

PARISH BULLETIN

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MATTHEW 18:15-20

"Where two
or three are
gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them."

- MATTHEW 18:20

HAPPY Father's DAY

Upcoming Events

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tuesday 8th September, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

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

EMPOWER (High school aged) during 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, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds, Dorothy Edwards, Michael Tirant, Belinda Reghenzani



Death Anniversaries: Ilene Conlan, Colin Conlan

Recent Deaths: Alfred Henry Brogan, Marcia Williams

Video Sunday 6th September 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6155495>

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>

Parish Website: [St Macartan's Parish](#)

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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am

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

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)

ENLIVEN: Suspended



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First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you,
my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Living the gospel

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Gospel reflection

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV

shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect); or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships! Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Historical Context – Tell the Church

The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving situations.

Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors' prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

The Pope receives the oversight commission of the 'House for the Relief of Suffering'

During a meeting on 31 August at Castel Gandolfo, the oversight commission for the 'House for the Relief of Suffering' - a research hospital founded by St Pio of Pietrelcina - was able to share with Leo XIV the work it has done since it was established last May. Vatican News

This morning, August 31, Pope Leo XIV received in an audience at the Apostolic Palace in Castel Gandolfo, the Commission for Direction and Oversight of the “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” (“House for the Relief of Suffering”) Foundation.

The “House for the Relief of Suffering” is a major healthcare center born from the dream of St. Pio of Pietrelcina in San Giovanni Rotondo, in southern Italy. The Commission was established through a Chirograph signed by the Pope on 27 May 2026. Present at Tuesday's meeting were Commission President Maximino Caballero Ledo; Coordinator Fabio Gasperini; Monsignor Paolo Rudelli, Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State; Archbishop Giordano Piccinotti, President of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See (APSA); and Archbishop Giorgio Ferretti, Archbishop of Foggia-Bovino. The Commission's secretary, Fabrizio Colaci, also attended.



The Commission's work so far

During the meeting, the Pope was able to review the progress of the Commission's work. Particular attention was given to an analysis of the Foundation's economic and financial situation and to identifying the most appropriate solutions to ensure the long-term sustainability of its work, in light of the relaunching of the “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” Hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo.

The Commission presented the main priorities currently guiding its activities: stabilizing relations with staff; strengthening cooperation with Italian public institutions; securing the necessary resources; and progressively reducing the principal liabilities. These activities form part of the mandate entrusted to the Commission by the founding Chirograph, which is aimed at restoring sustainable conditions and implementing the relaunch plan, while preserving the continuity of hospital services and the charism of its Founder.

Pope Leo listened attentively to the work carried out by the Commission thus far, confirming his determination to closely follow the path that has been undertaken. The Commission will therefore continue its activities in accordance with the mandate entrusted to it, further examining and progressively implementing the lines of action identified, with the aim of ensuring continuity and a future for the Hospital and the Work established by Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, in service of the sick and their families.

WE ALL NEED TO BE MINDFUL

There are those among us, that due to Dementia, have a life partner whose "light" is growing dim – Please reach out to them where you know.

When someone's
light
starts to dim,

it means your light needs to
shine all the more brightly.
Your light will help them in
their darkest hours and they
will find their way and feel safe
reflected by the light of your love.

Never stop shining on them.

They don't want their light to go dim,
they have no control, but one day
their light will be restored when they
are in its source, in the light of God.
Where they will be bathed in
perpetual light forever.

So, until then, be the light for both of
you, and share your glow of
compassionate love.

*Together, one day, you will
both shine again, brighter
than you ever did before.*

Love gets enriched by
the light of **God's** love.

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WHEN YOUR HEART IS RIGHT



DISCOVER PURPOSE. FOLLOW CHRIST. LIVE THE CALL.



THE TWELVE APOSTLES

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PETER

The Rock. Holds the keys of the Kingdom. Leader of the early Church.



JAMES THE GREATER

Son of Zebedee. First apostle martyred. Preached in Judea.



JOHN

The Beloved. Wrote the Gospel, Epistles, and Revelation.



ANDREW

Brother of Peter. First-called. Missionary, crucified on an X-shaped cross.



PHILIP

Led Nathanael to Jesus. Active missionary in Phrygia.



BARTHOLOMEW

Also called Nathanael. Preached in India and Armenia.



THOMAS

Called the Twin. Preached in Parthia and India. Known for his faith after doubt.



MATTHEW

The tax collector. Wrote the first Gospel.



JAMES THE LESS

Author of the Epistle. Led the Church in Jerusalem.



JUDE

Also called Thaddeus. Author of the Epistle. Preached in Mesopotamia.



SIMON

The Zealot. Passionate missionary who worked in Egypt.



MATTHIAS

Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. Held a book and axe as symbols.

Go therefore and teach all nations.

Ignatius Catholicum



Jokes of The Week



Where would we be without our dads? They held our hands when we took our first steps, cheered us on when we learned to ride a bike and taught us to pick our battles, not our noses. What better way to honour your guiding light, your rock, than by making fun of him with a **joke**?

- **Why do dads take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?**

In case they get a hole in one.

- **What's Dad's favourite kind of music?**

Pop.

- **What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?**

"Where's popcorn?"

- **What do you call a dad who falls through the ice?**

A popsicle.

- **Why did the dad bring a ladder to the bar?**

Because he heard the drinks were on the house.

- **I told my wife I wanted to be cremated.** She made an appointment for me next Monday.

- **I went to the bookstore the other day.**

Found a book entitled: "How to Solve 50% of Your Problems." So, I bought two.



Say What, Dad? Our Gen-X daughter, Cristie, made my husband a Father's Day card entitled "Things My Dad Would Never Say." Such as:

- "Can you turn up that music?"
- "Go ahead and take my car. Here's 50 bucks for petrol."
- "I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones."
- "Here, you take the remote."





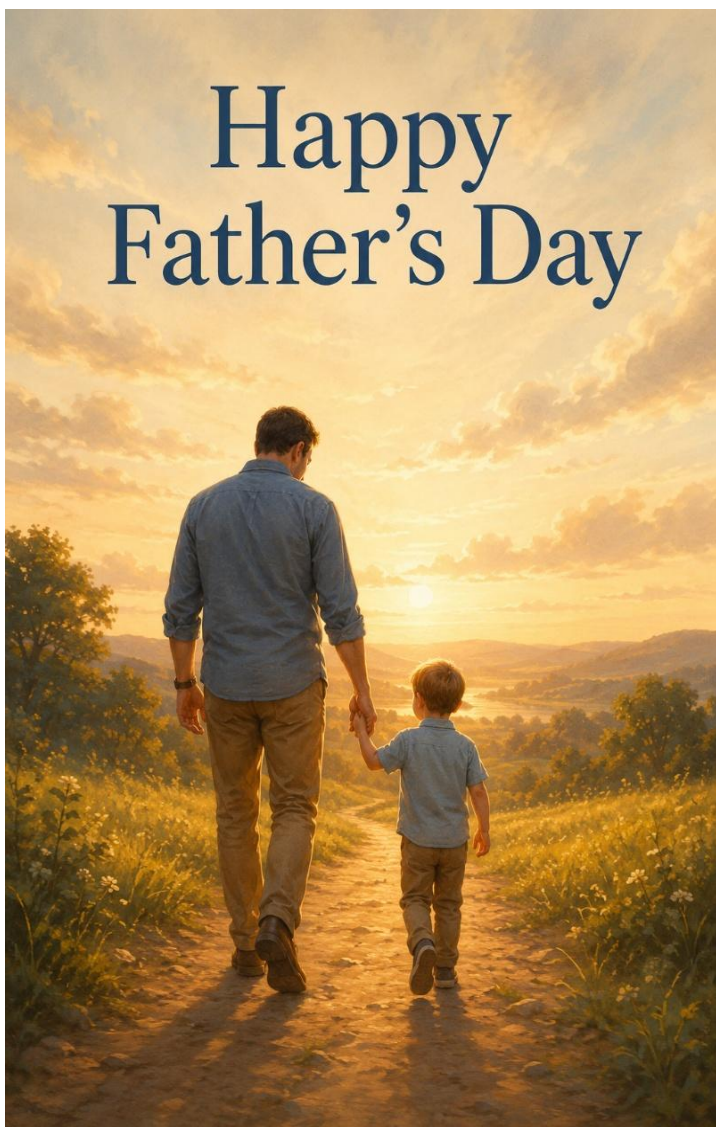
Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Carolyn The Saint won \$30 last week as our best tipper with the exact margin for the first game. Hearty congratulations to Teresa again as our champion tipper for 2026 for the second year in a row. Teresa finished one in front of Pauline with another one to Delina and one more to Lachlan, Irene, Howard's Hawks and Bardo22 followed by Kees, Maree, The Wizard and Rons Pies. Our challenges continue with the chance to win part of our \$ 250 prizes for the Finals series.

Last week there were a few posters. Unofficial records suggest that the most in a single game by both teams was 11 during a match between ? and ? in Round 5 19?. For a single team in modern records, the Western Bulldogs hold a recent high with 6 posters against ?? in 20??

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Happy Father's Day



For Fathers' Day

Let us pray for all fathers and those in a guiding and mentoring role.

God our Father, we give thanks and praise for fathers, young and old. We pray for young fathers who are newly embracing their role. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost and suffering. May they know God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but who still mentor and guide us with fatherly advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who continue to live in our memory, having nourished us with their love.

Amen

National Child Protection Week | 6–12 September 2026

Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action

National Child Protection Week is an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming and respectful environments where every child and young person is valued, heard and protected.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility and a shared mission, grounded in the Catholic call to uphold the dignity and wellbeing of every person. It is lived out through the everyday actions of our parishes, ministries and communities — in how we listen, respond to concerns and ensure children and young people feel safe and respected.

This year's theme, **“Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action,”** reminds us that safeguarding is more than a conversation. It calls us to listen to the voices of children and young people and turn our commitment into meaningful action.

During Child Protection Week, we invite everyone across our Archdiocese to reflect on how we can each contribute to making our Church a safer place for children and young people.

Mornington Peninsula — Shire prepares to leave direct aged-care delivery

A significant longer-term local change is now clearly set out by Mornington Peninsula Shire: Council will cease directly delivering aged-care services on 30 June 2027, as Commonwealth aged-care reforms move residents towards specialist providers. Meals on Wheels will continue during the transition, with a new menu commencing today, 31 August. This is worth watching because of the implications for older Peninsula residents and the community organisations and parishes that support them.

Thank You – Cake Stall

A very big thank you to everyone who baked and purchased cakes and pastries at our Cake Stall last Sunday. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful selection of delicious homemade treats and by the generous support of our parish community.

The stall raised **\$450**, which will go towards the cost of building the new deck between the Hall and the Community Centre. Following the success of the stall, we have decided to make this a **monthly parish initiative**, to be held on the **last Sunday of each month**.

Our next Cake Stall will be held on **Sunday 27 September**. We look forward to another wonderful selection of cakes, slices and pastries — and thank you again to everyone who helps make this initiative such a success.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm **Alis Fisher 0438077492**

9.00am **Clive Tucker 0421 772 563**

11.00am **Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599**

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5/6 September

6.00pm	Readers	Adrian Mitchell, Marlene Tesmann
	Eucharistic Mins	Faye Murphy, Christina Llopart
	Audio Visual	Chris Curtain
9.00am	Readers	Michael Kerr, Peter Lynch
	Eucharistic Mins	John and Mary Lewis
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	Didier Le Miere
11.00am	Readers	Karen Westbury, John Rowe
	Eucharistic Mins	Michale Harrison, Sue Fletcher
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12/13 September

6.00pm	Readers	Brian Scantlebury, Faye Murphy
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosina Di Petta, Joyce Ward
	Audio Visual	Graham Michel
9.00am	Readers	Don Zinno, Spencer Meier
	Eucharistic Mins	Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Thomas
	Audio Visual	James Barrett
	Live Stream	Didier Le Miere
11.00am	Readers	Esme Higgins, Iris Hallinan
	Eucharistic Mins	Barb Ensil, John Rowe
	Audio Visual	Marino Casamento

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