

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 09/08/2026

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Upcoming Events

Winter concert MPWLC

August 29th 2pm

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Archbishop's Campaign

Collection next week

15&16 August

Upcoming Holy Days:

10 Aug -St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

11 Aug – St Clare, virgin

14 Aug - St Maximilian Kolbe, priest,
martyr

Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)

**Is back every Friday during the school
term @ 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, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds, Dorothy Edwards

Death Anniversaries: Maria Bartosikova, Graeme Kohler, Virginia Speirani,



Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 9th August, 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6095908>

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 the 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

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High school aged)

ENLIVEN: Suspended



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First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.'

Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Historical Context

Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Gospel reflection

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories, we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew. To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life

means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity, they would never have dreamed possible; of course, they left everything and followed him. To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water, and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise, he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

Holy See: Urban planning must address homelessness to promote human dignity

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations highlights the importance of addressing homelessness in order to build sustainable cities that promote human dignity and the common good. By Isabella H. de Carvalho

Homelessness needs to be addressed in order to create sustainable cities that enable every person to flourish and that contribute to the common good, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations said in a message released on July 28, 2026.

“The persistence of homelessness should trouble the conscience of the international community,” the statement highlighted. “Everybody deserves a place to call home, where they can build relationships, nurture family life, and participate fully in their community. Housing should therefore be viewed not just as a commodity or financial asset, but as a cornerstone of society at the service of the common good.” The message was issued for the 2026 High Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the New Urban Agenda, which is taking place in New York and celebrates the 10th anniversary of the adoption of this text. This document represents a shared vision for a sustainable future, focusing on well-planned and well-managed urbanization. “When cities are shaped by solidarity, inclusion and care for those most in need, they become more than mere places of residence and of work; they become places of encounter, fraternity and hope,” the message continued.



Homelessness undermines the ability to exercise fundamental rights

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Lastly, the Holy See’s delegation noted how “urban development cannot be measured solely by the height of its buildings or the strength of its economy, but above all by its ability to enable every person to flourish by participating fully in society and contributing to the common good,” as every city is a community of people, each endowed with its God given-dignity. “Therefore, the true measure of a sustainable city lies in how it treats all its members, and, consequently, in its capacity to address multiple forms of poverty, persistent inequalities and environmental degradation,” the statement underlined.

BEING CATHOLIC

THE EFFECTS OF SIN



PORN – Corrupts the mind, damages relationships, leads to objectification



GLUTTONY – Harms the body (high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes)



FORNICATION – Brings STDs, unwanted pregnancy, guilt, and spiritual harm



UNFORGIVENESS – Poisons the heart with bitterness



LYING – Destroys trust and separates us from God



ALCOHOL ABUSE – Leads to addiction, impaired judgment, and broken lives



PRIDE – Blocks love for God and others

God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Ignatius Catholicum



Jokes of The Week



1: Familiar story. In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So, he said the cost would be twenty-five dollars. Twain walked away as he said, *"Now I know why Jesus walked on water."*

2): Ministers walking on water! There's an old joke about three pastor friends who are on a beach together. The first, a Catholic priest gets up from his beach towel and walks about a quarter mile out to a raft in the ocean. The second, a Protestant minister, does the same. The third, a rabbi, the newcomer in the group, gets up and walks toward the raft to join his colleagues. Suddenly he finds himself underwater. The priest turns to the minister and says, *"Didn't you show him where the rocks are?"*



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Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Derek and John Finn were our best tippers for last week with 8/9. Meanwhile it's a close race to the end of the season. Teresa is now just one in front of Pauline and two in front of Delina. Irene, Howard's Hawks and Bardo22 are one further behind.

Footy's always been a family affair. 10 pairs of brothers can enjoy the highs and lows of this season within the same club environment while 22 pairs are dispersed at different clubs. Do you know who are the only 2 clubs who don't have a sibling playing this year or any of the 32 pairs?

Any queries please see James Barrett 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net.au or Spencer Meier 0448 602 288 sanddmeier@bigpond.com.au



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.



St Macartans

Rosary

Monday nights @ 7pm
in church

All welcome



Vinnies
good works

St Vincent de Paul Mornington Conference

During the month of June our conference visited 76 families / companions who have requested help, delivered \$2771 in food and \$7330 in supermarket vouchers and paid \$1146 in utility bill assistance etc.

We are an enthusiastic group consisting 12 active members and 8 associate and new members doing home visits and collecting food donations from the local supermarkets each week. We would welcome any parishioners who may like to join us in this work of charity please contact Sue Fletcher-my number is in the bulletin.

Thank you for your support - Sue.



LOVE IN ACTION

*Serve with humility,
love with joy.*

St Vincent de Paul
1581-1660

2026 Archbishop's Campaign

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the

campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church foyer. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

There will be a collection after each mass on the 15th & 16th of August, 2026.

Men's Night – All Welcome

A couple of weeks ago I attended my first St Macartan's Men's Night, and I was made to feel incredibly welcome by a wonderful group of men. The evening included an engaging presentation from Richard, some enthusiastic singing, plenty of laughter and great jokes, and warm fellowship throughout. I came away having learnt something new and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Men's Night is held on the **third Thursday of every month**, (the 20th this month) starting at **4:30 pm** in the **Community Centre**. The cost is **\$5** to help cover food, and it is **BYO drinks**. I highly recommend it to any men of the parish who can come along—you'll be warmly welcomed.

Tim

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm **Alis Fisher 0438077492**

9.00am **Clive Tucker 0421 772 563**

11.00am **Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599**

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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 15/16 August 2026

6.00pm **Readers** Carmel McGrath, Paul Girolami

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual -Carmel McGrath

9.00am **Readers** Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

Audio Visual – James Barrett

Live Stream – Didier LeMiere

11.00am **Readers** Michael Harrison, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins John Rowe, Sue Fletcher

Audio Visual -Marino Casamento

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

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KIDS FIND THE WORD PAGE

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



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