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Upcoming Events - here

**Fr Geoff on leave
12th—24th January.**

**During which time there will be
no 9:15am MASSES
(see notice on church doors & our
website - in “upcoming events”)**

Children's Liturgy

Returns 25th January, 2026

Fundraiser :

**Community Centre toilets
We are hoping to raise \$30,000 to
pay for the renovation works.
Collection this week.**

Upcoming Holy Days:

- 17th Jan: St Anthony, abbot

Youth groups

**Quinns Place (Teenagers)
Returns 30th January, 2026**

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Cinzia Paola , Joan Watts, Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor, Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Helen Roberts, Phil Stokes, Audrey Tunks, Therese Simmons, Tony Beale, Rosie Trianda, Tony Hannan, David Harnett & Mary Ross



Death Anniversaries: Winifred Conlan

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 11th January, 2026, 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5630008>

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

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age Midday-1:30pm after 11 AM mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month in the Community House



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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

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon

John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God



Have you thought?

A sacramental moment

When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus' baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God's favour upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God's presence could be so easily recognised at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

Gospel reflection

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people. It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had

done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

Living the Gospel – The demands of righteousness

To carry out the will of God in our life – that's a pretty big ask. It was a hard task for Jesus to act in accordance with God's will in the face of all sorts of difficulties, disappointments and despair. For us to even try to emulate Jesus requires firstly openness to the fact that God has a desire for us to live our lives in a particular way, in right relationship with God and with others. It requires a certain humility to open ourselves to God's will and prayerful discernment of God's will in our life.

Gospel Focus – Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

Over 33 million pilgrims came to Rome for Jubilee Year and we welcomed approx. 2000 pilgrims here at St Macartan's.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization and the Holy See's official point man for the Jubilee, gives a round-up on the Holy Year during a press conference at the Vatican on Monday, January 5. By Daniele Piccini

Almost 33.5 million pilgrims came to Rome during the Holy Year from 185 countries, said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization and the Holy See's official point man for the Jubilee on Monday, January 5. He shared the statistics during a press conference at the Vatican giving a round-up on the last year, as Pope Leo XIV will officially conclude the Jubilee with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on January 6. "The whole world came to Rome" during the Holy Year, said Archbishop Fisichella, highlighting how the initial projections estimated by the Roma Tre University - of around 31 million pilgrims - were exceeded. Local civil authorities who collaborated closely with the Church – through what they unanimously referred to as the "Jubilee method" – in order to carry out all the events and implement the necessary infrastructure also attended the press conference. The entire world came to Rome, but Europe especially: 62% of the pilgrims came from the European continent, with Italy ranking first in terms of number of participants. North America was the second continent most represented accounting for 17% of the pilgrims. In fact, after Italy most came from the United States, Spain, Brazil and Poland.



A Jubilee of spirituality that looks to the future

Neither the number of pilgrims nor the 35 'major events' fully captures the true significance of a year focused primarily on touching people's lives and renewing them on a deeper level. "The spiritual dimension at the base of the Jubilee made it possible to see a people on the move, with a great desire for prayer and conversion," said Archbishop Fisichella. "The Papal Basilicas and other centers of prayer—such as the Holy Stairs—recorded unprecedented attendance levels," he continued. "Confessions increased, and the Jubilee celebration of complete forgiveness, the indulgence, has reached everyone." "The Jubilee comes to an end," the Pro-Prefect explained, "but the many signs of hope that were offered remain, and the horizon widens to support a future filled with peace and serenity, as everyone desires. In a word, this Holy Year achieved the goal expressed in the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee, *Spes non confundit*: to be for everyone an opportunity to rekindle hope."

The generosity of 7,000 Volunteers

There are, however, some numbers that truly matter, because "in a time of easy individualism", as Archbishop Fisichella noted, the tireless work of so many volunteers was very important. He explained that 5,000 served throughout the Jubilee Year, and another 2,000 members of the Order of Malta provided first-aid services at the four Papal Basilicas.

Dialogue and collaboration: The "Jubilee Method"

Alfredo Mantovano, Secretary of the Council of Ministers of Italy, explained what the "Jubilee method" consisted of: "A state administration that must coordinate, not direct, other administrations. Coordination meetings that solve problems rather than create them. Each of the parties involved avoids taking ownership of results that are the fruit of everyone's work. All this made it possible to change pace." This meant an administrative system that was placed at the service of spirituality.



IF YOU LOVE YOUR CULTURE
COME AND SHARE YOUR FOOD!

SUNDAY 8th February 11am Prep Welcome Mass.
Cultural event follows Mass.

Every year we have a welcome Mass for our new Preps at St Macartan's Primary School. This year we are adding a cultural flavor to it, by celebrating the many different ethnic groups in our wonderful Parish.

If you would like to cook your countries favorite foods, enough for 20-30 people. We can all take delight in sharing them. I would like 6 or 7 different cultures represented please.

To register, please contact the office 59752200 or email: mornington@cam.org.au

We will also (as per usual), have:

- Magician for the children
- Tea, coffee and soft drinks etc.

Thank you
Fr Geoff

PS - Keep receipts for your food preparation, and you will be reimbursed.

'The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will visit the Parish on the weekend of 24/25 January to promote their work on behalf of the missions and distribute their 2026 Claver Almanac - Calendar at all Masses. Any donation towards the missions would certainly be gratefully received.'



Community Centre Toilet Renovation Update

We are pleased to share that good progress is being made on the renovation of the Community Centre toilets. Our builder has assisted with work in the lead up to Christmas, allowing us to reconfigure the space to create a more functional, accessible, and hygienic bathroom area for all who use the Centre. The total cost of this important project has been quoted at \$30,000, and we are seeking the ongoing financial support of our parish community to help bring it to completion. A special collection will be taken up after each Mass this weekend, and we thank you sincerely for your generosity and continued support of our parish facilities.

Donation of Council Tip Vouchers

As works continue around our parish grounds, a significant amount of refuse is being generated. The cost of disposing of this material can quickly add up. If parishioners have unused council tip vouchers and are willing to donate them to the parish, this would greatly assist us in offsetting these expenses and ensuring parish funds are directed where they are most needed.

Your generosity, in even small practical ways, helps care for our shared parish home. Please drop them into the parish office at your leisure. Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Worker Opportunity at St Macartan's

St Macartan's Parish is seeking a casual Youth Worker to help nurture, support, and engage the young people of our parish in a safe, welcoming, and faith-centered environment. This role is focused on building meaningful relationships with youth, encouraging friendships, parish connection, and helping young people explore and live their faith in ways that are relevant to their lives. The Youth Worker will support junior and senior youth groups, create opportunities for social and spiritual growth, and provide a safe "hang-out" space where young people feel valued, included, and supported.

Working closely with parents, parish staff, and the Parish Priest, the Youth Worker will also help connect youth activities with parish life, including the Sunday 11am Youth Mass, and assist with events, communication, and safeguarding responsibilities. This is a deeply meaningful role within our community, ideal for someone with a passion for youth ministry, strong interpersonal skills, and a commitment to Catholic values. A Working With Children Check, Police Check, and driver's licence are required. Applications close 23 January 2026.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/youth-worker>

Group	Date End 2025	Date Return 2026
Men's Group	20/11/2025	19/02/2026
St Mac's Café	17/12/2025	28/01/2026
Children's Liturgy	21/12/2025	25/01/2026
Quinns Place	12/12/2025	30/01/2026
Encounter	14/12/2025	TBA
Minister unto God prayer	02/12/2025	03/02/2026
Little Macs Playgroup	10/12/2025	4/2/2026

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Tim will be in the office should you need anything.



Jokes of the Week



1) Baptism of a cat: Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

2) Baptized in luxury: When our church was renovated, adding a Baptismal pool, we were pleased. So was our daughter. While riding in the car with my daughter and her friend, we went past a pond. My daughter's friend proudly declared, "I was baptized in that pond." My daughter responded with no less pride: "Oh, I was baptized in a Jacuzzi at our church."



3) A keg of beer and a case of whiskey: Before performing a Baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."



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Volunteers needed for the AV (Audio Visual) team for all Masses:

Mass AV presenters enhance our liturgies

You will have training and will not be left alone until you are ready.

Can anyone wishing to volunteer please call the office 59752200 or email Tim in the office: mornington@cam.org.au

Mass Coordinators

6.00pm Alis Fisher 0438077492

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

The Baptism of The Lord – 10/11 January 2026

6.00pm Readers: Adrian Mitchell, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins: Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

Audio Visual: Chris Curtain

9.00am Readers: Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins: Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

Audio Visual: Tim Lambourne

Live Stream: Didier Le Miere

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins: John Rowe, Evelyn Atkins

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17/18 January 2026

6.00pm Readers: Marlene Tesmann, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins: Christina Llopart, Tricia Hird

Audio Visual: Carmel McGrath

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins: Rosemarie D'Silva, Frank Crea

Audio Visual: James Barrett

Live Stream: Didier Le Miere

11.00am Readers: Esme Higgins, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins: Michael Harrison, Sue Fletcher

Audio Visual: Graham Michel

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

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THANK YOU

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- **Principal:** Kelly McGurn

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