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UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Mon 11th: ST MARTIN OF TOURS
- Tues 12th: ST JOSAPHAT

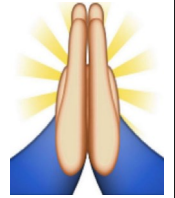
UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- **THIS WEEKEND: 9/10 November:**
PASTORAL CARE APPEAL—
PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

Reminder: Please return ALL raffle ticket stubs, we still have a few missing. If you purchased a raffle ticket book, please check to make sure you have returned it.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Margaret Raynor, Margaret Wall, James O'Meara & Paul Girolami



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries: Roy Cahill

Funeral service information

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4710679>

Or go to website to copy link: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/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]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 5pm-9pm Community House & Hall

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House

St Macartan's Primary School Newsletter:

Week 4 Term 4: 31 October

Padua Newsletter:

Edition 7: 1 November



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon.

Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

St Macartan's History Display

We are putting together some photos and History of our amazing Parish. The goal is to preserve our churches history by creating a history corner in the annex for everyone to share and reminisce. If you have any photos or memorabilia , please email to the Parish office at

mornington@cam.org.au

Historical Context

The Widow

In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.

Gospel Reflection

We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith – often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need. We often hear widows

and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care – the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more volunteers for this ministry group.

Join our **VISITATION TEAM**. These volunteers are like Christ's hands in action.

Visiting the elderly in nursing homes, befriending, praying with them and taking Christ to them in the Blessed Eucharist.

So, if you would like to help. Contact the office:
5975 2200 or speak with Fr An or Clive.

Thank you



Pope condemns "massacre" of women and children in Gaza

Pope Francis prays for peace in the world, condemning the violent attacks on innocent people in Gaza and expressing closeness to victims of a terror attack in Chad and of flooding in Spain.

By Francesca Merlo

As the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square on Friday, All Saints' Day, Pope Francis, once again offered and asked for prayers for peace in the world.

A prayer for the victims of war

As he often does, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to Ukraine, to Myanmar, and to South Sudan before asking for peace in the Middle East. "Brothers and sisters, war is always a defeat, always!" said the Pope. He described warfare as being "ignoble", explaining that "it is the triumph of lies and of falsehood, seeking maximum gain for oneself and maximum harm for the adversary, trampling on human lives, the environment, infrastructure—everything; and all masked by lies".

Pope Francis added that in warfare countless innocent lives are lost, and turned his thoughts in particular to "the 153 women and children massacred in recent days in Gaza".

Closeness to victims of a terror attack in Chad

Pope Francis then turned his thoughts to victims of a recent attack in Chad. Forty soldiers were killed on the 27th of October when members of the jihadist group Boko Haram attacked an army base near the Nigerian border. The Pope expressed his closeness to the victims and to their families.

Prayers for victims of Valencia's storm

The Pope also asked for prayers for the people of the Iberian Peninsula, and especially for Valencian community, devastated by the "DANA" storm. The Pope prayed "for the deceased and their loved ones, and for all the families affected", adding "may the Lord support those who suffer and those who bring relief. Our closeness to the people of Valencia".



Prison Ministry Sunday—Pastoral Care Appeal

On Sunday, 10 November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work of prison chaplains. CatholicCare Victoria's (CCV) Prison Ministry supports thousands of vulnerable, isolated and marginalised people in every prison and correctional centre in Victoria—15 in total.

Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS has been a prison chaplain for 30 years. Together with the chaplaincy team at CatholicCare Victoria (CCV), she visits the men and women in all 10 of the prisons located within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, particularly when they first arrive from the courts either into custody on remand or into prison to serve a jail term. She says '90 per cent of the time, they value the presence of a chaplain, and they remember that first contact. CCV's Catholic prison chaplains serve many roles: They visit residents in maximum, medium and minimum-security prisons, as well as people in solitary confinement, and they walk alongside them, helping them adjust to their new surroundings.

Chaplains listen to the men and women in prison who are worried about their situation, and to those who just want to talk to someone who will show compassion. Religious services, including Reconciliation and Mass, are regularly celebrated in prisons, and chaplains can help people in prison get access to Bibles, religious books and other religious items like rosaries.

Sr Mary points out that it's not just those in prison who need support: 'There are the needs of the people in prison and the needs of the people who support them. As chaplain, by our presence, we can support the person in prison, and through CatholicCare Victoria, support and help through counselling and emergency relief is available for the family.'

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Thank you - Fr Geoff



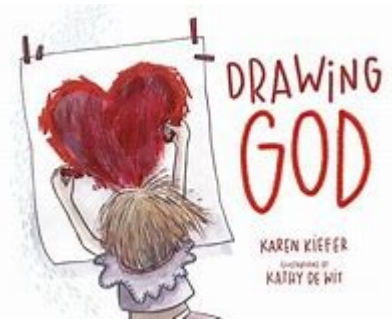


Jokes of the Week



#1: Unfair Collections: A six-year-old boy, home from his first day at Church, was asked what he thought of the Holy Mass. "It was OK," he replied, "but I think it was unfair that the pastor at the altar did all the work, and then a bunch of other people came around and took away all the money." Amen to that small lad's insight!

#2: Kids! Aren't they great? Recently I visited all our Prep classrooms. In the 2nd grade the teacher introduced me as Father Eschbach. I asked the kids why I was called Father. A number raised their hands and I pointed to one little guy who was really excitedly waving his hand. He promptly said, "Because you're old." I knew I was walking in troubled waters, but I doubled down and asked why I was wearing this white collar. A sweet little girl didn't even bother raising her hand, she simply announced, "Because it prevents fleas and ticks for up to six months." Really, I don't know when to quit when I'm behind. So, I asked another little girl what she was doing. She said, "I'm drawing God." I said, "Wow, that's really great, but no one has ever seen God. We don't know what God looks like." She continued drawing and without even looking up, she said, "You will in a minute."



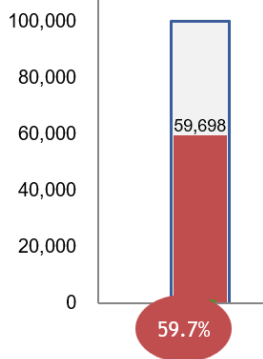
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**Healing Mass will be held on the
3rd Friday of each month @ 7pm.**

**Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 6.15pm.
Confessions @ 6.30pm.**

'Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.' Jeremiah 17:14

COME AND JOIN US

**at St Francis Xavier Parish,
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*'Healing Mass' on Friday,
15th November 2024 at 7pm.*

Includes:

**Exposition of the
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of Candles, Anointing with
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Intergenerational and
Spiritual Warfare.**

VACANCY - Parish Secretary

Applications are to be sent to recruitment@cam.org.au

There is an opportunity for an experienced Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at the Parish of St Macartan's in a permanent part-time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The role of the Parish Secretary will be to build solid relationships and work collaboratively to provide support to the Parish Team, Volunteers and Parish Schools. The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office at 4 Drake Street, Mornington VIC 3931. This requires the secretary to work 26 hours per week across 4 days Tuesday to Friday. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and volunteers. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Key Requirements / Responsibilities

Reliable, dependable, trustworthy, and honest.

Good written and verbal communication skills with ability to relate to a variety of people. Provide secretarial and office support services to the Parish Priest, Assistant Priest, and the Parish community. Manage the Shared Calendar of appointments and events for Parish Priest and Assistant Priest. Maintain all Parish Registries for Baptism, Marriage and deaths and respond to enquiries .

See our website for further details of the above position, or look on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love
all the people we have known and
who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members,
knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you
the millions who are dying because of war, famine,
disease and climate change.
We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world
where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Pat Girolami, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Sandra Barrett

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi,

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Terry Roberts, Barb Ensill

Feast of Christ the King – 23/24 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Michael Kerr, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Michael Harrison, Sue Fletcher

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Contact Office: 5975 2200
- **Baptism Preparation:** Fr Geoff: Wednesdays of each month 5:30pm - 6pm
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- **Marriage & Counselling:** Charmaine Holmes: 0413 394 085
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- **Memorial Wall:** Contact Parish Office: 5975 2200
- **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Jody Kerrins (Chairperson)
Email: jody54@westnet.com.au
- **Men's Night:** Contact Kerry McInerney 5976 2155
- **OH&S:** Contact Fr An Le email: An.Le@cam.org.au
- **Safeguarding Officer:** Tim Lambourne Mornington.ChildSafety@cam.org.au
- **Spiritual Director/Pastoral Counsellor/Psychotherapist:** Angelo
Campagna Ph: 0411 305 478, Website: www.angelocampagna.com.au
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“For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,
her whole livelihood.” Mark 12:38-44