

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



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**MASS TIMES**

**CHANGE TO PARISH MASS ON LINE**

For several weeks we have been using a Videographer, Belinda Jane Videos Inc and they have been exceptional, but they were only ever to be an interim measure until we, as a Parish, could find an alternate, more permanent and more cost effective way.

**Today's** Mass On Line will now be found on the Parish's new YouTube page

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au/>

**Mass Intentions:** Masses were recently offered for:

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- Frances Nimmes

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**Marriage Preparation:** See Fr Geoff

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting** — Suspended

**Anniversaries:** Barb Walker

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Graham Oliver, Laura Castelow, Julie Nash, Margaret O'Connor, Jay Keogh, Sophie Davidsen, Cinzia Caboche, Robert Warne, Dean Pratt, Trent Wilkinson, Esma Murphy, Kate Maree Ayoub (Tunks) Frances McLean, Richard Meech, Colleen, Noah Guest, Carly Guy, , Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Barrett, Ally Roe, Colleen & Jim Husin, Maryanne Husin, Eileen Young, , Peter Hingston, Dave Mortby, Lynne Anderson, Naomi Andrews, Peter Atkinson, Kevin Paganoni, Jeannie Fox, Phyllis Molloy, Renee Barker, Courtney Stevens, Joseph Aquilina, Helen & Denis Chambers, Mark Allan, Lucas Pingiaro, Fernando Pineda, Jim Kershaw (NZ), Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, John Mahony, Terry Smyth and Michael Nicolaou.

Mass Intentions

## **First Reading** Acts 6:1-7

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 2:4-9**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 14:1-12**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn, 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

# **Living the Gospel**

## **The Way, the Truth and the Life**

*When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.*

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in

the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer

- Now that you have come to the Father through Jesus Christ, what sense do you have of the Father living in you?
- What are the things that cause your heart to be troubled? • What are the things that cause you to be satisfied?
- 'I am going to prepare a place for you.' Share reflections on those places that are special to you for some reason. Is there a particular place where you find it easiest to experience the presence of God in your life?
- Allow your own home and its various rooms to remind you of your Father's house this week. Be hospitable and open the doors of your home to someone in need of company.
- Use today's psalm response as your prayer this week: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### **Care Packages for those in Need**

As part of the Mornington Peninsula 'Caring for our Community' initiative, the Shire is offering care packages for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and isolated community members to address the impacts of Coronavirus on the Peninsula.

#### **You are eligible to receive a care package if you:**

- are experiencing short term issues due to COVID-19 are unwell
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally
- are experiencing significant hardship

#### **How do I or someone I know, register to receive care packages?**

To register to receive a care package from Mornington Peninsula Shire phone 1300 850 600.

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone 131 450

TTY/voice calls: 133 677 Speak and listen: 1300 555 727 SMS relay: 0423 677 767

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the National Relay Service: [communications.gov.au](https://communications.gov.au)

For those in mandatory self-isolation, the state government have Emergency Relief packages you can access by calling the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

### **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





### **Prayer for Vocations**

Jesus, we thank you for the great gift of your priesthood in the Church. We pray for all priests and those in formation for the priesthood. Form their hearts to be more like your own, the Heart of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Draw them to your Heart, and bless them with courage and zeal as they serve you and your people. Give them great joy as they proclaim the Good News of your Resurrection, wisdom and trust as they discern your will. We ask this with great confidence in you. Amen.

St. John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for us.

### **Prayer for Seminarians**

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Hi All,

Above are the current batch of seminarians in Corpus Christi Seminary, Carlton.

I know many of them, they are terrific, enthusiastic and have servants hearts.

I too spent 18 months in the Melbourne seminary before finishing my formation in Rome.

The above prayer for vocations, means a lot to me. My Parish and I, use to pray it on the 1st Saturday of the month, never did I dream that I would be one of those vocations. Or, did it work subconsciously?

Pray it, teach it to the young - allow the Holy Spirit to go to work  
Blessings

Fr Geoff



Dear Neighbouring Parishes,

Once a year, on the Mother's Day weekend, Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF) asks all the Peninsula parishes to help support their not-for-profit local organization by having a collection in their name to raise much needed funds to support the needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families.

This year presents us with a challenge!

PAF is unable to run the Mothers' Day envelope drive this year so instead we are suggesting that if you would like and are still able to donate to our annual to this appeal, you can do by paying cash to the parish office, or the centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details which you can email to [pafcares@gmail.com](mailto:pafcares@gmail.com)

We thought that this year we could extend the appeal run the length of May, the month of Our Lady, Our Saviour's Mother. She is the mother of all mothers and knows full well the struggles and needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families.

We wish a Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers reading this and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.

Warm regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers

Thanking you in advance.

Regards,

*Vicki Abbatangelo*

Parish Office Manager

St Thomas More Parish

## **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](http://lent.caritas.org.au)"

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

**Online transfer**—Caritas Aus BSB:062-217 A/C No 1007 2446 REF Donor IDPC

You can find out more at <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion> or ring - **1800 024 413**

## Bishops propose reopening churches in four stages

By Tess Livingstone, The Australian

The proposal to Premier Gladys Berejiklian is signed by Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and 17 others, including Canberra-Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the bishops of regional NSW.

“Re-opening churches, at first only for private prayer and confessions and with strict protocols in place, would be a significant benefit to many in the community, offering solace to the faithful and hope to the anxious,” the proposal says. “Social distancing and other restrictions have taken a significant psychological and spiritual toll on people.”

During this first stage, physical distancing and the use of hand sanitiser will be overseen by monitors.

The second stage envisages Masses and services to be held in outdoor spaces such as carparks, with the number of attendees limited. The bishops suggest “no collection plates or hymn books to be passed around; no shaking of hands or holding hands ... and Holy Communion to be given and received safely”.

Stage three, with similar provisos, would see Masses and services moved indoors with stage four a “return to the (new) normal with learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic”.

At the start of his streamed mass on Sunday, Archbishop Fisher said he assumed those watching were keeping safe by downloading the COVIDSafe app.

In a social media post, Maronite Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay said he had downloaded the app and urged his flock to do so.

The bishops also appealed to Ms Berejiklian to allow baptisms and weddings to take place in line with restrictions in place around funerals, with ministers and up to 10 people. They have also asked for the numbers of mourners at funerals and graveside services to be increased.

### FULL STORY

Coronavirus: Catholic bishops push Premier to open NSW churches (The Australian)



## **World Family Day on 15 May invites us to reflect inclusively and with broad sympathy on the family.**

The coronavirus has put enormous pressures on all of us as persons, and on the groups and institutions to which we belong. It has been an affliction.

The response to the measures taken to address it has been mixed. Sometimes it has been narrow and divisive, but more generally it has been extraordinarily good-willed, generous and patient.

It has opened out to a far broader and balanced conversation about other areas of life that have been affected by the virus. One of these is the family. World Family Day on 15 May invites us to reflect inclusively and with broad sympathy on the family.

Reflection on the family is often conducted along narrow lines in which we are tempted to focus on one set of relationships and so neglect other relationships that are equally important for healthy family life. The family, for example, may be seen as a stable relationship, recognised as a marriage by state and church, between mother and father and the children they have borne together. Many people will rightly celebrate this as the Catholic ideal of a good marriage.

### **IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

Others will appeal to dysfunctional families in dismissing this as a primitive and coercive form of association that inhibits individual growth. They might emphasise the freedom of the individuals involved as central to the family. Discussions about the family will then turn to which forms of relationship justify the name of family, and which are better. These are important questions, but they are not the questions asked first by people living with the daily challenges and opportunities of family life.

The consequences of coronavirus have made us attentive to the complexity and breadth of the relationships involved in families which struggle under its burdens.

The economic and social changes brought by the virus have shown, for example, the consequences for the family of relationships involved in losing casual work, in working from home, in the expectation that all adult members of a family will work, in schooling, in recreation, staying in touch with extended family and friends, and educational institutions, of relationships with sport, television and social media, and in a house design that offers both common and personal space.

### **REAL CHANGE POSSIBLE**

After coronavirus the way in which these relationships have been shaped can no longer be taken for granted. We shall have experience of the disadvantages and advantages of other shapes we may not have considered. The merits of working from home and of home schooling will be considered as real possibilities of which we have experience and not simply as abstract ideas.

We shall see more clearly, too, how tightly the internal relationships within our families are connected to broader relationships with society. We shall have noticed how pressures of living together in a narrow space can be reflected in family violence and in mental illness. We shall find it difficult to reflect on the inner life of families without setting them against the social conditions in which they live.

We shall know that if we wish to address antisocial behaviour we shall have to take account of the social problems that give birth to it.

World family day is a time to celebrate the generosity and goodness displayed in families, and the resilience that finds life in the most unfavourable circumstances. It is also a day to ask how as a society we can best to accompany families as they prepare children for a full and generous life.



# *Happy Mother's Day*

To all you Mother's, Grandmother's, expectant Mother's, guardians and carers who act like Mother's and those Mother's who have passed.

We remember and honour you today.

## RAINBOW OF KINDNESS

(To all Mums)

The dancing spirit within your soul,  
overflows your Love without control.  
The heart you wear upon your sleeve,  
Is there for all, who are in need.

You're a carer, a sharer, a generous giver,  
to Love and to be Loved is the message you deliver.  
A Mother to me, a servant to all,  
you are there without complaint, wherever the call.

Your own heartaches are hidden, with a hope filled smile,  
as some fall by the wayside, you pray it's only for a while.  
The Lord soothes your wounds with Love and of Hope,  
you continue in Faith to help those who struggle to cope.

You are a rainbow of kindness in peoples sad hearted days,  
you have helped Oh so many, in many special ways.  
Jesus, I know; is smiling on you,  
on behalf of myself and all you have helped – We thank you for our smiles too.

I Love you Mum

# The Scriptural Rosary **For MOTHERS**

## The JOYFUL Mysteries

All: **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

### ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Joyful Mystery THE ANNUNCIATION

Our Father

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a virgin;

All: **And the virgin's name was Mary.** Hail Mary

Rejoice, so highly favoured!

All: **The Lord is with you.** Hail Mary

She was deeply disturbed by these words

All: **And asked herself what this greeting could mean.** Hail Mary

But the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid;

All: **You have won God's favour.'** Hail Mary

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son,

All: **And you must name him Jesus.** Hail Mary

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High;

All: **And his reign will have no end.** Hail Mary

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about,

All: **Since I am a virgin?'** Hail Mary

The Holy Spirit will come upon you

All: **And the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.** Hail Mary

And so the child will be holy

All: **And will be called Son of God.** Hail Mary

'I am the handmaid of the Lord', said Mary

All: **'Let what you have said be done to me.'** Hail Mary

Glory Be

All: O my Jesus ...

## Mary, mother of God through the message of an angel:

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery THE VISITATION

Our Father

Mary set out at that time and went to the hill country.

All: **And she went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.** Hail Mary

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

All: **And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.** Hail Mary

She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,

All: **And blest is the fruit of your womb.'** Hail Mary

Yes blessed is she who believed

All: **That the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.** Hail Mary

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

All: **Because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.** Hail Mary

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed

All: **For the Almighty has done great things for me.** Hail Mary

Holy is his name,

All: **And his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.** Hail Mary

He has shown the power of his arm,

All: **He has routed the proud of heart.** Hail Mary

He has pulled down princes from their thrones

All: **And exalted the lowly.** Hail Mary

The hungry he has filled with good things,

All: **The rich sent empty away.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus .....

## Mary, mother of God who in visiting Elizabeth began the spreading of the good News:

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honour of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyful Mystery THE NATIVITY

Our Father

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem

All: **The time came for her to have her child.** Hail Mary

And she gave birth to a son, her first-born,

All: **And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes.** Hail Mary

And she laid him in a manger

All: **Because there was no room for them at the inn.** Hail Mary

In the countryside close by there were shepherds

All: **And the angel of the Lord appeared to them.** Hail Mary

Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy,

All: **A joy to be shared by the whole people.** Hail Mary

Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you;

All: **He is Christ the Lord.** Hail Mary

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

All: **And peace to men who enjoy his favour.** Hail Mary

And some wise men came from the east,

All: **And going in they saw the child with his mother Mary.** Hail Mary

And falling to their knees they did him homage.

All: **Then they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.** Hail Mary

And Mary kept all these things

All: **And pondered them in her heart.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus .....

**Mary, mother of God who bore the Saviour of the world in poverty yet in glory:**

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery THE PRESENTATION

Our Father

Observing the Law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem

All: **To present him to the Lord.** Hail Mary

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon.

All: **He was an upright and devout man.** Hail Mary

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death

All: **Until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord.** Hail Mary



And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, he took him into his arms.

All: **And Blessed God.** Hail Mary

Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,

All: **Just as you promised.** Hail Mary

Because my eyes have seen the salvation

All: **Which you have prepared for all the nations to see.** Hail Mary

A light to enlighten the pagans

All: **And the glory of your people Israel.** Hail Mary

And he said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and the rising of many in Israel,

All: **Destined to be a sign that is rejected.** Hail Mary

And a sword of sorrow will pierce your own soul too -

All: **So that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.** Hail Mary

And they went back to Nazareth, and the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom;

All: **And God's favour was with him.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus .....

**Mary, mother of God who presented Jesus as the light of the world:**

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

❖ **5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery** **THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

Our Father

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem

All: **For the Feast of the Passover.** Hail Mary

When they were on their way home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem

All: **Without his parents knowing it.** Hail Mary

They went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

All: **Three days later they found him in the Temple.** Hail Mary

He was sitting among the doctors,

All: **Listening to them and asking them questions.** Hail Mary

And all those who heard him were astounded

All: **At his intelligence and his replies.** Hail Mary

My child, why have you done this to us?

All: **See how worried you father and I have been, looking for you.** Hail Mary

Why were you looking for me?

All: **Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?** Hail Mary

But they did not understand

All: **What he meant.** Hail Mary

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth

All: **And lived under their authority.** Hail Mary

And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour

All: **With God and men.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

O my Jesus .....

All: **Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**Mary, mother of God who knows we must be busy with God the Father's affairs.**

All: **Mary, mother of us all, mother of the Church, pray for us.**

#### **A Prayer for Mothers:**

Where would we be without our mother's love?

Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom

to teach and guide their children

in a way that will help them to follow You and  
to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight.

Give all mothers the patience

to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all,  
give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts  
that You have allowed them the honour of raising.

All: **Amen**



## **CHILD SAFETY**

### **The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults.**

Hello dear parishioners, let me introduce you to,

Carmel McGrath.



Carmel, lives in Mt Martha with her husband Michael. Carmel is a qualified primary arts teacher and is now working as a casual relief teacher. Carmel & Michael have been regular parishioners to St Macartan's Parish and Carmel has joined our Parish office, working Fridays (when coronavirus restrictions allow).

Carmel is also our Parish Child Safety Officer and Child Safety Committee chairperson. I am looking forward to working with Carmel & the new Child Safety committee, which also includes: Jacinta Jolly, Faye Melhem, Bernard Butler and myself.

We, as a Parish, are required legally and through Archdiocese requirements, to meet the child safeguarding standards of Victoria, as such we need a committee and a nominated (Safeguarding), Child Safety Officer. You will find Carmel's contact details on the front page of the newsletter please contact her if you are aware of any child safety issues, risks or complaints. You may also contact myself.

The role of the Child safety Officer and committee is to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults, are safe and protected whilst on Parish property or attending a Parish run event. It also involves writing policies, conducting training, performing risk assessments and communicating within the Parish; seeking ideas, and input from all, including children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Each week we will endeavor to keep you all informed, share with you what the committee has decided, where we see areas of risk and how we all share in understanding and enacting child safety within our Parish and our wider community.

The first child safety meeting was held via 'zoom,' video conferencing, on Tuesday 5th May. This meeting was designed to get to know each other as a team and share some documents and discuss the role of the committee.

As Parish Priest; I acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failure of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children, and the consequent breaches of community trust. I hold firmly to the belief that as a Parish, we are all to be committed to fostering a culture of safety and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

This, I take most seriously.  
Fr Geoff