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THANK YOU



Divine Mercy Novena 2026

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April 3 to April 11



Jesus, I Trust In You!

St. Macartan's will prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy with a novena in the church as follows:

- Short reading from the diary
- Selected short prayers
- Praises of Divine Mercy
- Novena intentions for the day
- Divine Mercy Chaplet

Note: Confessions will be heard after Mass on Wednesday April 8 and Saturday April 11

- Good Friday 10.30am (After Stations - No Mass)
- Holy Saturday 9.15am ([No Mass](#))
- Easter Sunday Novena said privately at home
- Easter Monday 9.15am (No Mass)
- Easter Tuesday 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)
- Easter Wednesday 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)
- Easter Thursday 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)
- Easter Friday 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)
- Easter Saturday 9.45am (After 9.15 Parish Mass)

People are encouraged to come when they can, on other days to pray the chaplet at home.

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