

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Parish Secretary: Theresa Collard



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

ALSO

See outdoor Mass timetable below

Upcoming Holy Days:

- Sat 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr ALSO Anniversary of canonisation St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Office: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

If you leave an audible voice telephone message. Fr Geoff will return your call.

BUT PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE!!!

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Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Next Baptismal Meeting - Postponed

Anniversaries: John Deighton

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 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more it is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15.16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Historical Context

What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.' The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.' We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of

God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

Scriptural context – Jesus and the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees – as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

Different View – A simple question?

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

St Macartan's Parish Finance Committee - New Member Required

Our Finance Committee is looking for a dedicated volunteer, with preferably an Accounting/Business background to join them. The role is to assist in advising Fr Geoff with Parish Finance decisions & attending a meeting approx. every 8 weeks.

If you are interested please e-mail mornington@cam.org.au or call the office on 5975 2200

Fr Geoff and the Finance Committee would like to thank Patricia Thomas for her services on the Parish Finance committee, and appreciate all the time and effort she has put in. Patricia will continue to run the Piety Store, and we look forward to seeing her once we can open up again.

Thank you to Patricia



HIGH SPIRITS

(Catechism for State School children)

1st Eucharist classes - Have begun!

**If your child has missed out - Do not fret!
Just let us know and we will see what we can do.**

**Please email Faye at:
stmacshighspirits@gmail.com**

St Macartans Parishioners Photo Display



PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PHOTO

The photos will then be included at the start of our Video Mass

**Take a selfie and then e-mail it to our Parish Office at—
mornington@cam.org.au**



SKOOL NEWZ

[A welcome return to school for all Victorian students](#)

Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) has welcomed the announcement by Victorian Education Minister James Merlino for the return to school for Year 7 students in Melbourne from next week, followed by Years 8-10 on 26th October.

As previously announced, Years 11 and 12 students return to school from this week for essential assessments and the general achievement test, ahead of a full return to onsite classes next week. Years P-6 students also return to onsite learning from the start of Term next week.

CEM executive director Jim Miles said the clear timeline for the return of all students to onsite learning provides much needed certainty for families and will deliver significant benefits for students.

"The planned return of all students over coming weeks now allows them to look forward with excitement to reuniting with friends and teachers," Jim said in a media release.

"Our teachers have been doing a tremendous job maintaining learning continuity and caring for the wellbeing of their students in the remote setting.

"They are also looking forward to schools returning to being vibrant and flourishing Catholic learning communities," he said.

Jim said Catholic schools will continue to operate within the recommended safety guidelines, including around social distancing, hygiene practices and restricted access to school sites.

"We cannot afford to be complacent. It is vital we all play our part in minimising the risks of COVID-19 outbreaks causing further disruption to school operations," he said.

More than 20 per cent of all students attend Catholic schools across Melbourne.





St Vincent De Paul Soup Van Appeal

75% of calls to the Vinnies Welfare Assistance Line are from people asking for food. Please donate today and help feed individuals and families who are going hungry due to COVID-19.

Vinnies Soup Van have experienced a 25% rise in people coming to them desperate for a meal. For many, it's their first time. Sadly, at the end of the year, they expect this number of people coming to them to rise again. Please help us meet the growing demand for food through our Vinnies Soup Van Programs and donate today by clicking on the link below or copying it into your browser.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>



CatholicCare Marriage and Relationship Unit **Remote FOCCUS Program via Zoom.**

FOCCUS is a pre-marriage education program which CatholicCare have been offering, to the great satisfaction of couples, for nearly 25 years. The Program is for individual couples to reflect on their relationship in a private, confidential setting. Couples complete an online inventory then work through their responses with a qualified facilitator. The setting allows couples to talk about their strengths and discuss the challenges they may face as their relationship evolves.

Whilst we know that it is a tricky time to be planning a wedding, we encourage couples to see pre-marriage education as a gift to their relationship. We know that our FOCCUS couples are really appreciating the chance to go deeper into their relationship to prepare not only for their wedding day, but for their marriage.

Couples will find booking and payment details for remote FOCCUS on <https://www.ccam.org.au/page/24/pre-marriage-education-programs>. You can book your sessions by ringing the branch listed closest to you.



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop (October 17th 2010)

We invite you to order your free copy of
Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today

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.

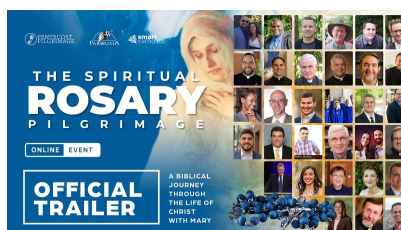


The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage.

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.

'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom',

Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916>

For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101



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Parish Footy Tipping— The Finals

The second week of the Finals Knockout Competition was last weekend. Only 13 Tippers were able to pick the two winners. Therefore there will be only 13 tipping for the Preliminary games this weekend. Those that tip the two winners will move on to the Grand Final. If only one or nil pick the two winners then all tippers will be back for the Grand Final. There will also be a separate Grand Final Challenge for any tippers during the season. They need to pick the premiers and the winning margin

HISTORY Fifty years ago in 1970 twenty two rounds of home and away games were played an ideal fixture as it meant that, for the first time, each team played each other twice Each final had a record crowd. 112,000 attended the Grand Final. The top four teams were Collingwood, Carlton, St.Kilda and Sth.Melbourne. South for the first time since 1945. The Grand Final was between Collingwood and Carlton. Collingwood won the second semi but with inaccurate kicking lost the flag to Carlton by ten points Peter McKenna an Old Paradian kicked 6 goals for the Magpies. The coaches were Carlton Ron Barassi and Bobby Rose for Collingwood.



Six little things you can do for your wellbeing every day

Taking some time each day to focus on your own wellbeing can have a huge positive impact on your mental health. They might seem like little things, but they really do add up. Here are some suggestions to incorporate into your daily routine.

Go for a morning walk

If it means getting only up five minutes earlier and walking around the block, it's still worth it. Starting your day with fresh air and movement not only has physical benefits, it also kick-starts a positive mindset. Try to incorporate a walk into your commute to work/university/school.

Read because you want to

Not because you have to. Pull out that book you were given for your birthday two years ago that is still sitting on the shelf and give it a go. It's true what your primary school English teachers used to say – reading really is exercise for the mind. Few things are better than being engrossed in a good book and losing all track of time. So make time for reading.

Get creative in the kitchen

For many of us, cooking is somewhat of a chore. The easiest way to flip the script on this is to challenge yourself in the kitchen. We all have nights where we're tired and dinner is either a takeaway or a mixture of leftovers from the fridge. But try and make the effort one night a week to create something new. Put some music on to get you inspired while you do it. [Taste](#) have an awesome range of easy recipes.

Address your posture

Even though we know excessive sitting has detrimental effects on our health, so many of us still do it. At home. At work. On the commute in between. Your lower back is crying out for a change. If you have a desk job, try and get up for a walk every 30 minutes. If it means investing in a back-support cushion or a stand-up desk, it's worth it. Talk to your employer – after all, it might be something they are happy to cover financially. Substituting sitting time for standing or walking time might seem annoying – but your body will thank you for it.

Listen to podcasts

Podcasts, for those who are new to them, are basically audio programs on demand. That is, you can choose what you listen to and when you listen to it. And they are taking the world by storm. There are over 700,000 podcasts (and nearly 30 million episodes!) out there about all manner of topics and subjects. Listen to podcasts on subjects you are passionate about, or want to know more about, or simply ones that make you laugh. You'll soon see what all the fuss is about.

Box breathing

There are no shortage of great breathing exercises and guided meditation apps out there. One simple exercise that you can do anytime, anywhere is a technique known as box breathing. It's called 'box breathing' because it consists of four counts of four. Picture a square with each side representing a different count to four. Start with a slow inhale to the count of four, hold for the count of four, exhale for four, hold for four...and repeat.

Finding Christ in a Covid Christmas



Offered over four weeks, these Advent formation sessions are ideal for liturgy and parish leadership teams looking to bring the season to life in their local communities in this time of uncertainty with COVID restrictions.

In Week 1, participants will be given an overview of the Gospel of Mark (Year B of the liturgical cycle), led by Ria Greene (Deputy Principal, Identity, Community and Action, St Bede's College Mentone). In Week 2, Ria will reflect specifically on the Advent Sunday readings. In Week 3: Musician and liturgist Fiona Dyball will explore developing a suitable seasonal repertoire as we begin to celebrate a new liturgical year and in Week 4, The Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal will lead a discussion to consider practical implications for parish services and an opportunity to share creative responses in the current Covid-19 climate.

Tue 20 Oct	Gospel of Mark
Tue 27 Oct	Sundays of Advent
Wed 4 Nov	Musical repertoire
Tue 10 Nov	Practical tips for parishes to navigate the Advent/Christmas journey

Time	7.30-9.00pm
Venue	Zoom (Link sent upon registration)
Register	www.trybooking.com/BLYHE

Sessions are free



Ria Greene has worked in Catholic education for more than twenty years, with a focus on religious education and faith formation, but has also worked as a parish catechist and sacraments coordinator, and has completed further studies in religious education and theology. She teaches a senior religious studies class at St Bede's College, where she is Deputy Principal.



Fiona Dyball is a musician, teacher, conductor, composer and liturgist based in Melbourne. She works extensively in adult and youth faith formation and in Music Ministry, inspired by her mentor, Sr Deirdre Browne IBVM. Fiona is Music Director at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hawthorn, and also serves on the Australian National Liturgical Board for the ACBC. Fiona is also member of the Victorian committee for the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network.

For further information

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

COVID-19: AND ST MACARTAN'S?

Well the outdoor Masses are happening and I'm glad to say quite enjoyable.



Apart from, the local wind, a bit of rain and the odd non-Catholic Kookaburra laughing at inopportune times in the liturgy, it's all going well and those attending, I believe, are enjoying the experience. But more importantly enjoying coming together and partaking in the Eucharist. So if you want to join in - book in!

- ⇒ MASS OUTDOORS: **Sunday** 9am and 11am - 5people + Priest
- ⇒ MASS OUTDOORS: **Tue, Wed & Thur** - 5people + Priest

TO BOOK - You must live within 5km of the Church

Contact: Ann Hancock 0438 315 272

Leave message with Name, Contact No, Any day of week that is NOT suitable?

You will be allocated the next available spot.

You will receive a text / phone call to confirm your booking.

Please note:

You must wear masks, bring an umbrella if weather looks inclement.

Parking is on Drake St or behind Church - Not in the presbytery driveway!

Be there 10minutes prior to service start time!

Where? In the garden behind Presbytery (Parish Office). No 4 Drake Street.

To enter - walk down driveway to back of house.

If booked but you cannot attend, please call Parish Office and leave a message.

RECONCILIATION

I must obey the Gov't rules - I can meet up to 5 people from one household outside, or you may stay after the outdoor Mass.

Individuals; we are allowed to walk/talk and meet together outside, so again call me, to come to the garden and I will hear your confession.

Blessings
Fr Geoff



St Mac's - POETS CORNER

*Have you got something to say, that's said in a nice poetical way.
That's kind and uplifting, or spiritual and Christian.*

You maybe a Poet and just don't know it - Just send it in and we'll see?

My King, my Everything

*In blessed Eucharist Prayer and adoration
I kneel before You, Christ Jesus
Lord of my salvation
God of all creation*

*O, what Sweet Surrender!
O, what Sweet defeat!
To kneel in all my brokenness
At your feet*

*O, what blessed delight!
To be now and forever
In Your Presence, care and sight!*

*O, what grace! O, what life!
O, what sacred intoxication!
O' ceaselessly I call upon your gentle might
So I may do the next thing right*

*I bow before Your all Glorious Beauty
To worship and serve You is my duty
I call upon your Mercy and Love unfathomable
O, Eternal Christ, O, Holy God Immortal!*

*O, Jesus, my King, my everything
How I long to do Your will!
O, master of my soul
I know it is You, not I, who is in control!*

*So in trembling grace
And with hidden face
Once more I make me confession
Acknowledging me need for your protection*

*And as I peer into the darkness,
I glimpse Your gentle, soft bright light
Of Love draw near*

*And I know, no matter what my grief,
What my fears, when I weep
You too weep in my tears.*

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Written before Sunday 19th

ARE U OK????

Please ask this question to those you love, to friends and acquaintances!

We are all struggling in many different ways to many degrees.
Struggling can be physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual,
Enquiring as to how someone is, can be a way of them sharing
Just how they are feeling and in what way.

So as we the hearer of the news, can possibly then suggest ways to help or direct
them to some help.

But what if it is you struggling and no-one asks you if You are OK?

Well - ask yourself!
And if you can answer - Yes I am OK.
Then you are probably one of the few.

So don't be surprised if you or someone is Not OK.

But remember to enjoy small wins, small blessings each day.

One day you might be able to enjoy the outdoor sunshine, see some beautiful
roses opening. Other days you may get to speak to a friend or help someone who
is struggling more than yourself.

Maybe you need book in for a Mass, reconciliation or just call me for a chat.

But don't! - keep it to yourself: TELL SOMEONE how you are feeling.

If you need to see a Doctor - do so!

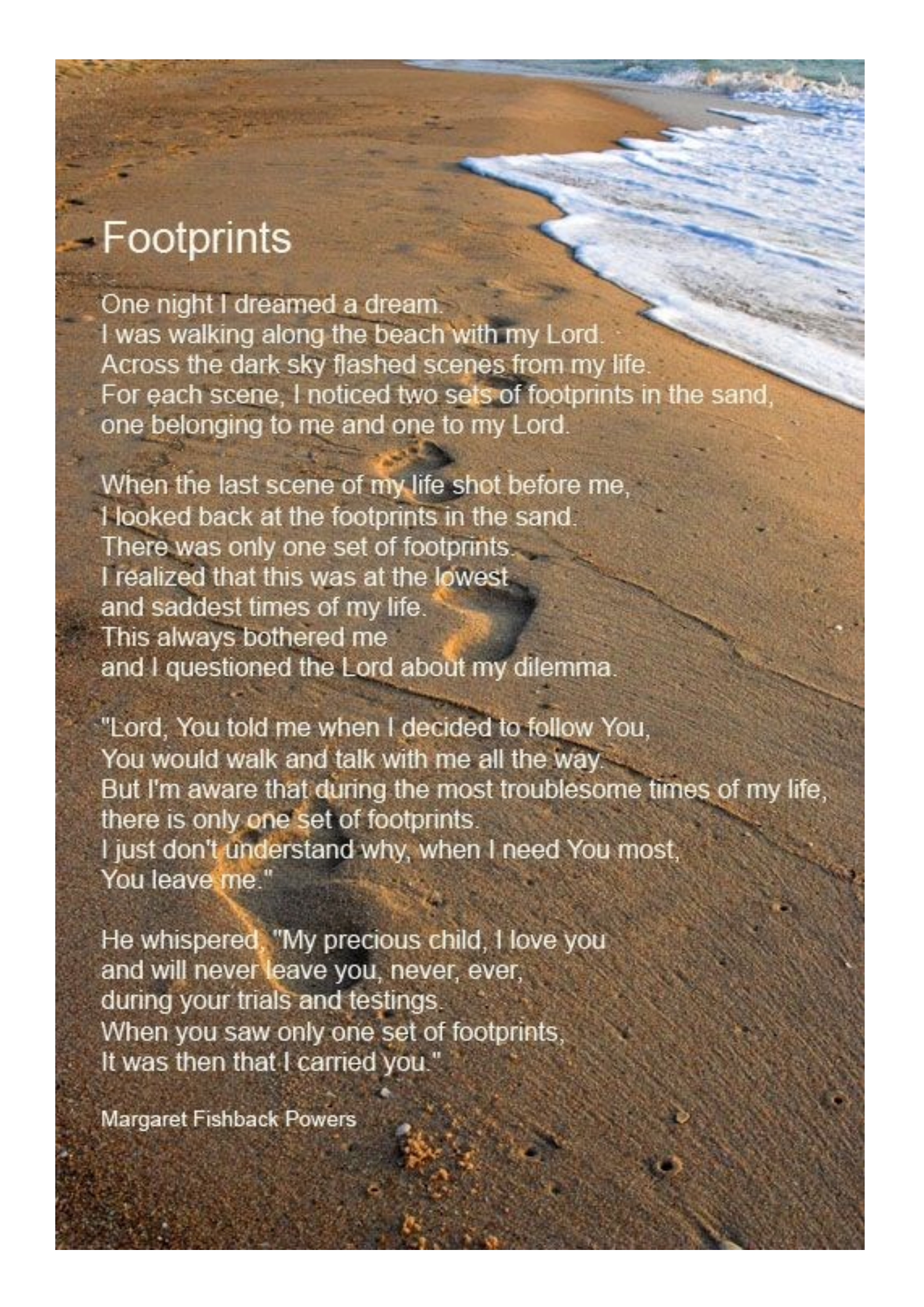
Also remember; doing something for someone else takes your attention away from
yourself and allows you to
compassion. It's a win, win -
helps yourself. As you get
to share Christ.



reach out in kindness and
it helps those you assist and
an opportunity to share love,

Remember - Christ never leaves your side, he even sometimes carries you.

Blessings
Fr Geoff



Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
There was only one set of footprints.
I realized that this was at the lowest
and saddest times of my life.
This always bothered me
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You,
You would walk and talk with me all the way.
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I just don't understand why, when I need You most,
You leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you
and will never leave you, never, ever,
during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers