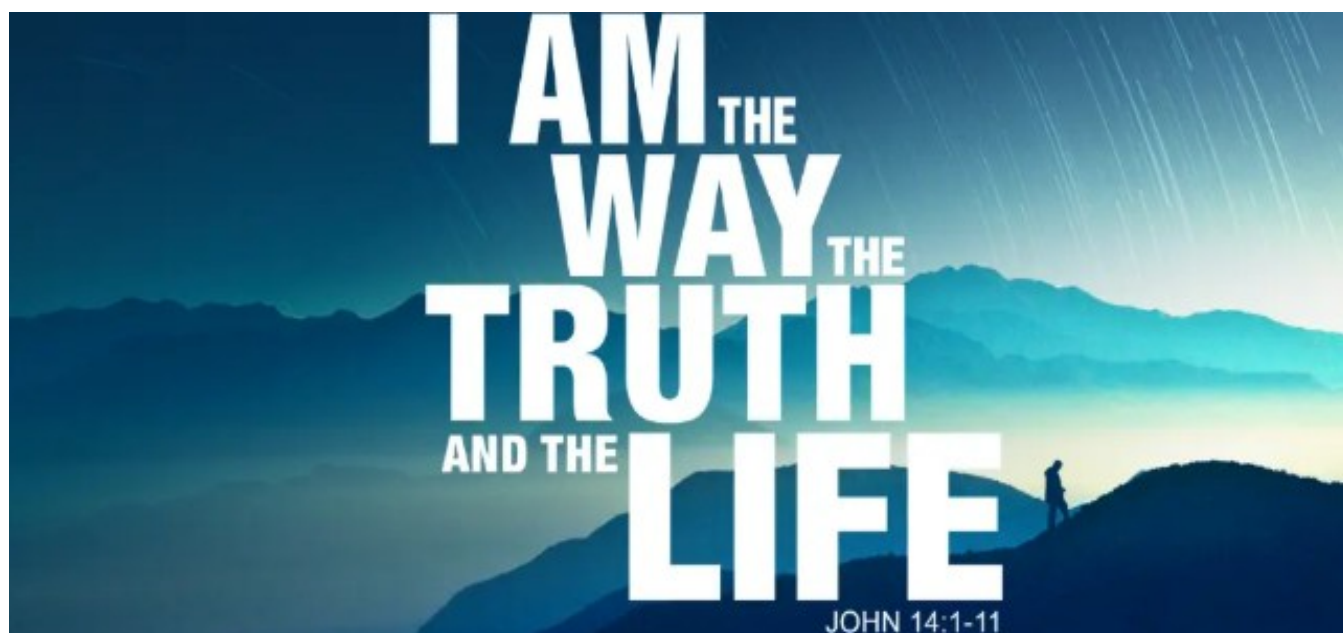




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Upcoming Events - here

- National Day of prayer - Here 23rd May (more details to come)
- Coming soon—Sue Renner presents a pilgrimage story of *"Mary and the Saints and The Graces of France."*
- Winter concerts coming up
Children's Liturgy
Sunday 11am mass
TODAY -
Collection for CatholicCare



Upcoming Holy Days:

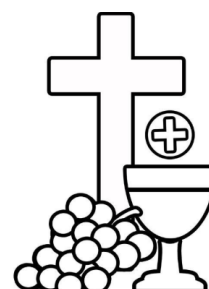
Youth groups

Quinns Place (Teenagers)
Is back every Friday during the school term @ 6:00 pm.

Also:

CONGRATULATIONS

Approx 42 children will celebrate
First Eucharist
This weekend
6pm Sat 2nd & 11am Sun
3rd May.



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,



Death Anniversaries:

Recent Deaths: Peter Smullin, Taryn Bodley, Aldo Nero

Funeral here: Aldo Nero 11.30am Tuesday 5th May

Video Sunday 3rd May 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5900265>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

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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
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Mass (Primary School aged)

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

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If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



St Macartan's Choirs

St Macartan's Church choirs warmly welcome new members of all ages and abilities. If you enjoy singing, fellowship, and helping to lead our parish in prayer through music, we would love to have you join us. No formal training required. Contact the Office 59752200

All are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Community Centre following the 9am Mass. It's a lovely opportunity to gather as a parish, share a cuppa, and spend a few relaxed moments together. Whether you're new to the parish or a familiar face, we'd love to see you there.



Living the gospel

The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

Gospel reflection

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event. Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early

Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return. The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

Historical Context – It is for the best...

At the time of this gospel's writing, some 70 years after the events it describes, amazing things have taken place in the early Christian community. Rather than everything falling apart with the death of Jesus, the message of Jesus has spread further than he himself could ever have accomplished. It is the departure of Jesus from their midst and the sending of the Spirit that really prompts the disciples to act on what they had experienced while Jesus lived among them. The gospel writer has Jesus saying that he has to go away so that the disciples can reach their potential.

Scriptural context – The gospel of John

The gospel of John is very different from the other three 'synoptic' gospels. The other three have a very narrative style and can be seen together as different recounts of the same events. Whilst the gospel of John also has some beautifully narrated stories, it is better known as a more theologically reflective piece of writing. It assumes that the readers of this gospel are already familiar with one or more of the others, so it doesn't need to tell the story again. Rather, it presents a sweeping image of God, through Jesus, reaching out, in, through, and with love to the people.

Pope: Anglicans and Catholics must continue working to overcome differences

Meeting for the first time with the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Leo XIV encourages Catholics and Anglicans to proclaim Christ to the world together, working to overcome any differences and challenges.

By Devin Watkins

Pope Leo XIV held an audience on Monday with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, and prayed with her in the Urban VIII Chapel in the Apostolic Palace.

In his greetings, the Pope shared his joy to receive the Archbishop during the Easter season, recalling the historic encounter between Pope St. Paul VI and Archbishop Michael Ramsey, which took place 60 years ago.

He also expressed appreciation for the ministry of the Anglican Centre in Rome, greeting its Director, Bishop Anthony Ball, who represents the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Holy See.

Pope Leo then shared his Eastertide greeting of Christ's peace, which he said offers an invitation to all Christians.

"I have often mentioned that the peace of the risen Lord is 'unarmed'," he said. "This is because He always responded to violence and aggression in an unarmed way, inviting us to do likewise."

Among Christians, he added, divisions weaken our ability to effectively bear Christ's peace to the world.

"If the world is to take our preaching to heart," he said, "we must, therefore, be constant in our prayers and efforts to remove any stumbling blocks that hinder the proclamation of the Gospel."

Pope Leo recalled the many decades of efforts of theological dialogue between Catholics and Anglicans that have been made along the path to restore "complete communion in faith and sacramental life."

Despite its complexity, he said, this ecumenical journey has borne fruit regarding various historically divisive issues, noting that the Anglican Communion is currently facing "many of these same questions at this time."

"Nevertheless, we must not allow these continuing challenges to prevent us from using every possible opportunity to proclaim Christ to the world together," he said.



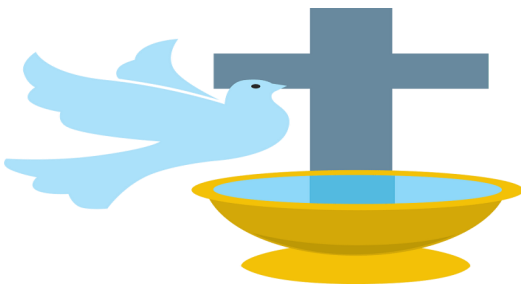
Recalling the words of Pope Francis to Primate of the Anglican Communion in May 2024, the Pope said it "would be a scandal if, due to our divisions, we did not fulfill our common vocation to make Christ known." "For my part," said Pope Leo, "I add that it would also be a scandal if we did not continue to work towards overcoming our differences, no matter how intractable they may appear."

Concluding his address, the Pope thanked Archbishop Mullally for her visit and prayed that Anglicans and Catholics continue to journey together in friendship and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 23rd of May, St Macartan's Parish will host the National Day of Prayer. For those wanting to start early morning to pray for our Nation, there will be Rosary, Mass and Exposition as usual, followed by an ECUMENICAL SERVICE, 11am to 12.30pm. It is really important that you stay or come to the Ecumenical Service in which we will come together in unity with churches of all denominations in our area and Australia wide. There will be praise, worship and prayers specifically for our Nation and its many needs. Fr. Geoff will also bring a reflection on this year's theme "Consecration "

Psalm 133 declares that when brethren come together in unity, there, the Lord commands a blessing. I'm sure we all want Australia blessed, especially in these times, and if We, don't come together to pray, who will?



BAPTISMS

St Macartan's joyfully welcomes Nora and Bobby who will be baptised into our parish community this weekend. May they grow in faith, love and the grace of God, supported by their families and our prayers.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate:

- Using the appeal envelope available in our parish · Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au
- Phone - (03) 9967 2515 All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)





THANK YOU

We remember with gratitude the courage and sacrifice of all those who served and gave so much for our country, as we marked Anzac Day last week. We also extend our sincere thanks to **Barry Murphy** for representing our parish at the local Anzac Day service and for respectfully presenting the wreath on our behalf.

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Mary Falconeiri , one of our new tippers this year, was our best tipper last week with 9/9. Mary is our first tipper this year to have tipped all the winners in a Round. Tiger Cubs is still our sole leader followed one behind by Irene, Teresa, Pauline and Delina with another one to our next 5.



Scott Pendlebury created a record last week with a 4th Anzac Day medal. 10 former winners of the Medal finished their career playing for another Club (7 Magpies and 3 Bombers). Do you remember any of them?

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



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good works

Thank you to our parishioners who are leaving food in the food bins at the foyers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

MARY & THE SAINTS PORTUGAL & SPAIN PLUS THE GRACES OF FRANCE

PRESENTATION

By Sue Renner

You are cordially invited to a PowerPoint presentation and talk by Sue Renner following her recent pilgrimage across Portugal (Santarem, Fatima and more), Spain (Avila, Caleruega, Loyola and more) and France (Lourdes, Rocamadour, Ars, Lisieux and more).

In three weeks across three countries we met Our Lady and some of our wonderful Saints. We offered Mass in their churches and visited their homes/convents. I would love to share with you some snapshots into their lives and where they lived, worked and died. It is wonderful to see how the Church and some of her much-loved Saints have brought beauty and truth into our world from the 12th to the 19th centuries.

I feel truly blessed to have participated in three unforgettable weeks across three countries. It would be a great privilege and pleasure for me to share some images and experiences.



Sue Renner

Wednesday 13 May, 6.30pm, Parish Hall (10 Drake St)

(Singularly appropriate date, as 13 May, 1917, was the first of Our Lady's appearances to Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta in Fatima.)



CONGRATULATIONS

Quinn's Place is 4yrs Old.

This Friday 6pm-10pm

Thanks entirely to Monique and her friends. This Youth social club has survived it's ups-and-downs, it's twists and turns but now gathers together some wonderful Youth,

QUINN'S PLACE is a fantastic youth hangout for all teenagers on the Mornington Peninsula. A place to go on Friday nights to meet your friends, make new ones, play games and music, dance, sing, eat good food provided and make as much noise as you want! We have table tennis, pool, fuse ball, X box, drums, guitars and other instruments, endless board and card games as well as art and craft equipment. We have so much planned as far as special guests and activities both inside and outside of the group.

Please come and check it out with or without your friends!

Fr Geoff



Jokes of the Week



1) "No thanks." Evangelist Billy Graham tells of a time during the early years of his preaching ministry when he was due to lead a crusade meeting in a town in South Carolina, and he needed to mail a letter. He asked a little boy in the main street how he could get to the post office. The boy gave him directions. Billy said, "If you come to the Central Baptist Church tonight, I'll tell you how to get to Heaven, God the Father's house." The boy replied, "No thanks. You don't even know how to get to the post office, and you are going to teach me how to go to Heaven?!"

2) To the Father's House with two bags of currency: A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the saying, "You can't take it with you." After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died. He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough paper currency to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed. His plan was that when he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to Heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, while cleaning the attic, came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with currency. "Oh, that poor old soul," she sighed in pity. "How sad. Of all people, he should have known that money only spends here!"



Yes, this weekend, students from St Macartan's Primary School will celebrate their First Eucharist.

Well done—Congratulations

And next Friday, other children will receive CONFIRMATION at the Cathedral.

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5th Sunday of Easter – 2/3 May 2026

6.00pm Readers Faye Murphy, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: Didier Le Miere

11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, John Rowe

Live Stream: Graham Michel

6th Sunday of Easter – 9/10 May 2026

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Faye Murphy, Christina Llopart

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Michael Kerr

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Shiela Goddard

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

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