

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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MASS TIMES

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- **Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.**
- **All other gatherings are suspended.**

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass). Or <https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au/>

Also - St Macartan's

<https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/st-macartans-catholic-mass/>

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Pray for the sick and their Carers: Graham Oliver, Laura Castle-
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sa, John Mahony, Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou.

Mass Intentions

First Reading Gen 1:1 – 2:2

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water. God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night'. Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven'. Evening came and morning came: the second day. God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cat-
tle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.'

God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Reader: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Verse

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe. (R.)

2. You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains. (R.)

3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song. (R.)

4. From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs. (R.)

5. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul! (R.)

All

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works, may those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvelous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

Second Reading 14:15-15:1

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Responsorial Psalm

Reader

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

All (R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!

The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.

This is my God and I extol him,

my father's God and I give him praise. (R.)

2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,

the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (R.)

3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,

your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (R.)

4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,

the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,

the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (R.)

Prayer

Celebrant

O God, who by the light of the New Testament have unlocked the meaning of wonders worked in former times, so that the Red Sea prefigures the sacred font and the nation delivered from slavery foreshadows the Christian people, grant, we pray, that all nations, obtaining the privilege of Israel by merit of faith, may be reborn by partaking of your Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Third Reading

Reader: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 36:16-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, "These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land." But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, "The Lord says this: I am not doing this for my sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them.

And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.”

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Reader: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Verse

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

(R.) Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

1. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)

2. These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy. (R.)

3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide.

Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)

4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.

My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

All: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

Gloria: Glory to God in the highest is played

Altar candles are lit, by taper, from the Paschal Candle.

Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen

Epistle Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Acclamation—Alleluia played.

All

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

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

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

Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

R: And with your spirit

Celebrant: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 28:1-10

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for

you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Continuing to Keep Our Parish Secure: Now and in The Future

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we encourage all parishioners to participate in thanksgiving contributions by using direct debit, thank you to the few who have taken up this option. Our Parish contributions over the last three weekends has dropped by 50%. This is leaving the Parish in a financially vulnerable position and I am seeking alternate ways of topping up this loss.

Contribution Envelopes - can still be placed in the 'Notices' box located at the front door of the Parish House.

Direct Debit - Is the preferred payment method (Call Office for details)

Direct Deposit - **BSB: 083-347 Account No.: 547373281**

Could I please encourage everyone to use either of these facilities above to ensure that our planned giving contribution is maintained through these testing times. For those who are still contributing, I am deeply grateful. It means the work of the parish can continue in these difficult days.

Thank you for your commitment to the parish. It is deeply appreciated.

Blessings

Fr Geoff

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

For Health Carers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For ill or isolated

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Us

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs

For as long as it takes wherever you call us.

Amen.

DIVINE MERCY

There are very many Divine Mercy websites these two are most helpful:

www.diaryofstfaustina.wordpress.com

www.thedivinemercy.org The Novena using this site, starts on Good Friday for nine days through to Easter Saturday (the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday), select 'The Basics' to open the topic menu then select 'Divine Mercy Novena'. Intentions given by Our Lord to St. Faustina are listed by day and people should add in their own intentions as well.

- Read about one aspect of the Divine Mercy devotion: Origin of Feast/ Request of Jesus to St. Faustina to make a Novena of Chaplets before DM Sunday/ The Image with signature 'Jesus I trust in You'/ The formula from Jesus for the DM Chaplet/ The diary of St. Faustina/ The Hour of Mercy and 3.00pm prayer/ Spreading message of Divine Mercy/ Verified miracles through intercession of St. Faustina/ Deeds of Mercy – spiritual and corporal works of mercy
 - Pray the Novena intentions for the day, adding own intentions as well.
 - Pray appropriate selected prayers mostly accessible from websites given and if not, available off internet. Suggested prayers are 'Prayer to Our Lady Mother of Divine Mercy', 'Prayer to the Most Merciful Jesus', 'Petitions to the Merciful Heart of Jesus', 'St. Faustina's Prayer for Healing', 'St. Faustina's Prayer for Holy Church and for Priests', 'Praises of Divine Mercy'.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Please call me in the Parish Office anytime you need to. I am praying for you all, and my private daily Mass is offered to each and everyone of you.

Blessings - I miss your beautiful faces (well most of your faces).

Fr Geoff



ARE YOU OK?

**Don't forget to stay connected.
Here is our LINK to our Mass Services**

<https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/st-macartans-catholic-mass/>

On this page there is a link at the top of the page called Client Videos - When you click on this, in the list displayed you will find, "St Macartan's Catholic Mass", where you will find all previous Masses to watch at anytime, just in case you've missed one.

Hello, to all parishioners and visitors reading our newsletter. We at St Macartan's Mornington are trying to keep connected, even though we are required to be remote from each other physically, we can still be connected spiritually and through multi media - electronically. As such, you can see some of our Masses on the link above, and we will soon be launching our own YouTube Channel, with more videos and connectivity.

Even though our Parish Office is closed, Theresa (Parish Secretary) is working from home, I am still working from the Presbytery, so please call, speak with me or leave a message, or email, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience during this time but we are all adjusting to new circumstances. If there are any parishioners who you know to be alone, and may need assistance, please contact me and I will arrange support - Thank you.

On a brighter note: St Macartan's parishioners are showing their ingenuity with some creating prayer groups and rosary groups using formats such as "zoom". Well done! Keep us in the loop with any new and innovative ways you have found to keep in touch. Or pass on information so as I can add it to our website or YouTube channel.

Here's one: I found a company online called "Moonpig UK" and "Moonpig Aus", where you can personalise greeting cards (Easter, Birthday, Thank you, Get well, etc) and they will print and deliver them :-) You can even add photos to them. What a way to connect and brighten someone's day :-)

Also if we don't have your email address, please let us know it, so as we can keep you connected with our newsletter.

Stay safe, stay together in community spirit and stay prayerful.

A prayer for healing:

*Lord of Heaven,
I rest underneath your mighty wings of love.
I dwell within your gentle heart.
I know there is healing in your touch.
Through the sufferings of Christ
I can ask for restoration.
And trust in your goodness.
You are my Lord, my Saviour,
My healer and my friend.
I dwell within your gentle embrace.
Amen*

Blessings: Fr. Geoff

Other Masses online - **<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>** or **<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>** or **www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass**

A Penitential Liturgy @ Home

LORD LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US, AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU

As we approach the last days of Lent during Holy Week, the sacrament of penance is usually embraced as a fitting conclusion to the penitential season of Lent. It offers the opportunity to enter into the paschal mystery with a heart and mind renewed. In this unprecedented time of the coronavirus - with the usual parish gatherings for the Second Rite of Penance (communal prayer and individual absolution) being cancelled, and with no published times of the First Rite (individual reconciliation) - the celebration of reconciliation has not been possible for most. We offer this opportunity to come together in prayer, in and through the Holy Spirit, to experience Jesus' ministry of healing and salvation. This liturgy is not an alternative to the sacrament but does include the key components of the celebration of reconciliation. Inviting us to sit honestly with our God, it weaves together Scripture from the weeks of Lent, reflection on our lives, and prayer, allowing God's loving mercy and compassion to surround us.

You will need:

- a quiet, comfortable space
- a prayer table with a crucifix or cross, candle and/or other appropriate symbols
- a smartphone, laptop or tablet to play music.

PREPARE: Allow for a few moments of silence, taking three deep breaths to calm and quieten yourself. Once you are ready, begin with the sign of the cross.

LISTEN: Listen to the song i.e. 'Return to God' or 'Hold us in your mercy'.

PRAY: Good and loving God, source of every grace and blessing, We place ourselves before you, for you care for us deeply.

READ AND RESPOND:

'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' - Matthew 4:10

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have neglected to praise and thank our God
- I have not put our faith into action and service.

With the psalmist, we pray: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

'This is my Son, the beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' - Matthew 17:5

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have not made time to listen to our God
- I have chosen not to follow the words and actions of Jesus.

With the psalmist we pray: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

'...the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside, welling up to eternal life.' - John 14

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have thirsted after things that could not satisfy
- I have ignored the offer of living water, instead holding onto past hurts, disappointment or shame and leaving no room for the spring of your love.

With the psalmist we pray: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

'Do you believe in the Son of Man? ... You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' - John 9:35, 37

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have denied knowing you
- I have grown indifferent to your presence.

With the psalmist we pray: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

A Penitential Liturgy @ Home - Continued

'Lord, come and see.' - John 11:34

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have not invited you into my life
- I have chosen to ignore your gift of love and friendship.

With the psalmist we pray: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' - Matthew 27:46

I take a moment to bring to mind when:

- I have failed to trust in your presence
- I have lost hope in your love.

With the psalmist we pray: You who fear the Lord give him praise; you children of Jacob, give him glory.

Sit in silent prayer for as long as needed. Allow the movement of your heart to respond to Gods invitation.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, the Father sent you to remind us of who we are,
God's daughters and sons.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you breathe the gift of the Spirit on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Good and loving God, you have assured us of your faithfulness and love.

We thank you for looking on us with eyes of compassion.

Fill our hearts with new love for you and each other.

Give us the courage to grow more like your Son in word and action.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pray the Our Father ...

ACT OF PENANCE

Turning our heart towards God - as a sign of our conversion and our love for others - we seek to express our regret in a concrete way. Perhaps this might take the form of generous giving through Project Compassion, correspondence with someone alone or sick, or some other work of love and generosity.

Once the crisis and restrictions cease, you are encouraged to seek out the sacrament of reconciliation. This liturgy is not an alternative to the sacrament but simply an opportunity for prayerful personal reflection and a response to God.

BLESSING

Make the sign of the cross as you pray: May the Lord bless and keep me, may God's face shine on me, and may God's peace be in my heart. Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Due to the suspension of Masses, could we please ask you to hold onto your boxes until Masses resume.

However if you wish to donate now, you can do so by -

Credit Card—go online at "lent.caritas.org.au"

Send a Cheque to Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001

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