

PARISH BULLETIN

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Web: [St Macartan's Parish](http://StMacartan'sParish)

BSB:083 347 Account No: 547373281

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

Parish Coordinator: Tim Lambourne

Parish Secretary: To be announced



Upcoming Events

Winter concert MPWLC
August 29th 2pm

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Archbishop's Campaign

Collection THIS week

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Thurs 20th Aug, St Bernard, abbot, doctor
- Fri 21st Aug, St Pius X, pope
- Satu 22nd Aug, Our Lady, Mother & Queen

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: Josef Bartosik

Recent Deaths: Ana Radinovic -Funeral 17th August, at 1030am, Croatian Catholic Church. 798 Sprinavale Rd. Braeside. Traditional Croatian Service

Video Sunday 16th August 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6111017>

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](#)

Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/me/>

Fr Geoff's Biker's Facebook: Holyhog Mc <https://www.facebook.com/holyhog.mc>

Fr

Geoff's Vocation Facebook: Whenyourheartisright

<https://www.facebook.com/WhenYourHeartIsRight>

Fr

Geoff's Vocation Instagram: 'Whenyourheartisright'

<https://www.instagram.com/whenyourheartisright/>

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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**TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT &
FOR THANKSGIVING:**

St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 547 373 281

Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES



FAITH

The virtue by which we believe in God
and in all that He has revealed to us.



HOPE

The virtue by which we trust God will fulfill his
promises and look forward to eternal life.



CHARITY

The virtue by which we love God above all
things and our neighbor as ourselves.

Ignatius Catholicum

from the perspective of a disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

Gospel reflection

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.

Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table. The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

Historical Context ... Who were the Canaanites?

When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

Scriptural Context

This passage sits in the middle of a group of three stories that make up Chapter 15 of Matthew's Gospel. The first story deals with Jesus challenging traditional views of cleanliness and uncleanness – one of the great separators between Jews and Gentiles. The story of this week's gospel follows with its account of the Canaanite woman's great faith being recognised. Finally, Matthew's gospel relates the story of the feeding of the four thousand – a dramatic sign by Jesus of the open invitation to receive his message and ministry. The three stories, taken together, form a powerful chapter that makes clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the Jews.

Pope in Assisi: Build a civilisation of love, not division

At Santa Maria degli Angeli, the first stop on his pastoral visit, the Pope answers questions from young people and explains that Gospel radicalism is “the opposite of fundamentalism: it does not make us blind and violent, but sensitive and attentive,” and welcoming towards all. By Antonella Palermo

How can the spiritual legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi be lived out today? How can we embrace a spirit of service and welcome in a world increasingly shaped by oppression and consumerism? And how can we continue to trust a Church that is itself marked by crises and contradictions?

These were some of the questions put to the Pope today by three young people, who gave voice to concerns shared not only by their own generation, but by many others as well.

Pope Leo chose to begin his pastoral visit to the Umbrian town of Assisi by meeting young people at Santa Maria degli Angeli. Responding at length to each of their questions, he reiterated several key principles: religion must never be exploited for political purposes, while leadership should be liberating, responsible and inclusive.



Going against the tide: Healing memories and fostering reconciliation

Karolina, from Zagreb, was the first to speak. She asked how people can remain authentic disciples of Christ and share a living faith that does not remain confined within church walls. In response, the Pope returned to the subject of war, recalling that Karolina comes from “a region of Europe that experienced war only thirty years ago, as well as the dangerous intertwining of religious affiliation and nationalism.” The Franciscans’ long-standing commitment to dialogue in the region, he noted, has helped Catholics, Orthodox Christians and Muslims live together in peace. This, Pope Leo said, is the path that must continue to be followed. “Today, being faithful to this tradition of closeness means going against the tide, working to heal memories and fostering reconciliation. Christians will increasingly be called to become peacemakers in societies tempted to exploit religion in conflicts between different identities.”

Misinformation and prejudice create fear; Christ opens the heart

To live as spiritual sons and daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Pope stressed, means understanding the true meaning of Gospel radicalism. It “is the opposite of fundamentalism: it does not make us blind and violent, but sensitive and attentive, always following Jesus and therefore humble and welcoming towards everyone. It is not easy, but it brings great joy.” Following this path, the Pope suggested, sometimes means making uncomfortable or unfashionable choices, while resisting every attempt at manipulation. “Bearing witness to Christ therefore remains both fascinating and demanding, because it opens our minds and hearts beyond artificial boundaries—that is, beyond the fears created by misinformation and the walls of prejudice.”

Saying ‘yes’ to becoming Pope

Pope Leo offered a glimpse into his own personal journey. He explained that decisions must be renewed each day and that a vocation is “a journey of redemption and healing.” It requires daily commitment and constant vigilance against the way sin can cloud a person’s judgement. “In my experience, I can say that the Lord has never left me alone. He has always accompanied me, also giving me people with whom to walk. In my vocation to be a priest, a member of the Augustinian community and a missionary, I found a light that has guided me to this day, until I had to say ‘yes’ to a very special calling: that of being Pope.” “In my experience, I can say that the Lord has never left me alone.”

BEING CATHOLIC

“HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION”

Q: *Saturday is the assumption. If we go to vigil mass on Saturday, does it count as the assumption and Sunday's mass, or do we need to attend 2 masses that day?*

A: Saturday morning/day Mass has no bearing on Sunday masses. It has its own unique liturgy. This coming Saturday is as you said, a Holy day of obligation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sunday is a separate day of obligation, again with its own unique liturgy.

Also note: Saturday evening Masses are also classified as Sunday Mass. So, this weekend, we get to enjoy two beautiful Holy days of obligation.

Historically, holy days of obligation were special occasions on which Catholics were obliged to attend Mass. Catholics were also encouraged to refrain from any work or involvement with commerce on these days. Early in the twentieth century, Catholics used to observe 36 holy days, in addition to all Sundays of the year. This has since been reduced to a much smaller number.

In May 2001, with permission from the Vatican, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that in Australia, the Catholic faithful should observe the following as holy days of obligation:

- **All Sundays of the year.**
- **Christmas Day (December 25 – the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)**
- **The Assumption (August 15 – the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

Canon Law: The basis is:

Canon 1246 – Sundays and certain feast days are holy days of obligation.

Canon 1247 – The faithful are obliged to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation.



Jokes of the Week



1: Faith in theory and action: A man who was walking close to a steep cliff lost his footing and plunged over the side. As he was falling, he grabbed the branch of a tree that was sticking out about half-way down the cliff. He managed to hang onto a weak limb with both hands. He looked up and he saw that the cliff was almost perfectly straight and that he was a long way from the top. He looked down and it was a long, long way down to the rocky bottom. At this point the man decided that it was time to pray. He didn't pray a long, wordy prayer. He simply yelled out, "God, if you're there, help me!" About that time, he heard a deep voice coming from high up above that said, "I'm here My son, have no fear." The man was a little startled at first by God's voice, but he pleaded, "Can You help me? Can You help me?" God replied, "Yes, I can My son, but you have to have Faith. Do you trust Me?" The man answered, "Yes Lord, I trust You." God said, "Do you really trust Me?" The man, straining to hold on replied, "Yes Lord, I really trust You." Then God said, "This is what I want you to do: let go of the limb, trust Me, and everything will be all right." The man looked down at the rocks below, then he looked up at the steep cliff above him and yelled, "Is there anybody else up there who can help me?"



Men's Night

The Men's Night will be held on **Thursday 20th August** in the Community Centre, at 4.30 PM. B.Y.O. and \$5.00 donation for incidentals. Please be sure to read the report on our meeting in last week's Bulletin and come and join us.

All welcome - the Odd Couple



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

8 clever tippers were our best for last week with 7/9. However, it's really hotting up as we approach the end of the season. Only change to our top 7 from last week is Lachlan advancing to be only 3 behind Teresa . Teresa is still one in front of Pauline with another one to Delina.

Lachlan , Irene , Howard's Hawks and Bardo22 are one further behind. This season, Carlton's Francis Evans joined a select club when he wore glasses during a game.

Do you know who the other 6 members of the "glasses" club are?

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

Change coming

As our parish continues to grow, so too do the demands on my time as your Parish Priest. My pastoral ministry includes supporting residents in nine nursing homes, visiting parishioners in local hospitals and providing pastoral care to those who, through age, illness or circumstance, are no longer able to come to the church. Increasingly, they need me to go to them. My time is also spent serving as chaplain in our schools and to Peninsula Police stations

At the same time, the day-to-day administration and responsibilities involved in running a growing parish require a considerable amount of time. Although this work is essential, it can take me away from the pastoral ministry that particularly requires my presence as your priest.

For this reason, I have been considering transferring much of the responsibility for parish administration to Tim. These additional responsibilities cannot reasonably be combined with his current duties as Parish Secretary. Consequently, Tim's role within the parish will be changing, and we will be employing a new Parish Secretary.

Importantly, this does not mean that the parish is employing an additional full-time staff member. Our staffing will remain equivalent to one full-time position, with the hours shared between two part-time roles.

I will share more about these changes, and what they will mean for our parish community, in the coming weeks.

Fr Geoff



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.

**Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project,
Salesians of Don Bosco**

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2027 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

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 THIS WEEK.



Come & join the St.Macs table & Parishioner

Graham Michel's **mrs sippy jazz band**

for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing

Sunday 23rd August from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, 350 Dunns Road Mornington

Admission \$20 p.p. B.Y.O. nibbles, coffee, tea & drinks available at the bar.

Bookings not required.

PARISH FINANCES

Hello Parishioners

I have always wanted to present our Parish financial reports to you in such a way that we could condense it into an easy read format. I apologise for not doing this sooner.

As you may or may not know. We have a Parish Finance committee, consisting of Parishioners with varying degrees of knowledge and experience in business and other types of finances, which advises and assists me as you Parish Priest, in the wise and responsible management of parish finances. It helps ensure that the parish's resources are used transparently and prudently to support the worship, pastoral care, outreach, and future needs of our parish community.

We also have a Parish bookkeeper who keeps an accurate and up-to-date financial record for the parish. Our bookkeeper reviews the day-to-day financial transactions so that the Parish Priest and Finance Committee have reliable information on which to make decisions.

All our Parish accounts are also monitored by the Archdiocese, and our banking goes through (CDF) Catholic Development Fund, where security and protection is assured.

The two collections we take at every Mass are for the following:

FIRST (1ST) COLLECTION - THE PRESBYTERY: For our Priest.

The Presbytery Collection is exclusive:

a) for the support of the Archdiocese:

(i) cathedraticum tax of five (5%) percent for the Archbishop's Office **(ii)** a contribution of twelve and a half (12.5%) percent to the PRF (Priests remuneration fund – helps support Priests in poorer parishes) for the support and subsidy of a great number of priests throughout the Archdiocese. **(iii)** Another contribution of twelve and a half (12.5%) percent to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

For the support of Pastores Emeriti (Retired Priests); and

b) for the support of the priest(s) of this parish: normal household expenses, including food, hospitality and housekeeper's Salary. [At St Macartan's our Priest has a housekeeper for 4hrs per week. For cleaning his house, guest room, and the three offices].

SECOND (2ND) COLLECTION – THE CHURCH (THANKSGIVING INCOME)

The following and other Parish expenses are paid from the Church Account.

- a) Gas, electricity, telephone and other utilities of all parish buildings.
- b) Church and other buildings repair and maintenance.
- c) Insurance premiums; municipal rates and water rates.
- d) For the Carpool, the Priests car and running expenses.

Also:

- Wages for fulltime / part time and Casual staff.
- Parish asset purchases.
- Parish ministry group and social events support, i.e. hiring children's entertainers etc.
- Office photocopier/printer rental, printing and consumables costs. Including newsletters.
- Hiring of contractors and entertainers.
- Bus registration and running costs.
- Gardener and Church flowers.
- Church consumables – candles / oil / hosts / wine
- Fire and Safety audit compliance.
- AV / Computer software License fees.
- Other expenses – used for the Parish.

All of which are reviewed (audited) regularly, to ensure full compliance with permitted use.

As well as looking at ways in which we as a Parish can reduce outgoing costs.



Income Statement

St Macartans Catholic Church Mornington

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1st January to 31st December 2025

Income

Donations - Fundraising for Capital Expenses	\$22,082
Interest Income - Bank	\$361
Interest Income - Investment Accounts	\$7,076
Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms	\$20,787
Rental Income School Hall Team Kids After School Programme	\$15,000
Candles	\$4,300
Gift Store	\$40,758
Thanksgiving Income	\$163,051
Total Income	\$273,416

Parish Operating Expenses

Accounting Charges	\$8,219
Archdiocesan Levies	\$22,296
Bank Charges	\$1,810
Books, Publications & Resources	\$280
Church expenses - non Liturgical	\$3,867
Cleaning Sacristy, Hall, Community Center and Toilets	\$3,805
Gardening Maintenance	\$8,547
Computer Expenses	\$1,396
Conferences & Retreats	\$198
Donations (2230)	\$200
Electricity Presbytery and Office	\$2,291
Electricity Church	\$1,831
Gas Presbytery and Office	\$1,262
Gas Church	\$3,785
Water Presbytery and Office	\$957
Water Church	\$813
Electricity, Gas, Water Community Centre	\$3,408
Electricity and Water Hall	\$2,476
General Expenses	\$37,425
Hospitality (Entertainment)	\$3,175
Insurance	\$20,385
Interest - Bank Accounts	\$518
Liturgical Expenses	\$7,038
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$4,106
Municipal Charges	\$179
Office Stationery and Equipment	\$987
Photo Copier lease and consumables	\$6,517
Paper - Newsletter	\$1,700

Postage	\$35
Repairs & Maintenance	\$24,595
Rubbish Removal	\$1,018
Security	\$2,265
Staff - Annual Leave Provision	\$1,800
Staff - Superannuation	\$6,573
Staff - Workcover Insurance Premiums	\$1,578
Staff Amenities	\$238
Staff Salaries	\$57,459
Staff Training	\$1,619
Subscriptions -Music Licence, AV, Computer softwear etc.	\$9,283
Phones and Internet for Church and Presbytery	\$4,176
Total Operating Expenses	\$260,109
Net Profit	\$13,307

Based on Thanksgiving contributions alone, we have limited funds left each year for parish projects. This is why fundraising remains important.

Our current bank accounts as of the 11th August 2026 are:

- PARISH BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE = \$263.99
- CHURCH ACCOUNT (FROM THANKSGIVING 2nd Collection) = \$25,085
- FUNDRAISING (This campaign is for the decking between buildings) = \$2,673
- QUOTA (Set aside for annual Archdiocese fee approx. 9.8% per annum) = \$3,971
- FIXED TERM INVESTMENT (earning approx. 5% interest) = \$154,428

Our Parish is not financially wealthy, nor do we need to be. Our priority is to have enough money to meet the needs of our parish community, provide a welcoming place for people to gather, and ensure the parish remains secure for the long term.

We aim not to draw on the fixed-term investment unless there is urgent reason. For example, when the roof was repaired, the cost was approximately \$140,000, while fundraising contributed about \$51,000.

We are however spiritually rich. We are growing and only because of you parishioners. Your friendliness, your warmth and welcome. Your example of Christian discipleship and looking out for others. You are what really makes our community wealthy. You are our biggest asset.

Thank you

Fr Geoff

Parish Cake Stall

Can you help? ♥

We are seeking parishioners who would be happy to bake an item for our next cake stall.



Sunday 30 August



After the 9am Mass

Your support would be greatly appreciated ♥



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA
WELSH LADIES
CHOIR**

Saturday 29 August 2026

2pm–3pm

St Macartan's Church



Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards
Please bring a plate to share

All welcome

With the recent wet weather, we ask everyone to please take a little extra care when parking around the Parish.

Please park **only in designated parking areas** and be mindful that several spaces are specifically reserved for **people with disabilities, St Vincent de Paul volunteers and Sacristans**.

The ground around the church is currently very wet, so we also ask that vehicles **keep off the grass wherever possible** to avoid damaging the grounds.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

20th Sunday in 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22/23 August 2026

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Rosina DiPetta

Audio Visual -Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Peter Lynch

Eucharistic Mins Michael Kerr, Marcelle Azzopardi

Audio Visual – Tim Lambourne

Live Stream – Didier LeMeire

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Karen Westbury

Eucharistic Mins Michael Harrison, John Rowe

Audio Visual -Marino Casamento

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

jody54@westnet.com.au

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

☎ [5975 2200](tel:59752200)

Parish Priest

Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

✉ Geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au

Sacraments

Baptisms

Every Saturday at 11:00 am

☎ Parish Office – [5975 2200](tel:59752200)

Baptism and Marriage Preparation

✉ Geoffrey.mcilroy@cam.org.au

Faith Formation/Youth Group

St Mac's High Spirits

Teacher: Michael Kerr

☎ Parish Office – [5975 2200](tel:59752200)

Youth Group – Quinn's Place

Kristina Turner @ ✉ Kristina.b2906@bigpond.com

Pastoral Care & Support

Child, Youth & Family Counsellor

Joanne Devota-Rando

☎ [0403 113 199](tel:0403113199)

Visitation Ministry

☎ Parish Office – [5975 2200](tel:59752200)

St Vincent de Paul

Sue Fletcher

☎ [0429 262 765](tel:0429262765)

Facilities & Administration

Building & Maintenance Manager

Frank Crea

(through Parish Office)

OH&S and Safeguarding Officer

Tim Lambourne

✉ mornington@cam.org.au

AV & Livestreaming

Didier Le Miere

☎ [0400 801 891](tel:0400801891)

Parish Ministries

St Mac's Café

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