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**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy  
**Parish Secretary:** Theresa Collard



**Mass Times**

**Weekdays:** Tues-Sat 9:15am

**Saturday:** Vigil 6pm. **Sunday:** 9am, 11am

**SUNDAY 5pm (NOT weekly) -**

**ONLY 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month**

**Holy Hour / Adoration**

Every Friday after 9:15 Mass & 1st Saturdays  
each month after 9:15am Mass

**RECONCILIATION:**

After the Wed and Sat morning Masses

**NO MASS WEDNESDAY 24TH - Fr Geoff on training course.**

**Video Sunday Mass**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8IyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Also view our Parish website:

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

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Thurs 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Youth Mass** - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm  
+ Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Tuesday to Thursday** 9am - 4pm

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**Schools**

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Ph: 59799200

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**Parish Contact Details**

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0417 104 041

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5977 2567

**Marriage Prep:** See Fr Geoff

**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

**Next Baptismal Meeting** - 5th May 8 pm

*Via Zoom*

**All Baptisms:** Contact Parish Office

**Memorial Wall:** Contact Parish Office **ONLY**  
on Fridays.

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Anniversaries:** Adrian Duryea

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Dean Pratt, Maureen Spargo, Tony Formosa, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Ruben Pateman, Sue Hale and Sheila Wright.

### **First Reading** Jer 31:31-34

#### **A reading from the prophet Jerimiah**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

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

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Heb 5:7– 9

#### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel** Jn 12:20-33

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

### **Communion Antiphon** Jn 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



## Have you thought?

### Why Greeks?

*The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.*

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The Greeks referred to in this text are likely to have been 'Godfearers' or non-Jewish people who are attracted to Judaism as a religion. Not being born Jews, they are unable to fully become part of the chosen people of Israel and to enter into its religious life. Here, though, they express their wish to 'see Jesus'. The classic call to discipleship is 'Come and see'. There is an element here that builds on earlier references in John to the fact that the gospel is not just for the Jews but for all people who express faith. The call of the gospel is universal. The imminent death of the grain is already beginning to yield a rich harvest. Jesus is well aware of the fate in store for him but accepts that this is the central act of his mission. Glorification and exultation await him. It is in being lifted up that Jesus

will draw all people to himself.

- In what ways do you feel drawn to Jesus at this point in your journey?
- Reflect back on what caused you to say, 'Sir, I would like to see Jesus.' What called you to discipleship?

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What might have to 'die' in you in order for something new to take root and grow?
- How do you understand the call to be a servant to others? • Make choices for the benefit of others this week. Die to yourself a little.
- Reflect a little on your own experiences of death—not necessarily a physical death but a time of loss, abandonment or failure. How did you respond to this? Can you see now that 'life' came from this experience? Share your reflections together.
- Repeat this prayer often this week: Lord, may I die to myself in Jesus so that through him I may have new life.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term that comes from the Book of Daniel.
- The festival referred to here was the Passover (John 12:1). Observant Jews who were able to came from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the temple in Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

Death is a part of life and humans are the only ones of God's creatures who live much of their lives knowing they will die. But for Christians, death holds no fear. '

Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning ... What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through Baptism, the Christian has already "died with Christ" sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this "dying with Christ" and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act.' (CCC, §1010).

- Maybe discuss or share some of experiences of the death of friends or loved ones, with another.
- Often the death of someone close has a profound effect on our own personal lives in a way that can be transforming. Explore this idea.
- You could look at some of the prayers from the funeral liturgy and examine the positive and hope-filled nature of the Christian understanding of death.
- You could explore the Church's teaching on the resurrection of the body at the end of times.

## **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.' John uses the term 'the hour' to refer to the salvific death and exultation of Jesus. For the first time, in this story, Jesus proclaims that his hour has come. His death is imminent.

## **LIVING THE WORD**

Practical ideas for group leaders to employ in connecting Scripture and daily life, with suggestions for music and environment

- Does your community provide special occasions to remember those who have died—for example, through November? How are the feasts of All Saints and All Souls celebrated? You could discuss the meanings of these feasts.
- You could use some ears of wheat or a bowl of grain as part of your prayer focus. Allow time for the elect to pray for loved ones who have died. Pray for each other as you are about to 'die with Christ'. Sing 'Unless a grain of wheat' (GA 500).

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Be More"**.

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,

or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



This weekend we Welcome

**Alexander Evstifeev, Penelope Falagan  
And Claudia, Riley and Mitchell Cox** who

Join our Parish Community through the  
Sacrament of Baptism

**Congratulations To:**

**Alexander, Penelope, Claudia, Riley and Mitchell**

May they always walk in the light of Christ

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.**

**Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend**

Our **on-line weekend** gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find the virtual Weekend option ideal.

Next **On-line** weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021**.

Next **Residential** weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021**.

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



## Attention Visitation Team

We have had a good response from most of the Nursing homes and Aged care facilities, Our visitation group can resume straight away.

These requirements must be produced upon the first visitations:

- **A copy of the Flu vacs for 2019 from the doctor or where it was given, pharmacy etc. This is the most important for entry.**
- **Please ensure your Police check & working with Children are up to date.**

If any one is unsure or requires more information, please call Barb(0410649622)

Thanks for your support

Barb and Clive



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to  
***“Take fresh courage.”***

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary’s canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit

[marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://marymackilloptoday.org.au)

## ROSTER FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS/COMMENTATORS

### Fifth Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

6.00pm**Readers** Josie **Eucharistic Mins** Trisha Hird & Frank Raccanello

9.00am**Readers** Paul Girolami, Michael Kerr **Eucharistic Mins** Mary Lewis

11.00am**Readers** Terry Roberts, Joan Clements **Eucharistic Mins** Barbara Ensil

5.00pm**Readers** Danielle & Mia Field **Eucharistic Mins** Marino Cassamento

### **EASTER CELEBRATIONS – TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April**

## HIGH SPIRITS - 2021

### **ENROL NOW!!!!**

This is catechism for primary aged school children, that do not attend a Catholic School and is designed to instruct them about the Sacraments.

It will held every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:15pm in the Parish Community House

**Classes for Confirmation start on the 2nd March.**

Reconciliation Info night June 22nd & 1st Eucharist Info night Aug 24th.

Enrolments will be taken now. Please e-mail : [fayesayah@hotmail.com](mailto:fayesayah@hotmail.com)



### **Business Owners**

St Macartan's would like to support our Parishioners who are business owners by advertising their Business in our Bulletin.

Please contact the office during business hours on 5975 2200 or e-mail your Ad to [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

### **Tip Tickets**

Dear Parishioners,

If anyone has spare Tip Tickets that they are not using, could you please drop off at the office (one we are out of lock down), we are needing to remove some green waste that has built up around the church grounds.

### **AV Operators needed for mass**

Training available. Please contact parish office



### **Flower Arrangers for the Alter Required**

If you love Flower and arranging, please contact Mary on  
**0437102483**



### **St Macartan's Gift Shop**

Holy Week is only a couple of weeks away so I just want to remind you of the Holy Week Missals we have in stock. We have sold 6 and only have about 5 left. If you don't have a Sunday or Weekday Missal, this is perfect to assist you follow all Masses through Holy Week. We also have some beautiful Crosses. The Crucifixion and another with all 14 Stations of the Cross around the Crucifix. We have one copy left of Making a Holy Lent – a beautiful book of Meditations through Lent, a book that will serve you year after year. For those who were asking, we have received further copies of the Weekday Missal, proving to be very popular.

El Salvador Crosses are now back in stock and these make beautiful gifts, especially for Grandchildren. We have them for Baptism, Communion and Confirmation and others just for the Family. Come in and have a browse. We have many new items with more expected next week.

Please support the Gift Shop, after all it is there to assist you when looking for that special gift.

### **Gift Shop Hours**

**Saturday 5.30 – 6pm**

**Sunday 8.30am – 9am and 10am – 11am**

**Wednesday 9am – 10am**







## St Macartan's Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), is your voice. A voice of parishioners;

created to assist and support the Parish Priest, in steering the Parish into the future. Its role includes; meeting regularly to discuss:- growth, improvements, and the ever-changing needs of the Parish community.

This committee is formed by volunteers and

**We would like more members of the PPC team.**

So if you are interested, please let Fr Geoff know, or email the office and we will give you a call.

The only requirements are;

- you live in the Parish
- attend Mass regularly and
- are keen to be active in helping the Parish grow.

## Child Safety



Dear Parishioners,

At our recent meeting it was decided to conduct three (3) information sessions to assist with updating our St Macartan's volunteer records. The aim of these informal chats is to clarify any enquiries and or misgivings you may have regarding volunteering at St Macartan's.

Please be reassured your efforts as a volunteer at St Macartan's is valued highly, however we must be compliant to the standards as outlined by the Melbourne Archdiocese.

At this point in time we aim to have our "Child Safety" records up to date by the end of June 2021. In order to achieve this goal we need to have everyone on board & up to date.

Information Sessions with Tim Lambourne, Michael McGrath, Carmel McGrath  
Thursday 25th March, Thursday 22nd April, Thursday 29th April  
Any time between 1.00 and 3.00 in the Parish Hall

Please contact Tim Lambourne, [timlambourne@yahoo.com](mailto:timlambourne@yahoo.com) or the Parish Office for any more information.

Carmel McGrath  
Child Safety Officer



## First woman appointed Secretary of Vatican Biblical Commission

On 9 March 2021, Pope Francis appointed Spanish biblical scholar, Sr. Nuria Calduch-Benages, as secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. She expressed her surprise and gratitude in this interview with Vatican News.



Sister Nuria Calduch-Benages has the study of the Bible. She teaches Gregorian University and is a

Scripture. Hailing from Barcelona, Spain, Sr Nuria Calduch-Benages is a member of the Congregation of Missionary Daughters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She also took part in the work of the Study Commission on the Diaconate of Women (2016-2019). On 9 March, Pope Francis appointed her secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, the Vatican office of which she has been a member since 2014. She was recently reappointed for another five-year term, which will last until 2025.

Among other positions, she is a guest professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, an assiduous collaborator of the Catholic Biblical Federation, a prominent member of specialized journals, serving on the scientific committee of the journal History of Women (University of Florence) and collaborating on the series "Tesis y Monografías" published by Verbo Divino (Estella). In 2008 she participated as an expert in the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops focusing on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

Q: How did you react to your being appointed secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and what importance does being a woman have in this position?

A: Two words can sum up my reaction: On the one hand, surprise, because I would never have imagined receiving this appointment; and on the other hand, gratitude to all those people who have confided in me. I think the presence of women in this Commission, as in others, is a positive and important dimension that opens horizons in the Church.

Q: How would you describe your experience of having participated in the Study Commission on the Diaconate of Women?

A: For a good three years, from 2016 to 2019, I was involved, along with the other members, in the study of the diaconate of women. And even if the outcome can be considered partial in some ways, the experience was very enriching both from an intellectual and ecclesial point of view, as well as a human point of view. We established friendships and collaborative relationships that continue to this day. I consider this a privilege.

Q: Sacred Scripture is at the core of your studies. What do you think is the unique contribution women can bring to the study of the Word of God?

A: Their expertise, their interests and their perspectives. For example, think of the study of biblical figures who are women, their narratives, the use of female metaphors, feminist hermeneutics, and many other aspects. Forty years ago, when women biblical scholars were almost unheard of, these issues and approaches to Scripture were not given consideration in biblical environments. Today, however, they are highly valued by everyone, men and women alike, and publications are becoming increasingly numerous.

Q: You teach Old Testament. Deborah, Esther, Judith... Women are central in these books of the Bible and show their importance in salvation history. What vision of women emerges from these texts?

A: In some biblical accounts, such as those you mentioned, women appear as true protagonists of Israel's history, with an important mission to fulfill on behalf of the people. In others, however, they are mere instruments of male power. Yet in others, they are totally silenced by the authors. Therefore, their stories are not told and so we do not hear their voices. This is our main difficulty. Moreover, we cannot forget that the biblical texts are very ancient texts in which women are described according to the archetypes of each era and according to the androcentric perspective of the authors.



## **Working document released for Plenary Council journey**

The working document for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia provides a catalyst for the Church to renew the journey of prayer and discernment toward the first assembly in October, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says.

The document, known as an instrumentum laboris, draws heavily on the voices heard during the Listening and Dialogue and Listening and Discernment phases of the Plenary Council, but also from other key sources. It is entitled Continuing the Journey.

“This is an exciting step forward and we take it together, amidst a time of great change. More than 220,000 people participated in the first stages of Listening and Dialogue, and those voices can be heard clearly in the working document,” said Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Plenary Council.

“As writers, we drew inspiration from Scripture, writings and teachings of the Church including the documents of the Second Vatican Council, encyclicals and papal exhortations, Australian bishops’ pastoral letters and more.

“The abundance of wisdom in the writings of our rich tradition, together with the papers of the Plenary Council discernment thus far, provided an incredible foundation for the content of this working document.”

Archbishop Costelloe said an instrumentum laboris, whether for the Plenary Council, for a Synod of Bishops in Rome or a local synod, “seeks to offer an account of what the People of God have expressed as an invitation for ongoing discernment”.

A number of key themes emerge in the document, including:

- renewing a Christ-centred Church that heals wounds and warms hearts;
- strengthening practices of discernment and synodality;
- the call to co-responsibility in mission and governance;
- embedding a response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse;
- renewing and supporting the ordained ministry;
- promoting discipleship in parishes, families and young people;
- forming prayerful and Eucharistic communities that are eager to engage in society for the service of all;
- proclaiming the Gospel in a change of era;
- renewing the Church’s solidarity with First Australians and those on the margins of society;
- promoting an integral ecology of life for all persons, societies and our common home, the Earth.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said a reflection guide has been developed to help people throughout the country engage with Continuing the Journey, maintaining the national focus for the Council.

“A document has the most value when it is brought to life through dialogue and response,” she said.

“In this particular time of changing norms in society and the emerging reality of post-COVID life, it is increasingly important to have as many faith communities, groups, agencies and individuals participate in this continued discernment as possible.

“Every single person is needed for God’s mission today.”

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/working-document-released-for-plenary-council-journey/>



# Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

A number of resources are being developed to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. Those resources will be posted to this page. They will include:

- Monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character;
- Prayers for various settings;
- Images and social media graphics.

[Click here to access the full Apostolic Letter \*Patris Corde\*](#)

[Click here to access the prayer from \*Patris Corde\*](#)

[Litany of St Joseph](#)

[Consecration to St Joseph](#)

## Monthly Reflections

Each month, a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character will be published. Each reflection can be shared and reproduced with appropriate attribution to the author of the reflection.

[Reflection for January 2021 -- Archbishop Mark Coleridge](#)

[Reflection for February 2021 -- Sr Michele Connolly RSJ](#)

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

(Ctrl and enter) to open these links:

# Year of St Joseph - continued

**Are you ready to take part in the world's largest spiritual consecration on March 19!**

*The 33 Day preparation to for consecration starts this coming monday on February 15!*

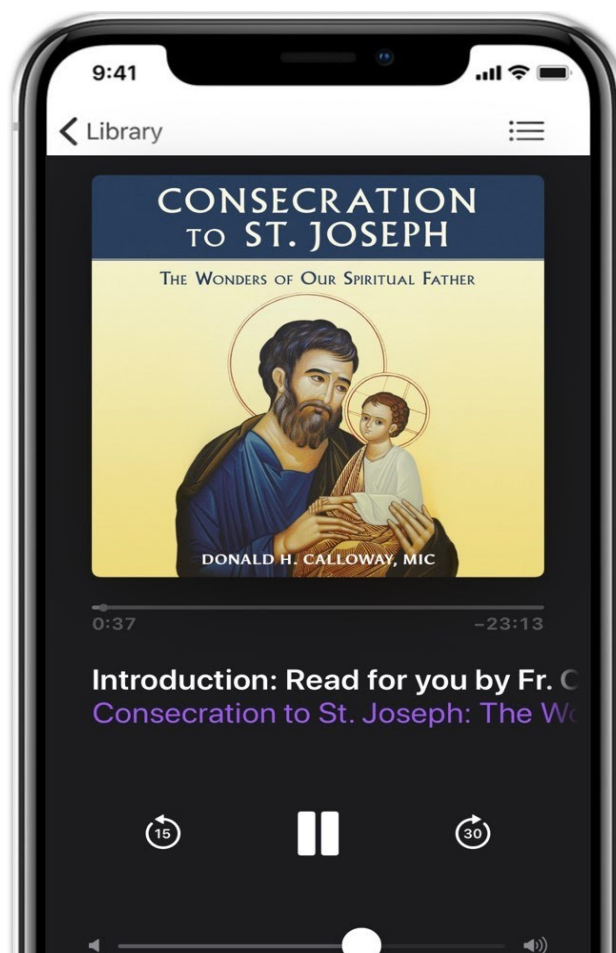
**We need St. Joseph now, *more than ever before!*** As you know we have partnered with the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to help facilitate the world's

*largest spiritual consecration on March 19th – the Solemnity of Saint Joseph!*

**Marian Press is offering the streaming audio book version of *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* for \$14.95! That's 50% off the retail price!**

Join us on an Immersive Journey With the Consecration to St. Joseph Audio Experience.

Visit **StJosephNow.org** and pledge your commitment now to take part in the world's largest spiritual consecration on March 19!





# SMYTM – St Macartans Youth Ministry!

Youth Mass – Every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. 5:00pm

**Encounter Youth Group** (Years 7-9) – Every 2nd and 4th Friday's of the month.  
6:30pm-8:30pm

'Encounter' youth Group for students in high school years 7-9 will kick off this Friday! 26th of March.

Details:

Location: St Macartan's Hall, 10 Drake Street Mornington

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Free Pizza provided!

All are welcome!

Bring: Good vibes only!

## Footy Tipping



It is back!! Three out of 7 nights on live TV. Our tippers have sharpened their pencils sorry they have polished their mouses (mice!) The first game for 2021 was on Thursday We hope Father Geoff had a "Blues" night! The remainder of the round Friday to Sunday. Unfortunately our tippers have had a difficult time due a change in computer company. However because of their great spirit they were not daunted and the generosity of members in helping those with most difficulty. It is not too late to join. Contact Geoffrey on 0447744802  
**HISTORY.:** In 1908 and later in some Australian Rules Competitions the team that finished first had the right of challenge. In other words if they did not make the Grand Final they could challenge the winner. In 1908 on the Peninsula, Hastings finished top but, failed to reach the Grand Final which was won by Frankston. Therefore they exercised their rights and the match between Frankston and Hastings was organised The umpire turned up, Hastings turned up, but Frankston did not. Therefore Hastings were the Premiers. Frankston were put out of the league but returned the following year. Hastings won 1908,1909 and 1910 (when they

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**1st COLLECTION:** The Money Collected goes to the running of the Presbytery and the Parish Priest  
**Last Week: \$1,590**

**2nd COLLECTION:** This Collection consists of the Pledged Sacrificial Giving and any Loose Cash donated, this goes to the running of St Macartan's Church. Paying staff, Bills, Suppliers, insurances and maintenance of all Buildings plus Gardens.  
**Last Week: \$3,132**

**THANK YOU**



# Catholic Charismatic Renewal celebrates

## 50 years in Melbourne

This year marks 50 years since Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), a lay-led charismatic community, began in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fifty years ago, Cardinal James Robert Knox, the fifth archbishop of Melbourne – and a champion of the faith formation of clergy and the laity – encouraged CCR Melbourne to pursue its ministry of helping people to grow in faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the presence of a loving God in their lives.

To mark the 50th anniversary of CCR Melbourne, a mix of online and in-person celebrations were held on the weekend of 6-7 March 2021, with a special anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on Sunday 7 March at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Brunswick East. Lenyce Willason, Director of CCR Melbourne, welcomed attendees to the church, located only streets away from the main CCR Office and gathering space.

*'The Holy Spirit has just been so wonderful,' said Lenyce, who reflected that it was wholly appropriate for the anniversary Mass to take place at Our Lady's, 'because it's been our spiritual home for at least the last 40 years.'*

CCR Melbourne is part of an international network of thousands of prayer groups and communities, present in almost every country around the world.

Over the years, CCR has become an integral part of the local Church in Melbourne, actively providing opportunities for people to grow in their faith through prayer groups, community services and outreach. Celebrating 50 years had brought a sense of maturity to the CCR, said Lenyce, but there remains a freshness to its mission.

'We are now mature and ready to move on to new things that God has planned,' Lenyce said.

Archbishop Comensoli congratulated CCR on their 50-year presence within the Archdiocese of Melbourne and praised CCR for their flourishing ministry. 'Praying and living in the Spirit was once frowned upon,' said Archbishop Comensoli. 'Now we know it to be a wonderful and honoured pathway for God's people to take towards holiness in their daily lives.'

*Thank you for the gift of the Spirit for which you are stewards. Be the heart of the gospel for the years to come. Happy golden jubilee!*

Before the conclusion of the Mass, Archbishop Comensoli blessed and commissioned representatives of CCR's new ministry, formed in response to Pope Francis' newly instituted unified service for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal called "CHARIS". Operating through the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, CHARIS was established to help bring together the various Catholic Charismatic groups around the world and to affirm their place within the universal Church – not as a separate entity. Pope Francis has previously said that CCR is not just a movement, but a "stream of grace" called to revitalise the whole Church through its prayer groups, communities, schools of evangelisation, ministries, publishing houses and media channels.

As an integral part of the life of the Church, the Pope called on CCR groups around the world to focus on three things: 1) encouraging a baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church; 2) reaching out to all Christians whatever their denomination and to befriend and know them, and; 3) undertaking outreach to the poor.

These three things will form the mandate of this newly formed team which is comprised of CCR representatives from across Victoria, including representatives from the Disciples of Jesus, the Community of the Risen Lord, Spiritual Renewal Ministry, the CCR Community of the Diocese of Sale, the Holy Spirit Freedom Community, the Catholic Croatian Community, the Indonesian Community, the CCR Community of the Diocese of Sandhurst and the CCR Community from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

## **Enjoy Slavery—Free Chocolate this Easter**

Australians will spend more than 2 million dollars on chocolate this Easter! No doubt we will all join the fun. But how many of us will chic for Fairtrade certification before buying?

**How many of us even recognize the three symbols -**

**Fairtrade, UTZ, Rainforest Alliance**

Pope Francis remind us that “purchasing is always a moral act.”

That is especially true of buying chocolate.

It sis estimated that there are up to 2 million child slaves picking cocoa beans in Ivor Coast and Ghana. These children are separated from their families and communities, some are even kidnapped from neighbouring countries. They are thrashed if they work too slowly, grow up knowing they are hated by society and hate society in return. They live in poverty and inevitably graduate to petty crime, violence and jail. They provide the beans for cheap chocolate.

No chocolate is worth such suffering.

Slavery-free chocolate is available in all the local supermarkets but you may have to look for it.

Regrettably some major manufacturers have not been able to meet their commitments to use only cocoa beans which are ethically sourced.

**Names you can trust include Whittakers, Alter Eco, Moser Roth, Choceur, Haighs and many others.**

**Simply Check for the sign on the wrapper and we'll be part of a worldwide movement to abolish child slavery.**



## ***Refugee Advocacy Network and Speaking Up for Refugees invite you to:***

**Walk for Justice for Refugees - Palm Sunday 2021**



**Date:** Sunday 28 March 2021      **Time:** 2pm

**Location:** State Library of Victoria - 328 Swanston St, Melbourne

Walk for Justice for Refugees on Palm Sunday (28th March) is an important opportunity to raise awareness of the continuing injustice and cruelty experienced by refugees and people who are seeking asylum. This year Palm Sunday actions are calling for:

- Permanent visas for all refugees
- Basic income support for people in the community while their refugee status is assessed
- Release ALL Refugees from Detention
- An end to offshore processing

To endorse the walk, email [info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au](mailto:info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au) or send us a message on [Facebook](#)

**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15am**

**Apologies:**

**Fr Geoff is away on a one-day  
training course.**

Archbishop Comensoli has just appointed Fr Geoff as one of  
eight Vocation Promoters of the Melbourne Archdiocese.

This is a new initiative in the Archdiocese and Fr Geoff will be  
working regularly with the Vocations Director.