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Parish Secretaries: Cherrie Azzopardi & Bronwen Malligan



New Parish Secretary

Mrs Bronwen Malligan has started on Wednesday this week, as our new Parish secretary, she is working closely with Cherrie to learn everything there is to know about St Macartan's.

Feel free to introduce yourself throughout the week!

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Fri 17th: ST ANTHONY

Brief summer edition

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

Fr Geoff returns this week

Fr An's last day Tuesday 14th Jan

Graham Michel's Mrs Sippy Jazz Band—fun afternoon of Jazz & dancing.

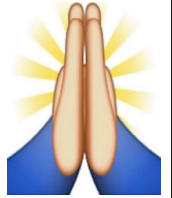
19th Jan 1:30-4:30 pm

Mornington Civic Bowls Club

\$15 pp

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



Death Anniversaries: Winifred Conlan

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4830584>

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

23RD DECEMBER—28TH JANUARY



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her

that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)

3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)

4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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.

WELCOME and FAREWELL!

Yes, we welcome Bronwen Malligan to our Parish, as our New Parish Secretary. I'm sure you will all make her feel at home in our Parish as she is already a resident of Mornington. I am sure she will love it here, but we will miss Cherrie - More to say on this later, before she leaves on the 24th.

But we also, sadly say farewell to Fr An Le, who has been with us 13 months. Fr An has a servants heart and taken to looking after the nursing homes superbly. Fr An is a gentle, humble holy Priest and will be sadly missed but benefit from new challenges ahead. Fr An has been appointed as Assistant Priest to St Andrew's Parish Werribee beginning on Wednesday 15th January.

We will be holding a farewell morning tea for Fr An on Tuesday 14th @ 10am in the Community centre - all are welcome.

Fr Geoff



Jubilee 2025

For locals wanting to participate in next year's Jubilee and unable to travel to Rome, we have good news. In anticipation of the official opening of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has revealed the 13 churches and shrines within the Archdiocese that will be designated Pilgrim Places for the purposes of the 2025 Jubilee, with the majestic St Patrick's

Cathedral serving as the principal Pilgrim Place.

While there won't be Holy Doors through which to walk—those are reserved for specific places in Rome and the Vatican—pilgrims will be eligible to receive Jubilee indulgences by visiting a designated Pilgrim Place within the Archdiocese.

This will be the primary way in which the 2025 Jubilee will be observed locally across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and Catholics across the Archdiocese, as well as further afield, are encouraged to visit and pray at one or more of the local Pilgrim Places during the Jubilee year.

The designated pilgrim places are:

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne

St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs

St Luke's, Lalor

St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon

St Dominic's, Camberwell East

St Francis Xavier, Mansfield

Sacred Heart, Croydon

Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough

Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough

St Patrick's, Mentone

St Macartan's, Mornington

Details of opening times and offerings at each Pilgrim Place will be announced early in the new year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

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

The Baptism of The Lord – 11/12 January 2025

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Girolami

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Mins Gabriella Fialla, Rosina Di Petta

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19 January 2025

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Mins Tricia Hird, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Michael Kerr

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Bridie Sexton

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26 January 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil

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