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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Geoffrey McIlroy

Parish Secretary: Position vacant



**PLEASE NOTE**

**Due to the Current Victorian Lock-down, the Church must remain closed.**

**Mass Times:**

**All Masses Suspended**

**If you are currently booked in for Baptism, please email the office at [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)**

**Weekdays:** Tuesday to Saturday 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 9:15am Masses or by appointment.

**Video Sunday Mass**

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/>

**Upcoming Holy Days:**

- Mon 26: St Joachim & St Ann
- Thu 29: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- Sat 31: St Ignatius Loyola

**Youth Mass** - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm

- Holy Hour 3:30-4:30pm

**CANCELLED**

**Next Baptismal Meeting** - 3rd August 8 pm Via Zoom

**Note: Office is currently closed.**

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Recently Deceased: Sue Hale**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Torquil Hansen, Betty Corke, Wright, Joan Snow, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni and Maria-Louisa Di Rosato.

**First Reading** 2 kgs 4:42-44

### **A reading from the second book of Kings**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (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 Eph 4:1-6**

### **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** Jn 6:1-15

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

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### **Communion Antiphon** Rv 3:20

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Messiah

*At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah – the anointed one of God – would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.*

## EXPLORING THE WORD

For the next five weeks, we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse that follows it in John's Gospel. The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teaching on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover, which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more. Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread.

But the crowd misunderstands his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide for their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.

- Is it possible that sometimes we expect Jesus to be something other than he is. We may try to make him fit our mould rather than us fitting his mould. What expectations do you have of Jesus? Are they realistic?
- What hunger do you hope Jesus will fill in you?

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sea of Galilee is also known as the Sea of Tiberias and as Lake Gennesaret, both of which were sizeable towns on the Lake's western shore.
- The Philip of this episode is mentioned in all four apostolic lists (Matthew 10:3, Mark 3:18, Luke 6:14, Acts 1:13). He came from Bethsaida on the northern shores of the lake and is referred to most often in John's Gospel.
- Two hundred denarii is a large sum of money. A denarius was a Roman silver coin, and one denarius represented a worker's daily wage.
- 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' One of the great symbols of the coming of the Messiah often used in the Hebrew Scriptures was the abundant feast. Here Jesus provides abundantly; thus he is presented as 'the prophet who is to come'.
- The twelve hampers' full that were gathered up could well represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus gathers all the people to himself.
- God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven

## SHARING THE TRADITION

We are instantly reminded of the actions of the Eucharist in this text. The actions of the priest at the altar echo the actions of Jesus. He takes, blesses, breaks and shares the bread. The Eucharist unites and feeds the Christian community so that it can continue to be Christ's living presence in the world. This living presence must be manifested in various ways by the Church as it seeks to feed the needs of the hungry. In this gospel, Jesus urges the disciples to pick up all the pieces so that nothing is wasted. In our consumerist western society, there is so much waste, while in other parts of the world, people's basic needs are not being met. The late Pope John Paul II was tireless in his call to share more equitably the goods of the earth, which were created for all. This call is echoed by Pope Francis.

- Talk about some of the Church agencies that work to sustain others—physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually.
- You could gather some information on the internet ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)) on levels of world hunger and discuss ways that your community can help.
- Caritas Australia can provide resources on the problem of hunger in our world and suggest ways your community can help.
- Many local communities have a 'food bank' or some similar program. Is there something that exists locally which could be supported?

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- In what ways are you being fed and nourished on your journey towards baptism?
- Try to provide what others need this week.
- What 'hungers' may have driven the vast crowd to follow Jesus? Reflect together a little on what our world today is hungering for. What great needs in our world need to be met? What are you hungering for at this point in your life?
- Use today's psalm response this week: The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs.

## SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

- When we see Jesus' concern for the crowd, his desire to feed and sustain them and his rejection of personal glory, we are reminded that Jesus came as one who serves. As Christians, we too must serve others.
- Another dominant symbol here is that of the messianic feast. This image was used often in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe the time when the Messiah comes and all will be filled to abundance.

# *Farewell & Thank you*

*Theresa Collard our Parish secretary, retired this week.*

*I will miss her friendliness, helpfulness and her professionalism. Theresa stepped into the role of Parish secretary in difficult times and brought a great deal of organisational skills to the office.*

*I'm happy to say, Theresa will stay on helping, by working from home doing some of the key finance aspects of the Parish until we find a replacement.*

*We couldn't have a farewell send off for Theresa but will do so when lockdown ends,*

*Theresa, we sincerely thank you. Good luck and best wishes.*

*We hold you in our prayers.*

*Blessings*

*Fr Geoff*

## National Vocations Awareness Week

**1st—8th August**



Catholic Vocations Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street,  
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8002 Australia Telephone: (03) 9926 5733

Email: [vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au) [www.melbournecatholic.org/vocations](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/vocations)

### **POSITION VACANT**

**The St Macartan's Parish Secretary job has become vacant.**

There is an opportunity for an experienced Parish Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at St Macartan's Parish in a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest.

The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous.

This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office in Mornington. The role is 26 hours per week, Tue-Fri. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Those wishing to apply are to send their resumes to:

[recruitment@cam.org.au](mailto:recruitment@cam.org.au)

## Lockdown 5.0

### COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: 15 July 2021, 5.00pm

As of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021, the following 'circuit-breaker lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria -This lockdown has now been extended for another 7 days.

#### There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:

- **Shopping** for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);
- **Caregiving** or compassionate reasons;
- **Authorised work** or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
- **Exercise** (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);
- Receive a **vaccination**.
- ♦ **Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.
- ♦ **Private and public gatherings will not be permitted:** Single person bubbles will be allowed.
- ♦ **PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.
- ♦ **FUNERALS:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.
- ♦ **WEDDINGS:** (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).
- ♦ **AGED CARE:** No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.
- ♦ **HOSPITALS:** No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

## **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.

Held every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:15pm in the Parish Community House

**1st Eucharist Info night Aug 24th.**

Enrolments will be taken now. Please ring Faye 0421443632

E-mail : [fayesayah@hotmail.com](mailto:fayesayah@hotmail.com)



### **Next Youth Mass!**

#### **Cancelled due to COVID LOCKDOWN**

Social hang outs and pizza after mass, concluding at 7:00pm.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Like our instagram to have an update on all our events:

<<https://www.instagram.com/morningtonparish.youth/>>

**The Parish of St Macartan's is looking for you to assist with the music and/or singing for Sunday YOUTH Mass 5pm.**

**If interested, please contact the Pastoral Youth Minister: Joe Melham:**

## **Mary MacKillop**

### **'Special Offers' to acknowledge Saint Mary's**

#### **forthcoming Feast day on 8 August**

(offer applicable during the period Mon 21 June – Tues 31 August)

**Go into the draw to win a free nights accommodation** with a purchase from the Museum gift shop - Any person that purchases from the Museum gift shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, paintings, books and Peruvian handmade items) will go into a draw for a free nights accommodation for two at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. [Click here](#) for the gift shop and to order contact Kate on (03) 9926 9300 or email [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au) (The draw will take place on Wed 1

September).



## St Macartan's Gift Shop Opening Hours



**CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN**

**Saturday** 5.30pm – 6.00pm

**Sunday** 8.30am – 9.00am and 10.00am – 11.00am

**Tuesday** 8.30am – 9.15am and 9.45am – 10.15am

**Saturday** 9.00am – 10.00am

**If you should require something urgently,  
please contact Trish on 0425 749 379.**



## Parish Footy Tipping Round 18



There was a very bright light coming from the church on Sunday evening but there was an even brighter light coming from the house next door as The Blues demolished the Magpies!! There was a lot of confusion with R18 as there were late changes to times of games and changes in venues. However this did not upset our tippers especially espn79975597 otherwise known as Irene, one our regular readers at 11am Mass. She tipped 8 winners and the draw and earned a bonus point. There will be many changes again this week with some round 19 games being played earlier. Four members scored 8 .They were Mr.Franks, Judy Schultz, Debra 1974 and Adam Bulldog. A number of tippers scored 7. The drawn game was a great help.

**HISTORY.** Arrivederci Sergio Silvani. He was a past student of St. Thomas' Clifton Hill and an outstanding player for Carlton. As a young star he was very generous with his time .On a personal note he always made himself available to umpire games, especially for the Under 13 Lightning Competition for Catholic schools, held at Parade Alphington.He will receive a warm welcome from his cousin, John (Mario) Benetti another St.Thomas student and a great robust Carlton player.. RIP . Sergio played in Carlton's premierships sides in 1968 and 1970, and in losing Grand Finals in 1962 and 1969 He captained Carlton and represented Victoria.

## Fraternity is the most valuable medal

Tokyo prepares to host the Olympic Games in the shadow of the pandemic. Pope Francis' teaching on sport shows the way to build harmony among peoples.

By Alessandro Gisotti

Some have already dubbed the Tokyo Olympic Games "the sad Olympics". In order to avoid the spread of Covid-19, Tokyo authorities have decided there will be no spectators in the stands of the stadiums, hugs between athletes will not be allowed, Olympians will have to put their medals around their own necks to avoid any possible contact. A year after the postponement of the Games, due to the pandemic, Japan is preparing to experience the world's prime sporting event with conflicting feelings: joy and sadness, pride and concern. However, in these Olympics, that mark a "first" due to the strict anti-Covid measures, perhaps the meaning (and value) of the event with its five, symbolically intertwined rings and its spirit of more fully emerge. It is a message that is certainly much needed today, as we all find ourselves "in the same boat" and facing many difficulties, as well as an unexpected change of era with still unpredictable consequences.



Pope Francis has repeatedly underlined the educational potential of sport for young people, the importance of "putting oneself on the line" and the merit of fair play, as well as - and he did so even during his days of hospitalization at the Gemelli Hospital - the value of a defeat, because the greatness of a person is more evident when he or she falls rather than in a moment of triumph, both in sport and in life. At the beginning of the year, in a long interview with the Italian newspaper "Gazzetta dello Sport", the Pope remarked: Victory gives you a thrill that is difficult to describe, but there's also something marvellous about a defeat. (...) Wonderful victories can be born from certain defeats because you unleash the desire for redemption after identifying the mistake. I would even add that winners don't know what they're missing out on." In a time marked by fractures and polarization of all kinds, for the Pope, sport can therefore be, as he reminded the Special Olympics athletes, "A universal language that can overcome cultural, social, religious and physical differences, and it can unite people, rendering them participant in the same game and together protagonists of victories and defeats".

For sure, as demonstrated during the recent European Football Championships and the Copa America, the athletes on the tracks, in the field or on the football pitch, will not be sparing any energy in order to win. The spirit of competition is also strengthened by the long wait since the last Olympics, those of 2016 in Rio de Janeiro. After all, if Pope Francis has repeatedly expressed his appreciation for the amateur and community dimension of sport and for its social function, he also well knows that sports, especially at a professional level, is fueled by competition and the desire to overcome one's personal limits. "Show how far one can arrive through the effort of training, which involves great commitment and also sacrifices" he said to Italian swimmers in June 2018, "All this constitutes a lesson of life, especially for your peers. Here then is the hope that these Tokyo Olympics will be able to combine competitive tension and spirit of unity. Overcoming limits and sharing fragilities. Today, more than ever, the challenge is not only to win the gold medal - the dream and goal of every Olympic athlete - but to win, all together, the medal of human fraternity.

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