

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23/08/2026

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Upcoming Events

Winter concert MPWLC

Saturday

August 29th 2pm

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

Archbishop's Campaign

\$1,264 was collected for the Archbishop's Campaign last week. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Holy Days:

- 24th August, St Bartholomew, apostle
- 27th August, St Monica
- 28th August, St Augustine, bishop, doctor
- 29th August, The Passion of St John the Baptist, 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, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, Kate Lelean, David Harnett, Mary Ross, Molly Downing, Geraldine Nauvel, Stephen Geurds, Dorothy Edwards, Michael Tirant, Belinda Reghenzani



Death Anniversaries: Lucian Kesik, Geoff Lane, Maria Nguyen, Ronald Trainer, Giuseppe Zagami

Video Sunday 23rd August 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/6117281>

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

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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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FOR THANKSGIVING:**

St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

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First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Jesus' words to Peter, 'on this rock I will build my church,' are obviously the gospel writers' words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter's confession of faith but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.

Gospel reflection

Like last week's gospel, this week's story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a centre of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith. Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one

of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mould as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like – usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mould and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah. When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

Have you thought? What's in a name?

On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all of these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When a new Pope is chosen, he takes on a new name to indicate the new role and the new life he is beginning.

Living the Gospel ... Who do YOU say I am?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.



The Pope's garden in the Vatican Gardens becomes 100% organic

The Pope's garden next to the Mater Ecclesiae monastery in the Vatican Gardens, commissioned in the Middle Ages by Pope Nicholas III Orsini, becomes 100% organic as it is managed according to the principle of caring for Creation, as set out in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Vatican News

The vegetable garden next to the Mater Ecclesiae monastery in the Vatican Gardens is becoming fully organic. Following the approach set out in Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment *Laudato si'*, the goal of cultivation is not maximum production, but respect for the natural growth cycles of each plant and for the soil. Pope Leo XIV last November emphasized this "care for Creation" when addressing Italian agronomists and forestry professionals. He urged them to view their work as "a concrete form of charity toward our Mother Earth and toward future generations," because the earth "is not a possession, but a gift," and those who cultivate it "with respect and wisdom, participate in God's creative work."

Cultivation that respects the land

In the past, manure from the Pontifical Villas in Castel Gandolfo was used at the garden. Today, only certified pelletized fertilizer is used, selected according to the season and the needs of the plants being supported. Good agricultural practices also reduce the need for plant-protection products, since the number and activity of pests are kept below the threshold at which they can cause damage. Every intervention is also recorded in a "field logbook," as required by regulations for treatments subject to the mandatory certification, while natural substances do not require registration.

The nuns work with a gardener and young assistants

The plot is overseen by the Gardens and Environment Service, headed by forestry expert Stefano Giampaolo, within the Directorate of Infrastructure and Services of the Governorate of Vatican City State, led by Director Salvatore Farina. Day by day, an experienced gardener, Gilberto Bianchi, tends the garden across four terraces the religious sisters who assist him indicate from time to time which crops are needed, taking into account the season and what the land can provide at that particular time. Irrigation remains entirely manual to this day.

Only seasonal produce

The cultivation calendar follows the seasons closely: fresh garlic, basil, seedlings, chili peppers—including a Peruvian variety famous for its intensity—citrus fruits and pumpkins, which ripen through November. This year, the first kiwi plants were also planted at the sisters' request. Between late August and early September, winter planting begins, with savoy cabbage, broccoli, spinach and lettuce. May is the garden's most productive month. Summer is the most difficult season because of the heat, with tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, green beans, zucchini and cucumbers, including a variety from Puglia, reaching the end of their growing cycle. The citrus trees in the garden are around 150 years old.

A garden with 800 years of history

The history of this small garden dates back to the Middle Ages. When Pope Nicholas III Orsini moved the papal residence from the Lateran to the Vatican between 1277 and 1280, he also ordered the creation of an orchard and a true viridarium, enclosed within the new walls. It was a productive space that helped meet the needs of the papal household. Eight centuries later, that vocation has not disappeared. It continues, almost unchanged, beside the monastery commissioned by John Paul II and built between 1992 and 1994 so that a community of cloistered religious women dedicated to praying for the Pope would always be present at the heart of the Church.



A Big Thank You to Our AV Team – and We'd Love a Few More Hands!

A heartfelt thank you to the solid core of volunteers who assist with our AV at each Mass. Their quiet contribution helps all of us know what we are saying, praying and singing, and makes a real difference to the celebration of our liturgy.

We would love to welcome a few more volunteers to the team. And please don't be put off by the technology! It can genuinely be as simple as pressing one button to move from one slide to the next. You can sit with the congregation, participate fully in Mass and simply advance the slides when required.

Training and support are provided, and you certainly don't need to be a computer expert.

If you think you might be able to help, even occasionally, please speak with us or contact the Parish Office. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the commitment is for everyone.

Change is here!

I have already mentioned that change was coming. Well, I am very pleased to announce and to welcome, a new member of our Parish team:

LAURA GIBSON

Laura will be our new Parish Secretary beginning next Tuesday 25th.

Laura is an experienced secretary, a local resident, and a wife and mother.

So, please make her feel very welcome. Her hours will be 9am-2:30pm but the office hours are still the same 9am-4pm.

Another change is - Tim Lambourne is now taking on a new role as
Parish Manager

This incorporates much of what is needed to properly serve this Parish as it grows.

The Parish Manager is responsible for the effective management of the parish's administrative, financial, and operational functions. Working in close partnership with me as your Parish Priest, the role ensures the smooth day-to-day running of the parish, enabling me to focus on mission, ministry, and pastoral care.

The Parish Manager provides leadership across all parish business operations including finance, human resources, compliance, facilities, maintenance, ministry groups and office administration. The role supports good governance, decisive leadership and wise discernment. Ensuring the parish operates sustainably and in alignment with all diocesan policies and the mission of the Catholic Church.

I am so delighted with these two appointments.

Our Parish will benefit greatly.

Fr Geoff

THE HIDDEN MEANING BEHIND EVERY PART OF THE MASS

1. Introductory Rites

We gather as God's family, ask for mercy, and prepare our hearts for worship.

2. Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us through the readings, psalm, Gospel, and homily.

3. Offertory

We offer bread, wine, and our lives to the Father.

4. Consecration

Through the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

5. Holy Communion

We receive Jesus truly present and are united more deeply with Him and His Church.

6. Dismissal

We are sent forth to live the Gospel and carry Christ into the world.



The Mass is not merely a service —
it is a sacred encounter with Jesus Christ.

† Ignatius Catholicum †

Mornington Life Saving Club – Registrations Opening Soon

Mornington Life Saving Club is getting ready for another great season at Mills Beach!

Registrations will be opening soon for the upcoming season, with opportunities for all ages to become involved in the Club, including:

- Nippers
- Senior members
- Patrolling members
- Competition
- Training and development

Whether you are returning for another season or thinking about joining for the first time, Mornington Life Saving Club is a wonderful way to learn new skills, stay active, make friends and contribute to our local community.

Keep an eye out for registration details coming soon.

Mornington Life Saving Club – serving and supporting our community at Mills Beach.

Any enquiries to office.morningtonlsc@gmail.com



In Remembrance – First Anniversary of the Porepunkah Tragedy

On **26 August 2026**, we mark the first anniversary of the deaths of **Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson, aged 59, and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart, aged 35**, who were killed while carrying out their duties at Porepunkah, Victoria, on 26 August 2025.

Their deaths were a profound loss to Victoria Police, their families, friends, colleagues and the wider Victorian community.

As we remember Neal and Vadim, we give thanks for their service and sacrifice, and we hold in our prayers all those who continue to mourn their loss.

We also pray for all police officers and emergency service personnel who place themselves in harm's way in the service and protection of others.

May Neal and Vadim rest in peace and may their families and colleagues find strength and comfort in the knowledge that their service will not be forgotten.



Jokes of the Week



1) "Do you know who I am?" The archbishop wanted to pray for and share his love with the residents of a local nursing home. As he entered the lobby of the nursing home, he saw a ninety-year-old lady sitting in a wheelchair. He faced her and asked her whether she knew who he is. She said, "Sir, if you do not know who you are, go to the front desk and ask the receptionist. It is always better to know who you are before visiting old folks like me!"

2) "But how did the other ear get burned?":

On Sunday morning, a man showed up at Church with both his ears terribly blistered, so his pastor asked, "WHAT happened to YOU?" "I was lying on the couch watching the footy on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone (landline) rang, and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear." "How dreadful," gasped the pastor. "But how did the other ear get burned?" "Well, you see, I'd no sooner hung up and the guy called back!"



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Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Many smart tippers got all the winners last week. This is the last weekend of the home and away season when our winners will be decided and the \$ 1,200 prizes finalised. Can Teresa be displaced? Teresa continues one in front of Pauline with another one to Delina and one more to Lachlan , Irene , Howard's Hawks and Bardo22. All look likely to snare our prizes. Next challenge is to win part of the \$ 250 prizes for the Finals series.

There have been 168 drawn matches in VFL/AFL history since the competition began in 1897. This represents roughly 1% of all senior premiership games played. Two games were drawn last week . Do you know what year was the season with most draws at 5 and how many Grand Finals have ended in a tie?

Any queries please see James Barrett 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net au or
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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

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 



Mass Coordinators

6.00pm **Alis Fisher 0438077492**

9.00am **Clive Tucker 0421 772 563**

11.00am **Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599**

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 29/30 August 2026

6.00pm **Readers** Brian Scantlebury, Paul Girolami

Eucharistic Mins Faye Murphy, Marlene Tesmann

9.00am **Readers** Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am **Readers** Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Sue Fletcher

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

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· **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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I have always appreciated good customer service and good value for money. Therefore, whenever I find someone who supports our Parish in these ways, they become friends and I truly believe we should show our support to them too. [Fr Geoff]



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