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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/4270529>

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>

NOTE:

Keep an eye on our Parish Website

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

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Upcoming & recent events page

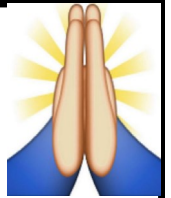
FIRST EUCHARIST

**At 9am & 11am Masses this weekend we
will be celebrating 1st Eucharist with 42
excited children and their families.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

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 & Jane Payne.



Death Anniversaries: Rose Parnis

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: '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.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

A Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.

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.



There is a wonderful line from the musical, Les Miserables, when the hero, Valjean, is told, "To love another person is to see the face of God." As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

Gospel Reflection

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving! This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to

share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

Scriptural context – The Last Supper Discourse

In the Gospel of John, the Last Supper is dealt with very differently than in the other Gospels. It includes an extended 'discourse' that is incredibly rich in imagery and theological implications. Perhaps because this gospel was written well after the others it was deemed unnecessary to retell the story but it was timely to do some reflecting on the meaning of the events?

Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Pope's May Prayer Intention: For the formation of men and women religious
Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of May: For the formation of men and women religious and for seminarians. In his video message, the Pope emphasises the ongoing development of their vocations through grace, prayer, community, and witness to the Gospel.

By Francesca Merlo

This May, Pope Francis has invited us to offer our prayers for "the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians".

In his video announcing his Prayer intention for the month of May, Pope Francis recalls that every vocation is a "diamond in the rough" that needs to be polished, worked, and shaped on every side.

The Holy Father notes that "a good priest, sister, or nun, must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace". These are people who are aware of their own limitations and who are willing to "lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel".

In his message entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the Pope reminds us that beginning in the seminary or novitiate, their preparation must develop integrally in direct contact with the lives of other people. This, he added, "is essential".

It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually.

Preparation continues into that of living in a community. "Life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times".

"Living together is not the same as living in community", adds the Pope.

Finally, Pope Francis asks that we pray that "men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel".

**For the
formation of
men and women
religious, and
seminarians**

May 2024



THE POPE VIDEO



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network





Jokes of the Week



1: After all these years of love: An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true."

The wife's hearing wasn't very good, so she said, "What?"
He repeated, "After fifty years, I've found you tried and true."
"After fifty years, I'm tired of you too," she replied.

2: Everlasting love: "Dearest Jimmy, no words could ever express the great unhappiness I've felt since breaking our engagement. Please say you'll take me back. No one could ever take your place in my heart, so please forgive me. I love you, I love you, love you! Yours forever, Marie... P.S. And congratulations on winning the \$20 million lottery."



3: If it doesn't rain: A young man wrote this to his girlfriend. "Sweetheart, if this world was as hot as the Sahara Desert, I would crawl on my knees through the burning sand to come to you. If the world would be like the Atlantic Ocean, I would swim through shark-infested waters to come to you. I would fight the fiercest dragon to be by your side! — I'll see you on Thursday, if it doesn't rain."

When?
Every Second and
fourth Sunday of
the Month
3-4.45pm and
5pm Youth mass

Where?
St Macartans
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House & Hall,
8-10 Drake St,
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Excelsis is one of Melbourne's most exciting and dynamic choirs, singing predominantly for Catholic liturgical events and giving regular concert performances. In recent years, highlights for the choir have included performing to capacity audiences at St Patrick's Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral, and Deakin Edge (Federation Square)

The choir sings an extremely varied repertoire of both secular and sacred music, incorporating classical European works, hymnody, contemporary music, traditional African pieces, spirituals, Gospel songs and Broadway favourites.

After popular demand, Excelsis returns to Mornington and will be performing on
Saturday 8th June at 2pm at St Macartan's Catholic Church

(6 Drake Street Mornington - Parking in church carpark behind church off Cook St)

Tickets on Sale now from the Parish Office & will also be available on the day at the door or email the office and pre-book tickets email: mornington@cam.org.au

Tickets \$10 each (on sale now!)

All proceeds go to Excelsis and the running of Church ministries.

Also - You are welcome to stay for a cuppa and cake afterwards in our Hall.



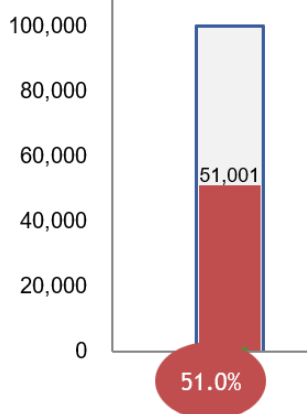
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN RECEIVING THE FIRST EUCHARIST THIS SUNDAY!!!

Well done to all the new First Eucharist children. They each showed a maturity and curiosity to engage in their catechism instructions.

All you parents and teachers who assisted them are to be congratulated.

Fr Geoff & Fr An





ROOF RESTORATION - FUND RAISING

Currently you have donated

\$51,001

Yippee! We are half-way there.

We still need to get to \$100,000

To pay back our longterm investment account.

There are more works to come!

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

After an easier Round for most, previous winner, Geoff Walsh is our new leader with Mel Fisher poised at one behind and Lachlan, Nathan, Peter, Maree and Spencer next best 2 further back. 6 tippers correctly tipped 9/9.

This week draws have been in the news. In the history of the competition Essendon have had 36 draws, the most of any team, while Collingwood is third highest with 28. Even the University Club had 2 in their brief stay in the VFL. Have you heard the song about draws by The Barrackville Singers from a very small town in outback NSW?

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

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If you have yet to return your Project Compassion box, please do so ASAP. The figures need to be counted, reported and sent to Caritas, so please return any overdue donations at your earliest convenience.



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

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

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, 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 Carmel McGrath, 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

Pentecost Sunday – 18/19 May 2024

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Mairi Duyvestyn, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Patricia Duryea, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Sue Fletcher

Special Collection: CatholicCare—Sunday Appeal 5th May

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held in the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialized support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the fullest.



Envelopes Available in church Foyer



URGENT!! APPEAL FOR HELP!

The Parish has a Family (Mother, Father & teenage son), who I personally vouch for, as a terrific Family, but who have fallen on difficult times and need affordable rental accommodation.

Could the individual that expressed the possibility of being able to help please contact Fr Geoff.

This is urgent, so if you can help, please contact me 59752200.

Thank you

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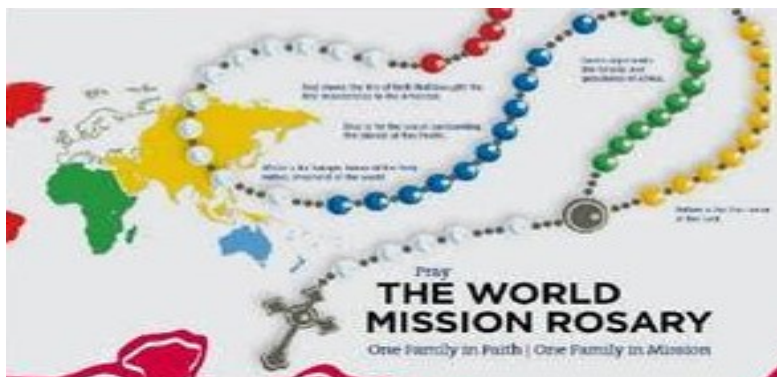
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Fr Geoff

Prayer Intentions: First Saturday of the Month

Prayers to the Blessed Mother

On Saturday at the 9:15am mass, we shall pray for the safety of the baby in the womb, for all mothers to be and in reparation for all abortions.



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

Pray
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World Mission
May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
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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

Parish Engagement Coordinator for the Archdiocese



PENINSULA YOUNG ADULTS

Benediction & Board Games

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY
OUR LADY OF FATIMA, ROSEBUD

6:30PM BENEDICTION
7:15PM: DINNER & BOARD GAMES

PARISH CONTACTS

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- **Deputy:** Andrea Kershaw
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- **Vice Principal:** Mission, Identity & Community: Matthew Williams

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