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Upcoming Events - here

- **National Day of prayer** - Here 23rd May (more details to come)
- Winter concerts coming up

The parish Project Compassion campaign raised \$3874, and St Macartan's School raised \$1512.

Your kindness and generosity will help bring hope, dignity and practical assistance, both in Australia and around the world.

Upcoming Holy Days:

Youth groups

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

ENLIVEN

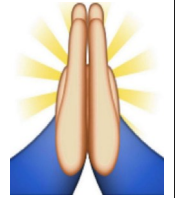
2nd & 4th Sundays after 11am Mass for Primary School aged youth.

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: Jack Crapper, Vincenzo Filippone, Jane Payne

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 17th May 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5915613>

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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St Macartan's Parish BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 547 373 281

Account name: St Macartan's Catholic Church



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Not the only Ascension

The description of Jesus being taken up into heaven is a close parallel to the description of the great prophet Elijah also being taken up to heaven. Chapter 2 of 2 Kings describes Elijah speaking to his disciple Elisha in similar words to those used by Jesus to his disciples. The Jewish tradition had no belief in an individual resurrection and so the idea of Ascension was to recognise the greatness of the prophet. He was to be united with God in Heaven rather than having to wait for the great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

Gospel reflection

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then. However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a

good indication that this description should not be taken literally. However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Historical Context – To the ends of the earth

In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. In Matthew, it is to 'all the nations' and in Acts it is 'to the ends of the earth'. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. Within only a very few years, early Christian communities had sprung up all around the Mediterranean. Once Christianity became the religion of Rome it spread to all the corners of the Roman Empire.

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Pope: Christians and Muslims must work together to 'revive humanity'

In a meeting with participants in an interfaith colloquium, Pope Leo calls on Christians and Muslims to “revive humanity where it has grown cold” and “transform indifference into solidarity”. By Joseph Tulloch

Pope Leo met on Monday morning with members of Jordan’s Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies and of the Holy See’s Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. The members of the Royal Institute, which was founded under the patronage of Jordan’s Prince Hasan bin Talal, were in Rome for a colloquium on “Human Compassion and Empathy in Modern Times”.

Compassion in Christianity and Islam

In his address, the Pope suggested that compassion and empathy are “essential attitudes” of both Christianity and Islam.

In the Muslim tradition, Pope Leo said, compassion (ra’fa) is a gift bestowed by God in the hearts of believers, while the inclusion of al-Ra’uf (‘The ever-compassionate) among the ninety-nine divine names reminds us that “compassion always has its origin in God himself.” In the Christian tradition, on the other hand, the Pope said, this divine compassion “becomes visible and tangible” in the person of Jesus. By taking on human flesh, God “goes beyond seeing and hearing” human suffering, and instead experiences it Himself, becoming “the living embodiment of compassion”



Love for the poor

Compassion and empathy, Pope Leo said, are therefore “not something additional or optional” for Christians and Muslims. Indeed, they have “social implications” for believers in both religions. From a Christian point of view, the Pope said, “love for the poor” – and indeed sharing in their suffering – are of essential importance. In this regard, he expressed his appreciation for the Kingdom of Jordan’s “generous efforts” to welcome refugees.

Technology and indifference

In the final portion of his speech, Pope Leo reflected on the impact of technology on compassion and empathy today.

While it is true that we are “more connected than ever before”, the Pope said, the “constant flow of images and videos of the hardships of others can dull our hearts rather than stir them”.

Citing an early homily of Pope Francis’, Leo warned that we “have become used to the suffering of others”, believing that “it does not affect me, it does not interest me, it is none of my business”.

In this context, Pope Leo concluded, Christians and Muslims are called to draw on the “richness” of their respective traditions in order to engage in a “common mission”: “to revive humanity where it has grown cold, to give voice to those who suffer and to transform indifference into solidarity”.

Pray for these men - They are Seminarians in Melbourne training for the Priesthood.



MENS NIGHT

"Men of St. Macartan looking for an enjoyable and relaxing evening, then come to the Community Centre on Thursday ,21st May 2026, at 4.30 pm.

and join in intelligent discussions on World Events, Politics, Football Teams and AFL decisions.

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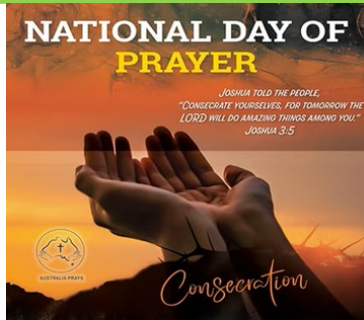
Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.

Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26





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?

Please bring a plate for refreshments that will follow, and take it to the hall, before coming into church, lets make our brothers and sisters in Christ feel welcome.

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

Moving Ahead:

YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS FORUM

A practical, supportive conversation on youth mental wellness

FREE EVENT

For Parents, carers & young people



Are you, your child, or someone you care about navigating mental health challenges?

Youth mental health is spoken about on the news every day. Families, individuals, schools, communities - everyone has concerns, everyone is impacted in one way or another. Join us at our community forum on Thursday 21 May 2026 and

share in a practical, supportive conversation on youth mental wellness. The forum is free and the target audience is parents, grandparents, teachers, community members, service providers and young people - anyone at all who wants to find out more about youth mental health.

Topics covered will include:

general mental health, anxiety, school refusal, impacts of technology. Mental health service providers will also be in attendance on the night and will be available to provide helpful tools and support service information. Attendees will go home with practical tools and tips, important information about youth mental health, and a greater knowledge of the service providers in our community who are there to help.

Speakers include:

Dr Jodi Richardson – anxiety expert

Danni Vaughan – Principal, Mt Eliza Secondary College, and

Suzi Hyland – Director of Wellbeing, Padua College We will also hear a young person's personal story of their mental health journey. Location: Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilson Rd Mornington.

Live music before the forum (6.00-6.30pm), alongside an opportunity to meet with mental health service providers pre the forum.

Conversation & refreshments following the discussion.

Date & Time: May 21, 2026. Doors open at 6pm. Forum commences at 6.30pm and runs through to 8pm - then supper is served!

Location: Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilson Rd Mornington.

Free event (though a donation is always appreciated)

'Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday 14 June 2026 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 5th June. Tickets: \$50.00 per person. Bookings: phone 9817 3715'

Readers

The Ministry of Readers is an important part of the liturgy, proclaiming the Word of God clearly and prayerfully during Mass. Through scripture, readers help bring the message of Christ alive for the parish community and contribute greatly to the reverence and dignity of our celebrations.

We sincerely thank our current readers for their commitment and preparation each week. New volunteers are always welcome, including those who may feel called to become more involved in parish life. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the parish office or speak with one of our clergy after Mass.

AV Operators

Our AV Ministry plays a vital role in helping parishioners participate fully in Mass and parish celebrations. From operating sound, livestreams, projection screens and presentations, to ensuring those at home can remain connected to our parish community, this ministry supports nearly every liturgy each weekend.

We are always grateful for the dedication of our volunteers and welcome anyone with a passing interest in audio or media to consider joining the team. Training and support are provided, and volunteers can assist at a level they are comfortable with. Please speak to the parish office if you would like more information.

Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Well done Father Jude who tipped 9/9 last week along with 8 others. Delina Frank has regained the lead one ahead of Howards Hawks and Bardo22 with Irene, Pauline and Tiger Cubs another one behind.

Scott Pendlebury is closing on the record for AFL games played but do you know the Blue who holds the record for most national games played at senior level---VFL, AFL, WAFL and SANFL? Meanwhile last weekend only the second female AFL umpire debuted. Do you know her name or the name of the first and what year she started? What about the experienced female goal umpire who has officiated at more than 300 games ?

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



1: The Ascension mission to preach the Gospel: After attending a convention led by an evangelist a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

2: Ascension walk-out: There was a long-winded pastor who preached salvation history from Genesis to Revelation in every sermon. On the feast of Ascension as he reached Isaiah, he remarked that the prophet said nothing about the ascension of Our Lord. He asked his audience, "What shall we do with him?" One old man in the front seat said, "He can have my seat, Father; I'm leaving!"



Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

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

Pentecost Sunday – 23/24 May 2026

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Brian Scantlebury
Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Rosina DiPetta
Audio Visual: Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis
Audio Visual: James Barrett
Live Stream: Didier LeMiere

11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Gabriella Failla
Eucharistic Mins Michael Harrison, Sue Fletcher
Audio Visual: Graham Michel

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The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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