

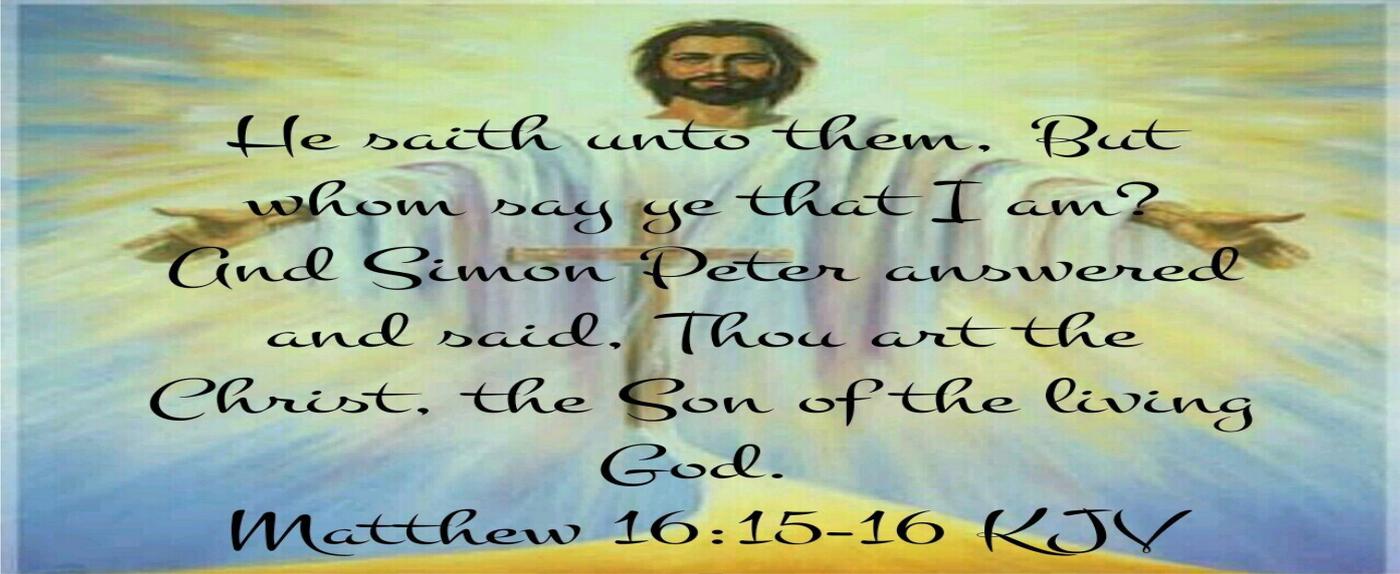
**TWENTYFIRST Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 27 August 2023**

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



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He saith unto them, But  
whom say ye that I am?  
And Simon Peter answered  
and said, Thou art the  
Christ, the Son of the living  
God.  
Matthew 16:15-16 KJV

### **Mass Times:**

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- 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  
House / Hall / Church.

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### **Upcoming Holy days:**

- Mon 28th: St Augustine, Bishop  
and Doctor
- Tue 29th: The Passion of St John  
the Baptist, Martyr

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



**Death Anniversaries:** Mary Catherine McComb and Charles Parnis.

### ***First Reading***

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

- (R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.
1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
  2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
  3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Cf Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.



## Have YOU thought?

### What's in a name?

*On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all of these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope he took on the name Benedict to indicate the new role and the new life he was beginning.*

### Gospel Reflection

Like last week's gospel, this week's story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a centre of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod's son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew's gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith. Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identify-

ing Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mould as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like – usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn't seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mould and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah. When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter's name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

### Living the Gospel ... Who do YOU say I am?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

## Pope: Stop using God's name to justify murder and terrorism

*"I renew my appeal to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism, and blind fanaticism and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism, and oppression" is the Pope's tweet on the occasion of the UN International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief observed on August 22. By Fr. Paweł Rytel-Andrianik*

Religious freedom has recently been violated in countries with more than half of the world's population, according to a report by the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need International (Kirche in Not), which for years has been studying the problem of religious freedom around the world and helping victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief. Florian Ripka, Director of Kirche in Not Deutschland, tells Vatican Radio about the primary reasons for the persecution. He points out that increased violations of all human rights, including religious freedom, have been caused worldwide by the maintenance and consolidation of power in the hands of autocrats and leaders of fundamentalist groups. "The second reason is related to the Islamist countries. "We are concerned about what is happening in sub-Saharan Africa, in countries like Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali, and Mozambique. In all these countries, we see that the governments are taking

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### Hybrid types of persecution

Aid to the Church in Need International also notes hybrid types of persecution, i.e., "the iron fist in a velvet glove" and the bloodthirsty kind. Some countries apply controversial laws restricting religious freedom or discriminating against specific religious communities, generally without protest. On the other hand, violent attacks on followers of the "wrong" religion have been "normalized" and mainly not prosecuted (e.g., in Latin America).

Typically, most religious groups experiencing persecution are from minority religious communities. However, most religious communities are increasingly experiencing persecution (Nigeria, Nicaragua).

In developed countries, social media have been used to marginalize and attack religious groups. Such incidents have undermined fundamental values, including freedom of conscience, thought, religion, expression, movement, and assembly. After the pandemic, most regions of the world saw a return in large numbers of the faithful to celebrate significant religious festivals, which are public expressions of religiosity.

Aid to the Church in Need International notes that interreligious dialogue initiatives have increased. Pope Francis and other Church leaders worldwide have expanded their relations with other religious communities, as exemplified by the encyclical Fratelli Tutti and many interreligious meetings.



### The Journey

- Starting in **Melbourne**, experience the early life of Mary and the MacKillop Family.
- Continue the story by coach to **Hamilton, Portland** and **Port McDonnell**.
- Spend two nights in **Penola** connecting with the Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods' stories.
- Coach into South Australia and visit Our Lady Star of the Sea - a church built by Fr Julian Tenison Woods at **Robe**.
- Continue on to **Adelaide** where Mary professed her vows as a Sister of Saint Joseph and immerse ourselves in the unfolding story of the Congregation.
- Fly to **Sydney** and spend three nights at Mary MacKillop Place where Mary lived and died. Visit her burial site in the Memorial Chapel.
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A full itinerary is attached to the application form.



### Booking & Enquiries

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## Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Well done to Father Jude who showed his skill as our top tipper last week with 8/9. Meanwhile, Lincoln continues her competition lead. She remains 5 ahead of Peter Keightley and



Michael Barden with another two back to Mr. Franks. This weekend is the last of the home and away season. Our leaders are very difficult to catch. Don’t forget that our Finals competition will begin when the Finals start.

DO YOU KNOW--- In 1952, 28,000 watched a game at Ekka, 29 years before a game was played for points in Brisbane. Who were the 2 teams and which Full Forward kicked 13 goals? Also do you know which teams played in Yallourn, Euroa and Albury that weekend as part of the VFL propaganda round?

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# Jokes of the Week



**1) Do you know who I am?** The archbishop wanted to pray for and share his love with the residents of a local nursing home. As he entered the lobby of the nursing home, he saw a ninety-year-old lady strolling in a wheelchair. He faced her and asked her whether she knew who he is. She said, "Sir, if you do not know who you are, go to the front desk and ask the receptionist. It is always better to know who you are before visiting old folks like me.!"

**2) "But how did the other ear get burned?":** On Sunday morning, a man showed up at Church with both his ears terribly blistered, so his pastor asked, "WHAT happened to YOU?" "I was lying on the couch watching a ball game on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang, and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear." "How dreadful," gasped the pastor. "But how did the other ear get burned?" "Well, you see, I'd no sooner hung up and the guy called back!" — He just didn't get it. *Lots of folks never get it, never understand how life really works, even at the simplest levels. That's why Jesus is pressing his followers — and us — so insistently in today's Gospel: "Do you understand Who I AM," he asks, "and what My being here means for you?"*



## ASSISTANCE - PLEASE

A lovely family in our Parish, who are at Mass each week, have a request from any Parishioners that might be able to help them.

One of their teenage Sons' is completing work experience for a week in September, he has completed building trade and irrigation trade. He would now like to try plumbing.

Do we in the Parish know a plumber who may help him?

This young man's parents can drop him off each morning and pick him up as needed.

If you can help or know of someone who can - Please contact the Parish Office:

5975 2200 or email: [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

Thank you

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11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Marino Casamento: 0410 596 637

### **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Sheila Goddard

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Kees Duyvestyn,

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi and Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Shiela Goddard, Bridie Sexton

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