

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**St Macartan's Catholic Parish**



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**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday's Mass and weekday Masses**

On Line found on Parish's YouTube page:  
(Ctrl and enter) on this link:

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

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions  
ALL MASSES ARE ONLINE**

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Sat 8th: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- Mon 10th: St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
- Tue 11th: St Clare
- Fri 14th: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
- Sat 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Office: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
**If you leave an audible voice telephone message. Fr Geoff will return your call.**

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**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting - 5th August** via Zoom, please contact office to book.

**Recently Deceased:** Helen Hendry

**Anniversaries:** Dorothea Chandler

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Janet Smyth, 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, Michael Nicolaou, Torquil Hansen **And especially for Ruben Pateman**

Mass Intentions

**First Reading** 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 9:1-5

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 14:22-33**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn 6:51

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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On 8 August we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,  
Australia's first saint.

Mass for Saint Mary MacKillop's Feast Day in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel  
will be live-streamed at 10am on 8 August followed by a time of Prayer at the  
Tomb.

Here is the link:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-mass-8-august-2020/>.

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Note:

National Day of Prayer and Fasting National Council of Churches has  
nominated this coming Sunday as a national day of prayer and fasting against  
Covid-19. Let us all try and participate.

# **Living the Gospel**

## **Christian**

*What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.*

## **EXPLORING THE WORD**

A little-noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this, they were heading away from the Jewish region and into Gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the church, and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community, who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is Gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community. Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter, whose actions do not make sense, except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention

is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink. This text offers a parable of the church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and to step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

- Discuss the things that can be a distraction on the journey to faith.
- Are there aspects of the church or its beliefs that cause participants to doubt? Allow time for questions to arise and fears to be allayed.

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

Just as God's word at creation drew order out of the watery chaos, so does the word of Jesus calm the storm. He has the mastery of the Creator over the elements of nature. Peter, on the other hand, symbolises our impetuous humanity, leaping out into the unknown and then becoming afraid and failing. But help is available in the person of Jesus, who truly is the Son of God.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.

- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The church can bear us through the storms of life, but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

The special role that Peter played in the core group of twelve disciples is well accepted. He is listed first among them, is often their spokesperson and is clearly prominent in the original Jerusalem community. Tradition holds that Peter went to Rome and led the Christian community there. The Catholic Church accepts that the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, is the successor of Peter. What is important is the way Peter is portrayed: as a fisherman, fishing for souls (Luke 5:10); as the shepherd of the sheep of Christ (John 21:15–17); as an elder who addresses elders (1 Peter 5:1); as a receiver of special revelation (Acts 1:9–16); as one who can correct doctrinal misunderstanding (2 Peter 3:15–16); and as the rock on which the church is built (Matthew 16:18). Pope Francis is the 266th successor of Peter.

- Discuss the process for electing a pope and some aspects of the papacy through history.
- Introduce the biographical background of the current Pope and his career within the church.
- Find out what the group has heard via the media about Pope Francis. How do the media characterise Francis? What are his concerns?
- What 'storms' assail the church today? Be broad in your responses here.

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- What storms have you experienced in your life that have caused fear or confusion?
- What doubts and fears make you waver in your journey to Christ?
- How do you experience the calming action of Jesus?
- Was there a period in your life when you felt you were 'going under'. What or who was it that kept you afloat?
- Try to calm the fears of others this week in your family or workplace.
- Once again we see Jesus withdrawing alone to pray. The example of Jesus in quiet prayer can be a pointer to us in how to pray. As a church, we pray communally, but quiet reflection is also important. Take time this week to reflect alone. The disciples cry out to Jesus in their distress, Lord, save me. This week, allow yourself to hear Jesus' answer: Courage! Do not be afraid.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES NOW ONLINE!**

**(Available from approx. 11am - Tues to Fri)**

*(same YouTube link as Sunday Mass - see page 1)*

**Yes, I'm putting weekday Masses online, the same as the Sunday Mass.**

However, the sound quality of the weekday video is not as good.

It's a video using my mobile phone.

But I'm working on improvements all the time.

Stay safe physically, emotionally and spiritually ;- )

Fr Geoff

## **HIGH SPIRITS**

*(Catechism for State School children)*

**BELOW - ALL SUSPENDED until further notice**

**We are still taking enrolments for:**

- **1st Eucharist**
- **1st Reconciliation**

Proposed dates are depending on restrictions being eased.

**To enroll your child or to get more details please email Faye at:**  
[stmacshighspirits@gmail.com](mailto:stmacshighspirits@gmail.com)

**PS - A volunteer assistant is needed for face to face classes.**

## **Parish Footy Tipping Round 9**



**The top tippers** The best tipper for the round was Jack Jansson with 8 correct. It was Jack's best round for the season so far. There were a number with 7 correct. The highlight was Hanah picking Fremantle to win while everyone else thought they would lose Well done Hannah (alias Debbie). Round 10 started last Monday and finished Friday. At least one game every night of the past week. Round 11 started already. Four teams had a bye in round 10 so some tippers could relax and know their team was not defeated.

**HISTORY** For the first time this year due to the virus the draw has changed and each team will play each other once In recent years some teams have played each other twice but not all teams. If we go back to 1970, fifty years ago, we find there were 22 rounds and each team played each other twice for the first time Collingwood headed the list with 18 wins, Carlton next with 16 then St.Kilda and Sth. Melb both 14. The premiers were Carlton defeating Collingwood by 10 points There was a record attendance of 121,696

## **Mary MacKillop's compassionate heart**

On 8 August we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint.

Mary grew up in the new colony of Melbourne and was very aware of the hardships and difficulties endured by the poor. She witnessed the needs of the society of her time and tried to address them. Mary was both an educator and a social worker and as a result of her dedication and commitment, orphanages and homes for the destitute were established.

We remember at this time Mary MacKillop, the woman who gave of her whole self in order to serve God and others, even before her sainthood was officially bestowed. Here are just some of the ways that Mary MacKillop helped her community.

### **1. Educating poor children from country areas**

In 1890, Mary, then Mother Mary of the Cross and co-founder of the Josephite Sisters, established the first Josephite school in Numurkah, country Victoria. The first Josephite school in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne was also opened, in Bacchus Marsh. Students from outlying areas were accepted as boarders in these rural towns. The Sisters of St Joseph continued to open schools in isolated areas in Sandhurst, Ballarat and Sale dioceses.

### **2. Educating children living in the slums of Melbourne**

In the 1890s there were an estimated 10,000 children between the ages of 6 and 15 making their living on the streets of Melbourne, selling race cards, matches and newspapers. Although education was compulsory, these children did not attend school. In 1897 Mary MacKillop and Sister Gertrude Hayman opened the Catholic Poor School in a two-roomed cottage in Cumberland Place, located behind the 'Providence' (a home for destitute women), which had been established by the Sisters on Latrobe Street in 1891. St Joseph's Poor School provided a basic education for children from the nearby slums.

In 1898, the Archbishop of Melbourne Thomas Carr arranged for a new brick convent/school building and provided for its upkeep. Mary visited the school several times, taking lollies for the children. St Joseph's School continued to provide an education for poor children until 1926.

### **3. Housing for poor children**

In 1891, at the request of Archbishop Carr, the Josephite Sisters acquired the St Vincent de Paul Children's Home and its debt. Mary went to the Surrey Hills home in 1891 and, as 'Beggar in Chief' in Melbourne, worked hard to make a home for the children, helped financially by friends. During the harsh winter of 1891 Mary travelled throughout Western Victoria, visiting foster homes and requesting donations. The Sisters of St Joseph continued to care for children at Surrey Hills until 1980.

### **4. Visiting children placed in foster care**

Throughout 1891 Mary travelled extensively to check that children fostered out from the Congregational Homes in Victoria were being well cared for and happy, and that the foster families were suitable. Mary's diary entries reveal the loving care she always had for children and their welfare.



## Mary MacKillop's — continued

### 5. Housing for destitute women

In the late 1880s, when Melbourne's land boom ended and the depression set in, many people lost their jobs. Domestic servants were overrepresented among the poor who sought charity assistance because when they lost their job, they also lost their home. Many young girls were placed as domestic servants after growing up in orphanages and so had few support networks. Other women were also vulnerable, working for half the rate of pay for men and often in the lowest-paid occupations such as shopkeepers and factory workers.

In September 1891, Mary and Sister Gertrude established St Joseph's Providence, a home for destitute women, at 43–45 Latrobe Street. It was comprised of a convent, a refuge for women and a children's night school. These young women now had a safe place to stay. In 1892, the Sisters of St Joseph advertised a home for unemployed servants and the Providence moved to 'Nottingham Place' at 535 Victoria Parade and then to 'Floraston' at 39 Victoria Parade. Women and girls employed in warehouses could board there.

### 6. Caring for prostitutes

Little Lon (Little Lonsdale Street) was the Red Light district of Melbourne. There were an estimated 35 brothels in Little Lon, with the most famous being Madame Brussels. Mary helped the girls working in the brothels. Sister Ethelburga, who nursed Mary when she became gravely ill while working in Little Lon, wrote of Mary: 'I have known her to go into some of the slums of Melbourne, and get men and women from ill-famous houses, and got them to go to Mass, also to their religious duties.'

### 7. Caring for Syrian migrants

Syrian migrants began arriving in Victoria in the 1880s, many residing in Exhibition Street and Little Lon. These Maronite Christians were largely unskilled and itinerant workers and considered by many as below the Chinese on Melbourne's list of 'undesirables'. When the Sisters of St Joseph opened St Joseph's Poor School in 1897, many Syrian children attended. By the early 20th century it was referred to as St Joseph's 'Syrian School'. The Sisters taught the children and also provided clothes for them to wear to Mass. They would collect the children on Sundays, accompany them to Mass and then take them back to their parents' homes.

As part of the ongoing legacy of the Sisters of St Joseph, a group of Josephite Sisters and Affiliates have been asked to contribute video content about their Ministries and how they participate in God's mission today, to be released in coming days. Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader, believes strongly that Mary MacKillop is with us. 'Her own experience of life leads us to be in deep communion with her. We remember that Mary herself suffered from ill-health and will be close to all those whose health has been impacted by the COVID-19. She was close to death on a few occasions and found comfort in those who shared these times with her.'

The Sisters of Saint Joseph believe that Saint Mary MacKillop would offer encouragement during these difficult times. In 1907 she wrote to the Sisters: 'We must let no obstacles deter us from proceeding with courage in the path marked out for us. It may sometimes be dark and full of windings, but a beautiful bright light shines at the end of this path and a few more windings will bring us to it.' Drawing from reflection on Saint Mary MacKillop's experience, Sister Monica said: 'My advice to young Australians of faith is: be the voice of the Gospel and the face of God in the world today. Be courageous; use your passion and energy to address the critical issues facing the world and Church today.'



HELLO ALL,

As I sit here writing this, I feel soooooo confused and frustrated, as I have been inundated with rules, regulations, permits, restriction advice and updates.

STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET OFF 🙄

No! Not seriously, but I'm sure many of you can relate to feelings like that.

Yes, the society we live in is certainly challenging us in many ways.

So we need some good news stories to balance it out.

If you hear of any, send them to me - here's one:

A lady I met told me she was enjoying watching the video Masses and that her and her husband (who won't go to Church), share in the watching experience together, she says, I even catch him now and then singing along to the songs.

FANTASTIC!!! - The Holy Spirit is at work.

Here's another:

A good friend of mine Alex Chow, who I was studying with in Rome and who has a similar working background to myself, is finally getting ordained as a transitional Deacon. That is a Deacon on his way (transition) to Priesthood for the Melbourne Archdiocese.

Why not join Alex Chow and watch his Ordination to the Diaconate, Unfortunately only five people are allowed physically in attendance. Why not send Alex some words of encouragement - I won't warn him and he'll get a real surprise!  
alexanderchow@hotmail.com

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will ordain Alex and the Mass will be livestreamed from St Patrick's Cathedral this Saturday at 10am.

All are welcome to join online: [www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)

In the lead up to his ordination, Melbourne Catholic caught up with Alex to learn about his journey so far.

Read his story:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24557/Walk-with-him-and-trust-Alex-Chow-prepares-for-Ordination-to-the-Diaconate>

Blessings and my prayers to you all  
Fr Geoff

## The students at St Macartan's also expressed some positive messages:

The students recently share many things they are grateful for, here is a sample:

- I'm grateful for the world.
- My teacher and my parents for both being so supportive.
- my home
- That we all get zoom meeting once in a while
- Having zoom teaching every week
- That me and my family are all safe :)
- That I get to still do exercise
- Playing
- food, my walk in pantry
- Mum's help
- I'm grateful for the zooms because I get to communicate with everyone.
- being able to learn on a wonderful device
- Spelling, maths, funny faces and got to talk to my teacher.
- doing good work
- Wellbeing check with my teacher and do show and tell
- having a good family
- I am grateful for using zoom to see teachers when doing maths and literacy
- Having a great week at school.
- all the teachers spending their time to work with us at school
- Having my mum help me understand some of my work I don't understand
- I am grateful for amazing friends being there when I need them.
- Playing games with my family



It is wonderful to hear so many positive responses in such a unique time.

Well done St Mac's school community!

It's always refreshing to hear other's perspectives on tough times. Children are uniquely perceptive especially to negativity, frustrations of adults and they need optimism and positive reinforcement.

But hey! Don't we all.

Keep positive, keep patient, keep safe and keep praying!

Storms don't last forever, eventually the rain stops and the sun comes out.

Blessings

Fr Geoff