

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/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

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

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Mon 21st: St Matthew, Apostle
- Wed 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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 - Postponed

All Baptisms: SUSPENDED

Recently Deceased: Michael Nicolaou, Anderson Fernando and Sr Lois Young PVBM

Mass Intentions

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Janet Smyth, Tony Ryan, Graham Oliver, Laura Castelow, Julie Nash, Margaret O'Connor, Jay Keogh, Sophie Davidson, 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, Torquil Hansen **And especially for Ruben Pateman.**

First Reading Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

We have begun 1st Reconciliation classes:

They are via Zoom

NEXT will be 1st Eucharist

To enroll your child or to get more details please email Faye at:
stmacshighspirits@gmail.com



Have you thought?

Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

EXPLORING THE WORD

This gospel offers yet another challenge to human ideas about what is just and reveals the generosity of God. The Master makes a point of having those who came last paid first. One must imagine the queue, with the newly arrived workers at the head and those tired from a full day's labour watching as the late-comers are paid in full. In many ways, the audience is drawn into sharing their disappointment and indignation.

If those employed early had been at the head of the queue, they would have gone off happy with their contracted wage. The problem arises only when they see the late-comers reaping the same reward. This alludes to a problem that has arisen in Matthew's community. Those Jewish Christians who have risked all and believed from the

beginning are now seeing the newcomers to faith being offered the same reward. Jesus' answer is simple: the kingdom is God's. God can do as he likes, and what God chooses is to welcome all and offer reward to all who come to belief, no matter at what stage.

- Are there examples in our world of people being generously rewarded when some may feel that they do not deserve such generosity?
- You could discuss this concept in terms of the candidates coming to belief later than those baptised as babies.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for discussion and personal prayer

- Do you sometimes experience jealousy or resentment? What causes this response? How does it make you feel?
- Imagine the feelings of the workers who arrived last when they were paid for a full day's work. What might they say of the generosity of God?
- Share together a time when you have experienced overwhelming generosity.
- Is there a difference in how we react if we are the recipients of generosity compared with our reaction when we see others being treated with generosity that we believe they do not deserve? Do we live in a generous society?
- Look for occasions this week to be generous, not only with money, but with time, attention and attitude. Challenge those who lack generosity of spirit.

Pray this psalm often this week. *The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures*

DID YOU KNOW?

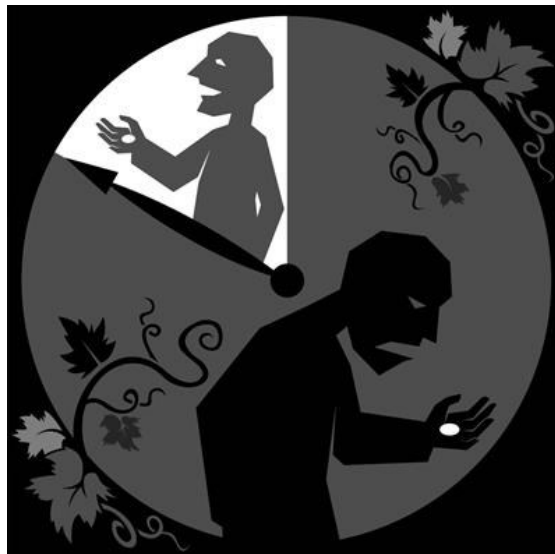
- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the agora or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early church, those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days—and had thus suffered persecution for their faith—were sometimes jealous of those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on

SHARING THE TRADITION

There are many people revered by the Church who came late to their faith in Christ. Tell the story of people like Paul, St Augustine and St Francis of Assisi, who came late to belief yet made enormous contributions to the life of the Church.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The 'vineyard' in the Hebrew Scriptures always referred to Israel, the people of God, while the 'master' was God. This parable would have been clearly understood as being about the experience of being gathered into God's people and about who was welcomed into the kingdom. The unbounded generosity of God is highlighted.



LIVING THE WORD

- In what ways are you able to offer generosity to newcomers in your parish or local area?
- What welcoming ministries exist in your parish or parish school for those who move into the area or for new immigrants? How might catechumens make a contribution to these ministries in the context of the coronavirus?
- Who are the people in our society who are in need of generosity and welcome? Examples include refugees and asylum seekers or people of other faiths.

From St Macartan's Parish Primary School



CHILD SAFETY NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I attended a child safety workshop last week, "Doing Ministry Safely Online". The Catholic Archdiocese, Uniting Church of Australia & the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne all collaborated towards it's presentation. It also included an address from the Commissioner for Children & Young People. The combined effort from these groups focused entirely on their love & concern for children & youth especially during this very difficult time of CoVid 19. The underling message was creating ways to stay connected, increasing our awareness and recognizing the needs of children & youth and finding ways to be more communicate more effectively.

There are many resources available to help us achieve these goals and I am most happy to answers questions or direct you to the appropriate site. I have attached a link to the most current resource form the Catholic Church which was released last week.

Protecting God's Children Parent Resource: A Catholic Parent's Guide to Keeping Their Kids Safe

Carmel McGrath - St Macartan's Child Safety Officer
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Social Services Sunday, 20th September

A time to reflect and give thanks

On 20th September 2020, we mark [Social Services Sunday](#) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 [member organisations](#), the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond. We call to mind the 2020/21 Social Justice Statement brought out recently by the Australian Catholic bishops, [To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today](#), and so draw your attention to a recent event hosted by CSSV, [Counselling and Therapeutic Support in a Time of COVID](#), which provided an opportunity to become more familiar with mental health services, and how to practically reach out for or point to assistance. Parishioners will find the resources in this article helpful.

Prayer for Courage and Compassion

Compassionate God,

Your unconditional love for all inspires our hearts and empowers our actions
for those who are most vulnerable.

May we boldly and humbly serve one another and be steadfast in our work for
justice for all people.

Keep our hearts open to the joys and the hopes of our world, and our ears ready
to hear your call to truth, justice and reconciliation.

Let us continue to draw inspiration and strength from those, like St Mary
MacKillop, on whose shoulders we stand.

We gather in Jesus' name to be nourished and to move forward together
in hope and joy.

Amen

World Mission Sunday October 18th

This year due to the current situation, donations can be made via the website -

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-work-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal>

or

By texting the word "**GIVE**" to the number: **0488 854 436**.

This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.



Letter from Most Reverend Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

16 September 2020:

To the People and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ, As we now welcome the beginnings of easing in COVID-19 Restrictions in Victoria, I would like to take this opportunity to write to you, the Clergy and people of our Archdiocese. It is great news that regional Victoria will, from tonight, move into the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening, which includes our parishes located outside the metropolitan zone.

However, we have a long way to go.

The deprivation in sacramental life has been a profound loss for our people. As well as all the other sufferings of the Pandemic, the sense of estrangement from the Eucharist has been a particular struggle for Catholics. The Mass is our primary means of gathering together in faith; it is the source and summit of our Christian life,

and its life-giving nourishment and healing is dearly missed.

In the midst of this loss, I am grateful to our Priests and Deacons for continuing to serve the faithful, for sharing a sacramental ministry even under strict conditions, and for being alongside our people and their loved ones in times of death and grief. Thank you for your faithfulness.

All of us are anxious to open church doors, but I want to emphasise our need to be creative in the ways we do so, especially with the thousands of children who have been waiting for Sacraments of Initiation. Countless Catholic families are awaiting Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for their children. Adults, too, have longed to be received into the life of the Church. We shall be exploring possibilities such as outdoor liturgies in parish and school settings to facilitate these crucial events of grace and welcome.

Throughout the pandemic, I have been advocating directly with the Government, reminding authorities continually of our respectful compliance with each stage of restrictions, and seeking a fair consideration in what is permitted. The Catholic community throughout the pandemic has been constructive and positive. We have, and continue to act in a mature way, caring for the safety and vulnerability of Victorians facing great risk. Thankfully the signs of driving down COVID numbers are looking good at this moment and Catholics join other people of faith in giving thanks for this outcome and working to ensure the steps ahead do not take us backward.

Now, it is essential that the Government does not treat faith communities as an afterthought to the opening up of other sectors. Our churches are locations for communities of care and essential service, and must be treated fairly and reasonably.

Practically speaking, I have been in discussion with the Premier to thank him for overturning the restriction on spiritual ministry to the sick and the dying, and have assured him that the Catholic Church is able to manage restrictions (including good hygiene, face coverings, social distancing and density requirements). If pubs and restaurants can open, then places of worship should be open under similar conditions and numbers.

If case numbers track well, I expect we will see larger outdoor gatherings in regional Victoria become possible over the next few weeks, and proportionate opportunities for gathering in metropolitan Melbourne. I am hopeful that this may occur sometime in October, which would be a deeply welcomed improvement on the current Roadmap indications. If we can open our churches, even for outdoor gatherings, then we should open them.

The Deputy Premier and the Multicultural Affairs Minister are conducting discussions this month through the Multifaith Leaders Forum. The Archdiocese will be contributing to these meetings. In addition I will continue to engage with the Premier and Ministers directly on the Church's need for opening doors, carefully and safely.

Be assured of my ongoing closeness in prayer and concern. I have heard your cry, and I am working to bring your voice to the authorities. The Lord has promised he will be with us always; let us place our hope in Him.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne

WORLD PRAYER

TOGETHER 

"Repentance, Reconciliation, Revival and Reaching All"

A global, online prayer and worship gathering
Saturday 19th September 2020
1200 UTC | 0500 PT | 0800 ET



www.worldprayertogether.com

Ministry leaders representing 10 world regions will “stand in the gap”, identifying and confessing major corporate sins that characterize their regions as those from other regions empathize and pray for revival and mission breakthroughs for each of those regions.

Worship will be led by groups from across the nations.

Worship | Holy Communion | 10Days.net | TheReturn.org | Blowing of the Shofars

Werner Nachtigal, Global Outreach Day, www.go2020.world

Jonathan Friz, 10 Days of Prayer, www.10days.net

Grant Berry, Reconnecting Ministries, www.Reconnectingministries.org

Jason Hubbard, International Prayer Connect www.ipcprayer.org

John D Robb, International Prayer Connect 1 www.ipcprayer.org

TO CONNECT WITH WORLD PRAYER TOGETHER...

**LIVE on 19th September 1200 UTC, 0500 PT, 1500 Jerusalem Time
in 10 languages – go to
www.worldprayertogether.com**



National Solemn Assembly
Saturday 26th—Sunday 27th September 2020

The National Council of Churches has set aside the 26th-27th September as two National Days of Prayer and Fasting for the Pandemic.

Even better, Bishop Philip Huggins, President of the National Council of Churches, has asked that the Aboriginal Christian Elders of Australia, led by Ps Peter Walker, will lead Australia's churches in a National Solemn Assembly according to Joel chapter two, over these same two days.

The team at the Canberra Declaration are also hosting Ten Nights of Prayer at 8pm (AEST) in the lead up to the National Solemn Assembly. In addition to this, on Yom Kippur, Monday the 28th September we will hold a three-hour prayer celebration 6pm– 9pm.

DATE: Nightly at 8pm (AEST) Friday 18th–25th September, and then all day Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2020

TIME: Nightly at 8pm Friday 18th–25th September, then 9am-9pm (AEST) each day

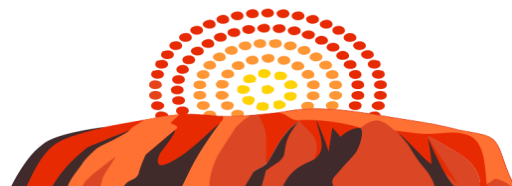
ZOOM URL LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/776881184>

ZOOM MEETING ID: 776881184

ZOOM TUTORIAL: <https://youtu.be/hlkCmbvAHQQ>

OVERFLOW VIEWING: We will announce options in coming days

These prayer events are completely unprecedented, and an amazing historic breakthrough for the Australian Church, and for Australia as a nation.



National Solemn Assembly

We are praying for 'times of refreshing' and the 'healing of the land' as the scripture says in Acts 3:19, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." The 'times of refreshing' from the presence of the Lord that Peter the Apostle is talking about is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is found in Acts 2:1-21 That is what Australia needs.

We are praying that Australia will get a revelation of the love of God through Jesus Christ. Matthew 18:20 gives us the key, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them." We thank the National Council of Churches Australia and the National Day of Prayer & Fasting and other groups who are helping to facilitate the National Solemn Assembly on behalf of the First Nation People.

We encourage you to pray together in your churches, in your homes and on the hills as we lift our nation up before God. Join us as you are able on Zoom between 9AM – 9PM any time on both days at meeting room number 776881184: <https://zoom.us/j/776881184>

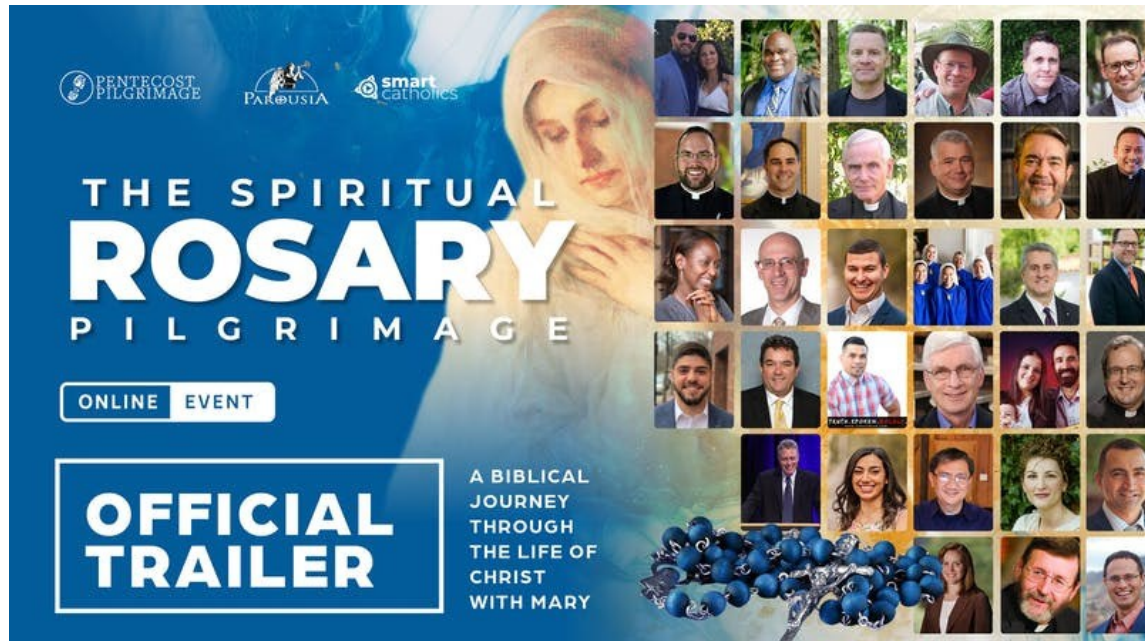
Yours for our Nation,
Ps Peter Walker

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage.

Your reflection for 'The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation', by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, is now available.

Click the link to watch this reflection.

<https://parousiaondemand.com/programs/deacon-harold-annunciation-v2mov-9f62e7>



We are so excited that are sharing the power of the Rosary with us.

Parish Footy Tipping Round17

With Round 18 to be finalised this weekend so ends the Home and Away Season. A season to be remembered and hopefully not to be repeated. There will be a weekend without games and then the finals will start. Round 18 will decide which teams to make the final 8. In round 17 our best tippers were Finny , Bryan Walsh and Barry Murphy who all scored 7. Barry with his 7 joined Borgie as the leaders of the competition. They have 106 and are three ahead of third best tipper, Hafey's Hacks. There will be a keen battle to make it to the top 10. but I will not be one of them. There is a strong contest for the Kevin O'Brien Memorial Trophy for picking the most losing teams The Finals' Competition will start after the free weekend. It is not too late to join.

HISTORY As the Grand Final will not be played in Melbourne we look at another time when that happened. The influence of the World War was considerable 1942-43 Clubs were struggling to field teams and attendance fell by 60%. War time restrictions forced Geelong to withdraw and the VFA was forced to disband in its entirety. The League suspended the Brownlow and all interstate games. The top four were South Melbourne, Footscray , Essendon and Richmond. Essendon won the Grand Final against Richmond (different year for Essendon to 2020) Essendon 19-18-132 to Richmond 11-13-79



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Adults who are not baptised.

Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.

Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

New sessions begin with an information night TBA.

There is no obligation – Call and find out more:

BEGINNING SOON!

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation.

Those who join the process are encouraged to go at their own pace but on average the journey takes several months of weekly or fortnightly sessions leading to, if the candidate wishes, reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter, with an on-going attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

Like to find out more?

Ring the Parish office at 5975 2200

Or email: mornington@cam.org.au



SEND IN YOUR PHOTO

We want to include it on our Mass video

Parish Office: mornington@cam.org.au

COVID-19: REOPENING ROADMAP FOR MELBOURNE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US AT ST MACARRTAN'S?

Well, nothing changes for us as parishioners wanting to attend Mass in the Church. In other words, I am still only allowed to do broadcast Mass with 5 people in Total! This will be the "norm" for quite a while - maybe even until the end of November?

But keep an eye on these dates, as these signal new steps and are based on active numbers of Covid-19 cases and community transmissions, so things may begin opening up gradually:

- ⇒ FIRST STEP - 13th Sep to 28th September
- ⇒ SECOND STEP - 28th Sep to 26th October
- ⇒ THIRD STEP - 26th Oct to 23rd November
- ⇒ COVID NORMAL - Subject to public health advice, when there are no new cases for 28 days and no active cases (state-wide) and no outbreaks of concern in other States and Territories

SINGLE SOCIAL BUBBLE

The single social bubble concept is a way to support people who may be feeling isolated while balancing the coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission risk.

From 11:59pm 13 September, if you live alone or are a single parent you can create a 'single social bubble' by nominating one other person to be a part of your bubble.

You can have the person you form a bubble with visit your home. Your nominated person can be from a household or share house, and you are also able to visit them in their home, but only when they are alone.

This needs to be the same person throughout the First and Second Steps. A face covering must be worn for all interactions within the 'single social bubble'

Who can be in my 'single social bubble'?

A single person living alone, or a single parent with dependent children under 18 years or caring for a person with a disability or illness over the age of 18, you can nominate whomever they choose to be in their 'single social bubble'.

You cannot nominate an entire household – it must be one person.

If the nominated person has children that cannot be left unattended, and there is no one else to care for them, the children can attend a visit.

If the nominated person lives with other adults, the single person can only visit the nominated person when they are the only adult in their home.

This would mean if a single person nominates one of their parents, they can only visit the parental home if it's just the nominated parent at home.

Otherwise, the nominated person will need to visit the single person at home.

The 5km limit will not apply to forming a 'single social bubble' with a nominated person. If you live in metro Melbourne, you cannot form a bubble with someone who lives in regional Victoria.

This is to help keep our loved ones in regional Victoria safe.

Blessings - Fr Geoff