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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]

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 6pm-10pm Community

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

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<https://vimeo.com/event/4234843>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Upcoming dates:

- Thurs 25th April: **ANZAC Day**
- Fri 26 April: **SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST**

NOTE:

Keep an eye on our Parish Website

[St Macartans Parish \(melbcatholic.org\)](http://StMacartansParish(melbcatholic.org))

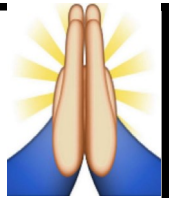
Especially on the

Upcoming & recent events page

Fr GEOFF AWAY 22nd—29th APRIL

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, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan, Sean O'Leary, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Richard Jolly, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik & Graham Thomas.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversary:

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future

has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Scriptural Context

The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.

Gospel Reflection

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.

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Historical Context – The GOOD Shepherd?

The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

Pope calls for every effort for dialogue and peace in Mideast

At the conclusion of Sunday's Regina Coeli, Pope Francis makes a heartfelt appeal to halt the spiral of violence in the Middle East and for all nations to favour negotiation and peace efforts, while assisting those suffering in Gaza.

By Vatican News

Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal on Sunday following the Regina Coeli, when he called for a stop to any actions that may fuel the "spiral of violence" in the Middle East that risk plunging the region into an even wider war. The Pope said he is following with "prayer and concern, even sorrow" the news arriving in recent hours about the worsening situation in Israel following the intervention by Iran. He emphasised that nobody should threaten the existence of others, and that instead all nations should "take the side of peace," helping Israelis and Palestinians to live in two States, side by side, in security. He added, "it is their deep and legitimate desire, and it is their right! Two neighbouring States."

Humanitarian emergency

The Pope renewed his appeal for a ceasefire in Gaza and that the path of negotiation be pursued "with determination." Recalling the suffering of the population in Gaza, "plunged into a humanitarian catastrophe," he called for every effort to alleviate their suffering. He prayed that "the hostages kidnapped months ago be released!"

"So much suffering! Let us pray for peace. No more war, no more attacks, no more violence! Yes to dialogue and yes to peace!"



Help for children in war

The Pope also renewed his prayers for children around the world who are suffering due to the many wars in our world, mentioning in particular Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar. He called on everyone to pray for them and for peace in our world. In speaking about the burden children bear due to war, the Pope also recalled that from 25-26 May, the Church will mark the first World Children's Day. Greeting the children present in Saint Peter's Square and those watching around the world, he thanked them for their efforts to promote this day and assured them of his prayerful accompaniment as they journey toward the event with their preparations underway. He said he is awaiting them and encouraged them to share their joy and desire for a better world, a world at peace.



Jokes of the Week



1: A man comes upon a shepherd guarding his flock and proposes a wager: "I will bet you \$100, against one of your sheep, that I can tell you the exact number in this flock," the man says. The shepherd accepts. "973," says the man. The shepherd, astonished at the accuracy, says "I'm a man of my word; take the sheep you have won." The man picks a sheep and begins to walk away. "Wait," cries the shepherd, "Let me have a chance to get even. Double or nothing that I can guess your exact occupation." "Sure," replies the man. "You work for the Tax Bureau," says the shepherd. "Amazing!" responds the man, "How did you deduce that?" "Well," says the shepherd, "if you will first put down my dog, I will tell you."



2: Q. How do you make God smile? Tell Him your pastoral plans!

3: It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year, because if he is a really good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it.

Life messages: Let us become good shepherds and good sheep.

Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the bishops are the successors of the apostles, the Pastors, Associates and Deacons, are their helpers, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of our parish, a) Let us hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counselling and advice. b) Let us take the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs and missions. c) Let us cooperate with our pastors by praying for them always, by thanking and praising them for all they are doing for all of us, by giving them positive occasional suggestions (rather than negative criticisms), for the welfare of the parish, and generally giving them friendly, supportive encouragement. Let us also cooperate in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

21 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

ROAD CLOSURES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday (28th April) the Mornington Running Festival will be held and as such, it is expected that there will be road closures near the parish, so we suggest trying to get to mass earlier to avoid any delays.



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Another tough Round for our tipplers. 3 tipplers tipped best at 6/8. Our leader board now has 2 at the top: Mel Fisher and Myke Schultz. They are one ahead of 2 others with another one back to 6 others.

It was an unpredictable week with Eagles scoring their highest first half since 2021 and Hawks still struggling , being winless after 5 Rounds for the first time since 1970. Question: do you know any other world sport which would allow the start of its game to be regularly interrupted as happens in AFL?

If you have any questions or queries please email or call one of our administrators:

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Project Compassion Boxes

Please Return your Project Compassion boxes and donation
to the Parish by Sunday 28th April.

You can return your donations to the Sacristy or to the Parish
Office before this date.

If you haven't donated already, Project Compassion
boxes are available in the Church foyer.



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 - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

4th Sunday of Easter – 20/21 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Fay Murphy,
Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Don Ziino,
Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Irene Hackett
Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Bridie Sexton

5th Sunday of Easter – 27/28 April 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Carmel McGrath
Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr
Eucharistic Mins Zofia Krause, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Terry Roberts
Eucharistic Mins Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

6th Sunday of Easter – 4th/5th May 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Fay Murphy
Eucharistic Mins Alis Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Mins Richard Jolly, Patricia Thomas

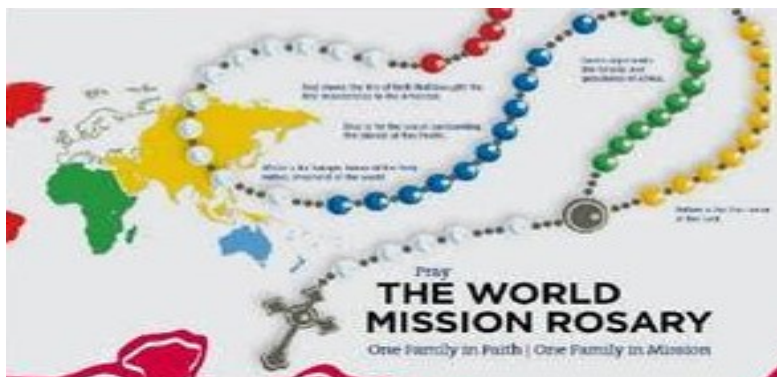
11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Michael Harrison
Eucharistic Mins Rosina di Petta, Sue Fletcher

The Ascension of The Lord – 11/12 May 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann
Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Kathleen Ronchi
Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Joseph Thoppil

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Patricia Duryea
Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Terry Roberts



Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

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May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
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Password:
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During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community.

If you have any question or need assistance in joining the online Rosary, please do not hesitate to email mhalim@catholicmission.org.au

We look forward to praying with you in May.

Marlene Halim

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