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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED!**

**LOCKDOWN CONTINUES**

**Until Thursday 2nd Sept.**

**Mass Times:**

**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.

**Note:**

**Office currently has restricted operation.**

**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:**

- Fri 3rd: St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

**Youth Mass** -

2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm

And Holy Hour also on the 2nd and 4th Sundays 3:30-4:30pm

**Next Baptismal Meeting - Wednesday  
8th September at 8pm via Zoom.**

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



**Recently Deceased:** Janet Smyth, Joan Snow

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Dean Pratt, Tony Formosa, Torquil

Hansen, Betty Corke, Wright, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni and Maria-Louisa Di Rosato.

**Janet Smyth funeral: Tuesday 24th August (PRIVATE - 10 MOURNERS ONLY!)**

- livestream: <https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/janet-smyth/>

### **First Reading** [Jos 24:1-2. 15-18](#)

A reading from the book of Joshua

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### **Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9](#)

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

**Second Reading** [Eph 5:21-32](#) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation** [See Jn 6:63. 68](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Jn 6:60-69](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Peter's faith

*Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!*

## EXPLORING THE WORD

For several weeks we have been following the story of Jesus' revelation of himself as the one sent from God, and of how his followers may draw life from him by eating his flesh and drinking his blood. In this text, we find that it is not only 'the Jews' who find it difficult to accept his revelation and his teaching. Even his followers struggle with this truth. Jesus knows of their struggle but will not be drawn into offering supernatural proof of his revelation: the Son of Man ascending to heaven! Some do not understand his words and cease to follow him. Jesus then turns to his closest companions and offers them a choice: they may go or they may

stay. Peter responds on behalf of them all. It is a wonderful affirmation of faith.

'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life and we believe. We know that you are the Holy One of God.' This choice is not based on clear understanding but on faith and on love for Jesus. The mystery of God often defies understanding, but faith is the key to a share in it.

- Freedom of choice is essential to the Christian message. What made you choose to follow Christ?
- 'Lord to whom shall we go?' What are the alternatives to Christian faith that are offered by 'the world'? How attractive are those options to you?

## DID YOU KNOW?

- This is another example of how Peter, in the gospels, often takes a leadership role among the twelve
- Peter's role of leadership among the chosen is why, to this day, his successor, the Pope, has a special position among the leaders of the Church.
- In John's Gospel, the author often uses the device of 'dualism' to contrast life in the Spirit with the life of this earthly existence.
- There is no institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper in John's Gospel. That occurs earlier in this passage. At the supper, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

While we have been concentrating on the Gospel of John in the past several weeks, the Liturgy of the Word has also been following the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. This contains some very practical advice on living as a Christian.

- You could return to the readings from Ephesians beginning on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Perhaps each person in the group could take one week and do a short synthesis of what Paul was teaching the people of Ephesus. What relevance do Paul's instructions have for Christians today?
- You could read about Paul's experiences in Ephesus in the Book of Acts (chapter 19). Explain the growth of the early Church and the missionary journeys of Paul.
- The teaching on marriage in this week's second reading sounds controversial by today's standards. Take the opportunity to speak of the Christian understanding of marriage and family.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are there things that stop you believing in all that Jesus taught? What do you find most challenging in the teaching of Jesus?
- Have you ever been tempted to walk away? What has kept you on the journey?
- This week, spend time in reflecting on your journey so far. What are you finding a challenge? Are you able to freely make the commitment to the Holy One of God?
- What are some of the significant choices you have made in your life? Do you weigh things up carefully, examining the pros and cons, or do you rely on gut feeling and an emotional response in your decision-making process? Share your experiences.
- During this week, make Peter's declaration of faith your own:

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of eternal life and we believe. We know that you are the Holy One of God.*

## **Lockdown EXTENDED until September 3rd**

### **#42 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19**

#### **Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

**Information Updated: 5 August 2021, 5.00pm - STILL APPLIES**

As of **8.00pm, Thursday 5 August 2021**, the following 'snap lockdown' measures will be applied across Victoria, and will extend for seven days or until otherwise notified.

- **Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.
- **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 hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km); - receive a vaccination.
- **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.

# A Message from the Executive Director Stewardship | Extended Melbourne Lockdown & Worker Permits

Dear Friends,

I am sure you are as disappointed as I am to learn that further restrictions have been announced today for Metropolitan Melbourne. The lockdown has been extended for two weeks, until at least 2 September 2021.

A curfew will also be in place from 9pm to 5am each day effective from 11.59pm tonight (though we have been asked to not go out tonight after 9pm if possible).

The full Premier's Statement and table of restrictions can be found here: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/extended-melbourne-lockdown-keep-victorians-safe-0>

## PERMITTED WORKER SCHEME HAS BEEN RE-INSTATED

To limit the movement of people and reduce the opportunity for transmission, there are further restrictions around how we work. Effective from 11.59pm tomorrow 17 August 2021 the Permitted Worker Scheme (that was in place last year) will return;

- Permits will be required to leave the house for authorised work, consistent with the arrangements that were in place last year;
- Authorised workers are permitted to travel to and from work even when curfew is in place;
- Religious broadcast is permitted with a maximum of five people, it must be the same five people each time (further clarity is being sought on this); and
- We are unable to issue permits to those who do not qualify as an authorised worker.

Please see here for the list of Authorised Workers: [Authorised provider and authorised worker list | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT

### Parish Priests and Livestream Assistants

Parish Priests may obtain a permit by completing the attached ***"Priests and Livestream"*** form and emailing it to: [covidsupport@cam.org.au](mailto:covidsupport@cam.org.au) for processing.

Employees who are assisting with Livestream broadcasting must complete the same form and seek approval from their Parish Priest who should then forward it to: [covidsupport@cam.org.au](mailto:covidsupport@cam.org.au) for processing.

Please take care, stay safe and God bless,  
Tim

**Tim O'Leary**  
Executive Director Stewardship



## AUTHORISED PROVIDERS

The following businesses can open under restrictions. If their employees are unable to work from home they can leave home to attend work.

- a supermarket, grocery store, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable store or fishmonger; or
- an indoor or outdoor market, but only to obtain groceries or fresh food; or
  - a restaurant, café, food truck pub, bar or hotel, whether licensed or unlicensed, but only to the extent that:
- it provides takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service; or
- it provides food, drink, accommodation or other essential services to those seeking shelter (for example, for reasons of homelessness or family violence); or
- a bottle shop; or
- a financial institution; or
- consular and diplomatic services; or
- court, tribunal or commission services;
- an electorate office; or
- Victorian Parliament; or
- a post office; or
- a news agent; or
- a pharmacy; or
- a petrol station (including a petrol station that sells groceries); or
- vehicle and mechanical repair services; or
- construction, workplace limits as specified in the Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions; or
- a pet store; or
- a veterinary clinic, and related services (on-farm visits and animal care services) where there is a genuine animal welfare issue, or for the purposes of artificial insemination; or
- services connected with animal health, husbandry or welfare, including the RSPCA; or
- zoos and nature reserves for the purposes of treating or caring for animals, performing an animal rescue function or maintaining the facility/reserve and broadcast; or
- an abattoir, meat, seafood or poultry processing plant; or
- animal saleyards, knackeries and animal transportation services (including livestock and pets); or
- urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises; or
- immunisation or vaccination services; or
- essential child protection activities; or
- a childcare, early learning centre, kindergarten, preschool or family day care provider; or
- a primary or secondary school; or
- a boarding school; or
- a 'click and collect' service; or a locksmith's; or a community facility (for click and collect only); or carparks for the purposes of supporting an Authorised Provider or Authorised Worker; or
- labour hire when servicing an Authorised Provider; or
- laundry and dry cleaners; or commercial cleaners when servicing an Authorised Provider for cleaning services that cannot be deferred (excludes cleaning of residential premises such as apartment buildings); or Services that operate solely outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Solo work only unless additional workers are required for safety reasons:
- Outdoor maintenance, repairs, cleaning and other building work, including at occupied premises.
- Home renovations and installations (outdoor only)
- Home solar panel installations (only for outdoor work or in roof cavities with external access).



## SOME AUTHORISED WORKERS

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- an Authorised Provider; or
- authorised health services; or
- funerary or mortuary services or related activities; or
- marriage celebrant only if one or both of the two persons being married are at the end of life, or will be deported from Australia unless the marriage takes place; or
- elective surgery and post-operative care in health services in regional Victoria; or
  - emergency services, including both volunteers and paid workers in:
- the State Emergency Services; and
- firefighting services; and
- paramedical services; and
- ambulance and paramedics services; and
- air ambulance and medical retrieval services (including Royal Flying Doctor Service); and
- Victoria Police employees, Protective Services Officers and police custody officers; and
- military and defence services deployed for activities in Victoria; or
- state security or national security; or
- essential infrastructure and essential services that are required to maintain or protect human health, safety and wellbeing (whether provided by a public or private undertaking), and including construction, maintenance and repair of such infrastructure; or
- critical repairs to any premises where required for emergency or safety; or
- faith leaders broadcasting services and ceremonies at places of worship, with the minimum number of people required for the broadcast to occur (no more than 5 people) and it must be the same people each time; or
- retail goods workers supporting the operation of click and collect or click and deliver orders; or
- health practitioners, including medical, nursing, midwifery and allied health students on placement, when undertaking critical training and examinations; or
  - allied health professionals working in private or public community **services, whether** clinic-based or home-based, providing essential clinical care where telehealth services are not clinically appropriate;
- Example: orthotists and prosthetists providing services such as fitting a brace post-surgery.
- maternal and child health workers providing essential care to newborns or at-risk babies and children; or
- a person who is critical to, and involved in, the State's COVID-19 response (including in hotel quarantine and vaccination services); or
- immunisation and vaccination providers including pharmacy immunisers and Aboriginal Healthcare Workers
- roadside assistance services; or
  - local government specific services such as:
- essential environmental health functions that protect the health and wellbeing of the community, and high-risk local law enforcement; or
- a member of Parliament and up to two staff to ensure minimal functioning of an electorate office; or
- anyone required to ensure the Victorian Parliament can operate remotely; or
- anyone required to ensure the functioning of the Commonwealth of Australia Parliament; or
  - domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services (including collection, treatment and disposal services and transfer stations), including:
- electricity services; and
- operation of energy systems; and
- gas services; and
- water supply, sewerage and drainage services; and
- liquid fuels and refinery services; or

For more go to: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/authorised-provider-and-authorised-worker-list-0>

## Social Justice Sunday resources (29 August)

*'The signs of the times are clear—we know that we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour. Pope Francis continues to call us to an ecological conversion and an economic conversion, and we want to respond.'* (Social Justice Statement 2021–2022)

'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor', the Social Justice Statement of the Australian Catholic Bishops, has just been released in the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. Actions that parishes can take to mark Social Justice Sunday and begin the journey to respond to the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor' include:

- reading and studying the statement, available in [PDF](#) or [audio format](#)
- watching the [video introduction](#) to the statement by the Bishops of Australia
- using the [prayer cards](#) and making them available in the parish
- using the [liturgy and homily notes](#) on Social Justice Sunday
- taking up the [suggestions for local action](#) (For assistance in listening to our First Peoples, you may like to contact [Sherry Balcombe](#), Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria.)
- making use of the [promotional material](#).

## THANK YOU

Last week, I saw a man washing our Church fence (that leads from the church carpark to Cook St), with a power-washer.

I was curious, so I went down and introduced myself.

He said he was doing a job near-by and noticed graffiti on our fence, so he said - I just thought I'd stop and clean it of for you.

Wow, I said - that is so thoughtful of you.

His name is Aaron and because of his act of kindness,  
I said I would like to promote his business.

Aaron - fence/driveway/brick cleaning.

0403 539 982

## Hearing from young Catholics in our parishes

We are currently looking at how we can continue to accompany young people in their journey of faith. As part of this work, we'd love to hear the discipleship experiences of young Catholics in Melbourne—how they have been accompanied in their encounter with Christ. To assist us to hear from a diverse group of young people, we invite you to share this short survey with youth and young adults in your parish (15–35 years). The survey will be used to help inform our planning as we seek to ensure youth and young adults are accompanied in their journey with the Lord over the years ahead. The survey can be found [here](#).



### Next Youth Masses this month

**TBA (when COVID restrictions allow)**

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 Melhem:  
[Morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au](mailto:Morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au)**

## Australia Prays: A national day of prayer

On Sunday 22 August, Catholic parishes are invited to unite in prayer with Christians all across Australia to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19.

As well as the opportunities for parishes to take part in prayer, there will also be an online gathering with prayer and reflection offered at various times throughout the day.

Join all day prayers online: You are invited to join a National virtual prayer service featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participate as an individual through online prayer for part or all of the prayers.

When: 22 August 2021 9 AM - 9 PM (AEST)

Register: Online - <https://www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/august-2021-1/item/2534-national-day-of-prayer-2021081>

For more information on the National Day of Prayer visit  
<http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

## 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 22



Round 22. The unexpected loss by two favourites in the first two rounds seemed to imply no one would score 9. However after the first six games we had three with 6 correct. Unfortunately the two made it to the 8. They were Debbie McMahon and Debra Star.

With one round to go Jack Jansson leads by 2. There are over 15 with a chance to make the top ten. There may be a bye before the Finals.

A question is often asked if the AFL Competition is fair? The reason is because some teams only play each other once while others do twice, So if you play Collingwood, Carlton, North Melb and Gold Coast twice you have 8 wins and you only need a couple more to make the final 8!!

HISTORY. There has been talk that we could create history by having a team from Tasmania. That would make 19 so why not one from Tiwi Islands to make a 20. When we think of Tiwi Islands the Rioli name comes to the fore. Three famous players Cyril Rioli-- Hawthorn 64 games and 72 goals. Dean Rioli--Essendon, 100 games and 91 goals and Maurice Rioli--Richmond 118 games and 80 goals. Maurice was the Norm Smith medalist when Richmond lost to Carlton. His son has just started at Richmond

## Pope at Audience:

### Are we under the Law or do we live as children of God?

In his catechesis at the General Audience, Pope Francis says we should ask ourselves if we are still living “under the Law” or if we understand that, having become children of God, we are called to live in love.

By Christopher Wells

St Paul, he said, “has taught us that the ‘children of the promise,’ - that is, all of us, justified by Jesus Christ - are no longer bound by the Law, but are called to the demanding life-style of the freedom of the Gospel.”

#### A turning point

He explained that for St Paul, the acceptance of faith is the turning point both for salvation history as a whole and in our own personal stories. At the heart of faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus, “which Paul preached in order to inspire faith in the Son of God, the source of salvation.” So, he said, for Christians, there is a period “before becoming believers” and “after receiving the faith”; and there is, therefore, “a ‘before’ and ‘after’ with regard to the Law itself.” In the period before receiving the faith, being “under the Law” has a negative sense, “as if one is watched and locked up, a kind of preventative custody.” This period, he said, “is perpetuated as long as one lives in sin.”

#### The law as teacher and guardian

The Law, said Pope Francis, makes us aware of what it means to transgress the law and also makes people aware of their own sin. In a certain sense, it ends up “stimulating the transgression.” But he went on to Paul’s image of the Law that while the Law had function, it also served support the people of the Pope said, the Law live function, that was ited in time: when children become adults, they no longer need a guardian. Likewise, “once one faith, the Law exhausts its propaedeutic value and must give way to another authority.”



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#### Considering the role of the law

However, he said, the law still exists and is still important. Pope Francis said the role of the law “deserves to be considered carefully so we do not give way to misunderstandings and take false steps.” And so, he said, “it is good for us to ask ourselves if we still live in the period in which we need the Law, or if, instead, we are fully aware of having received the grace of becoming children of God so as to live in love.” It is a good question, he said, and added a second: “Do I despise the Commandments?” He also gave an answer: “No. I observe them, but not as absolutes, because I know that it is Jesus Christ who justifies me.”



## Pope Francis urges people to get vaccinated against Covid-19

Pope Francis launches a powerful appeal for people to get vaccinated with approved Covid-19 vaccines, calling it *“an act of love.”*

By Devin Watkins



The Pope has joined his voice to those of Bishops across North and South America to urge people to get jabbed against Covid-19. In a video message produced in conjunction with the Ad Council, Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines.

*“Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19,” he said in the video released on Wednesday. He added that vaccines “bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another.”*

### **Vaccination is an act of love**

Pope Francis went on to say that getting a Covid jab that is *“authorized by the respective authorities”* is an *“act of love.”*

Helping other do the same, he said, is also an act of love. *“Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political.”*

The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through *“small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies.”*

*“Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable,”* he said.

Pope Francis then prayed to God that *“each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love.”*

*“No matter how small, love is always grand,”* he said. *“Small gestures for a better future.”*



### **In this challenging time**

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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### **For those who care for the sick**

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick.  
When they diagnose, give them patience.  
When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection.  
When they work to heal, give them strength.  
When they comfort, give them consolation.  
When they are tired, give them rest.  
When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.  
May we welcome and respect them  
as we support one another in this time of trial.





### **For those seeking a cure for the virus**

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the  
minds of women and men of medical  
science who are working to find a



solution to this viral infection.

Guide their research and help them discover  
what you provide in creation, sure ways  
of control, protection, inoculation  
and healing. Strengthen them in their  
tiring work and enrich in them the  
virtue of hope.

Amen.

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### **For those who govern and represent us**

Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders  
called to serve us in our Nation.  
May they respond to the challenges of this  
affliction with prudence and sound  
judgement. With foresight, may their  
planning alleviate the economic  
burdens, compensate for losses, protect  
employment and ensure ample food for  
the poor and isolated.



Amen

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### **For humility**

Merciful Lord, we stand before you in our human weakness.  
We confess that we have been caught up in the pride and presumption that  
drives our worldly society.

Free us from the arrogance that afflicts our age, for  
now we stand confounded by conditions beyond our control or understanding.

Give us humble and honest hearts to discern the greater mystery of your  
providence in creation.

May we accept your justice and trust your redeeming mercy.

Amen

**When you cannot come to Mass**

Take the missal or weekly bulletin and read the Scriptures provided in the Liturgy of the Word for the day. Reflect silently on the readings.

You may also choose to offer intercession in the Prayer of the Faithful. Read the Rite of Communion and then use this prayer or some other appropriate words to welcome Jesus Christ spiritually.

**AN ACT OF  
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more.

You are the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed. My Jesus, come to me. I long for you; let me always be at one with you.

St Alphonsus Ligouri

Come, Lord Jesus! Welcome, Eucharistic Lord.

Welcome my Saviour and my God.

Lord I believe. Lord, I welcome, Lord I receive. My Lord!

I thank you for the grace I receive in these moments.

Silent prayer of gratitude.

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Dear Parishioners,

I keep you all in my daily prayers.

Keep strong, keep the faith and keep praying.

Blessings to you all

Fr Geoff

## **CHILD SAFETY**

Dear Parishioners, the young people of our parish who belong to the youth group have been invited by Joe to attend “zoom” gatherings. This has been a great Incentive by Joe as a means to continually communicate & gather our youth together. Joe has been vigilant in ensuring that the meetings are safe as we as a parish are continually protecting our children from harm, it comes naturally and no matter the age of our child we continue to protect.

The type of harm changes due to the circumstances we live in. Our children at the moment are spending an inordinate amount of time on-line. They need to be protected. Here are some simple steps Joe has used to help when using the internet:

Permission from parents

Parents nearby

Not in “private” rooms e.g. bedroom

Dressed appropriately

Explain the rules for the “adults”

Ask parents before downloading

Keep personal information private e.g. phone number, passwords

What to do if you are being bullied

What to do if you see/experience something inappropriate

Tell parents if you are sent a “private” or “secret” message

If you would like to be part of Joe’s “zoom “ gatherings please contact Joe:

**Morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au**

PS. Excellent resource for esafety!! <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

Kind Regards Carmel McGrath,

Child Safety Officer

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**Marriage Prep:** See Fr Geoff

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**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

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**Catholic Mission Parish Ambassador:** Jody Kerrins [jody54@westnet.com.au](mailto:jody54@westnet.com.au)