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**IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU
WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.**

JOHN 14: 15

**HAPPY
Mother's
DAY**

Upcoming Events - here

- National Day of prayer - Here 23rd May (more details to come)
- This week: Sue Renner presents a pilgrimage story of "*Mary and the Saints and The Graces of France.*"

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

- Winter concerts coming up

**Collection for Catholic Care
raised \$1505.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Holy Days:

Thurs, 14th May –St Matthias, apostle

Youth groups

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

**With Mothers Day Sunday there is
NO Enliven this week**

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 11am mass

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: Terry Ford

Video Sunday 10th May 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5910968>

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 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
House & Hall

ENLIVEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays after 11am
Mass (Primary School aged)

EMPOWER: During 11am Mass (High
school aged)



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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me,
because I live and you will live. On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon

John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Living the gospel

Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Gospel reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in

and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

From the perspective of ... The disciples

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Gospel Focus – Paraclete

The Greek word, parakletos, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

Pope: 'If someone criticizes me for proclaiming the Gospel, let him do so truthfully'

As he departs from Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV reaffirms that the Church has consistently spoken out against nuclear weapons, adding that anyone who wishes to criticize him should do so based on truth. Vatican News

Before he returned to Rome from Castel Gandolfo on Tuesday evening, Pope Leo XIV spoke briefly to reporters and responded to the latest critical remarks made about him by US President Donald Trump.

"The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel, to preach peace," he said. "If someone wants to criticize me for proclaiming the Gospel, let him do so truthfully." Speaking outside Villa Barberini, his residence in Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo recalled that the Church has consistently spoken against nuclear weapons.



"For years, the Church has spoken out against all nuclear weapons, so there is no doubt on that point," the Pope said, responding to President Trump's claim that the Pope considers it acceptable for Iran to possess nuclear weapons, thereby placing all Catholics at risk. "I simply hope to be listened to because of the value of the word of God," Pope Leo XIV stressed, reiterating that he has spoken clearly "from the first moment I was elected, and now we are close to the anniversary. I said: 'Peace be with you'." Regarding his meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, scheduled for Thursday, May 7, the Pope expressed his hope that it would be "a good dialogue," approached "with trust and openness," so as "to understand one another well." "I think the issues he is coming for are not today's issues. We shall see," Pope Leo added, again referring to the comments made by the US President.



Cardinal Parolin: Pope Leo goes forward on his path and preaches peace

"The Pope goes forward on his path, in the sense of preaching the Gospel, of preaching peace – as Saint Paul would say – opportune et importune ['convenient or inconvenient']."

The Cardinal was responding to journalists' questions about "another attack" by U.S. President Donald Trump against Pope Leo XIV, just three days before the Vatican audience with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

"Even in the face of these new attacks, I do not know whether the Pope will have the occasion to respond," said the Cardinal. He suggested that the Pope's previous comments were made as he encountered the press on the papal flight during the Apostolic Journey to Africa, and reiterated that his message "remains the same."

"The Pope has already responded; I would not add anything," said the Secretary of State, again emphasizing that Pope Leo XIV's response was "a very, very Christian response, saying that he is doing what his role requires, which is to preach peace. Whether this is pleasing or not, that is another matter," he stressed.

"We understand that not everyone is on the same page. But that is the Pope's response."

Mum

We offer our prayers to you, O God, for our mum.

May worry be eased from her mind
and replaced with peace in her heart.

May the creative work of her hands be recognised
and her thoughtfulness be met with gratitude.

May times of pain and loss be made bearable
by the love and care of those around her.

And may she know that as much as
she loves her children, she too is loved.

Amen



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.



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?

ST MACARTAN'S GIFT SHOP

Welcome Parishioners and Visitors to St Macartans Church

Mother's Day is upon us, so just a reminder that the Gift Shop has some lovely gifts available for both Mothers and Grandmothers this Sunday.

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin – our Heavenly Mother.

We have some beautiful statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Immaculate, Mother and Child, Our Lady of Fatima and the Holy Family. What a lovely gift one of these statues would make. There are bracelets, beautiful Spiritual/Prayer books, plaques, rosary beads, medals on chains, something for everyone.

As you know, we had the children from St Macartans School making their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was fantastic, the number of people buying a religious gift to commemorate their child receiving the Blessed Eucharist for the first time.

We have Confirmation for the older St Macs children this Friday at St Patricks Cathedral, so if you are looking for a gift please visit us.

If you are looking for a particular book or gift that we don't have please don't hesitate to ask us for assistance.

Stay safe and God Bless

Trish and the Gift Shop Team



She's saintly! 12 saints who were also mothers

Following the death of her husband in 1625, and despite strained finances and bouts of melancholy, St Louise de Marillac was an active supporter of St Vincent de Paul's charitable works and became co-founder with him of the Daughters of Charity. By the time of her death, the Daughters of Charity were looking after the sick poor in Parisian parishes and sheltering hundreds of women. She is one of many Catholic mothers whom the Church has canonised for their faith, charity and holy virtues. To mark Mother's Day (10 May), here is a list of a dozen others who can intercede for our own mothers, whether they are with us in this life or have passed on to the next.

1. St Helena (c. 248-c. 328) 2. St Monica (331-387) 3. St Emmelia of Caesarea (died c. 375)
4. St Margaret of Scotland (c. 1045-1093) 5. St Hedwig of Silesia (c. 1174-1243)
6. St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) 7. St Bridget of Sweden (c. 1303-1373)
8. St Frances of Rome (1384-1440) 9. St Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641)
10. St Louise de Marillac (1591-1660) 11. St Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)
12. St Zelie Martin (1831-1877) Let's add - and your Mum too?

For full details on each - go to link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/shes-saintly-12-saints-who-were-also-mothers>



Mother's Day has been celebrated in Australia on the second Sunday of May since 1924. But, Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

Those who practiced this custom were said to have gone "a-mothering", and soon it became known as "Mothering Sunday." As the popularity of "Mothering Sunday" grew, it became a day when domestic servants were given leave to be with their families. The day became one of the few times a year where a grown family could gather, as working families often had conflicting schedules. Once the tradition became a day for family reunion, with a reference to mothers in the name, it naturally evolved to include all mothers within the celebration. For children, the long walk back home became a time for picking flowers for mum, and this would grow to the tradition of giving gifts of all sorts to mothers.

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.)



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

John Finn , loyal Tiger, was our best tipper last week with 9/9. Over half of our tippers correctly tipped 8/9 in a slightly easier Round to find winners. Irene, Teresa, Pauline, Delina and Tiger Cubs now share the lead with another one to our next 5.

Scott Pendlebury is about to become the AFL games played record holder. Amongst the AFL's top 16 for games played there are 4 Brownlow medallists, one ruck/full forward and 2 others who are still playing. Do you know who these various players are? What about the player who has played the most games as Captain? Any queries please see James Barrett 0418 491 781 jflob@bigpond.net.au or Spencer Meier 0448 602 288 sanddmeier@bigpond.com.au



Jokes of the Week



Mum's we Love you

1) It's Time to go to School: One early morning, a lady tried to wake her son up. "Wake up, son. It's time for school!"

Son: "Noooooooooooo! Not again. I don't want to go."

Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

Son: "One, the kids hate me. And two - the teachers hate me, too!"

Mom: "None of the reasons are strong enough for your not going to school. Come on now, get yourself ready."

Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

2) Light of the world:

A little boy forgot his lines in the school drama he was participating in. Luckily, his mother was in the front row to prompt him. Knowing that her son had forgot the lines, she gestured and formed the words silently with her lips. But that was of no good to her son, for the little boy, whose memory was blank. Sensing trouble, the mother leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed with joy. With great feeling and a loud clear voice he said, "My mother is the light of the world."

3) It's Mother's Day and the whole family has enjoyed a delicious dinner.

As all were done, the mother stands up and as she's about to grab the empty plates, the father asks: "Honey... what are you doing ?"

Mother : "... Bringing the dishes to the kitchen and putting them in the dishwasher, what else ?"

Father : "Come on darling, today is Mother's Day !

You'll do that tomorrow !"



Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

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

The Ascension of The Lord – 16/17 May 2026

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Frank Crea

Audio Visual: James Barret

Live stream: Didier Le Miere

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Karen Westbury

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Terry Roberts

Audio Visual: Marino Casamento

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



John 14:16

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