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Who
do you
say
I am?



PLEASE NOTE:

ALL MASSES CANCELLED!

LOCKDOWN CONTINUES

Until ?????.

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: Not at the moment!

Note:

**ALL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO
BE EMAILED TO OFFICE BY 4PM
EACH WEDNESDAY!**

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:

- Tue 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wed 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thu 16th: Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs

Youth Mass -

2nd and 4th Sundays at 5pm

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

Baptism Meetings:

1st Wednesday of each Month (except school holidays) - at 8pm via Zoom.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS



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.

First Reading [Is 50:5-9](#) A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

4. *He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)*

Second Reading [Jas 2:14-18](#) A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation [Gal 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mk 8:27-35](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Scriptural Context

A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter processes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Mark's Gospel contains many instructions on what it means to be a disciple. Ironically, it is often the twelve who fail the test of discipleship, while many of the minor characters in Mark provide wonderful models of true understanding. In this text, we have one example of Peter's imperfect understanding of the mission and ministry of Jesus. The question as to who Jesus is leads to one of the great acclamations of faith in the gospels: 'You are the Christ.' Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is to come.

What he fails to understand is the type of messiah that Jesus is. Peter refuses to accept that Jesus will suffer rejection and be put to death. He cannot comprehend such

an end! Peter may well have wanted the Davidic messiah who would liberate Israel from Roman occupation. He is thinking in the ways of man, not in the ways of God. He is an obstacle in the path that Jesus knows he must follow. His will be a messiahship of service, of suffering and of self-giving love. There is no triumph apart from the cross. To be a disciple is to walk this same path of service, suffering and self-giving love.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Caesarea Philippi is a Gentile, northern-frontier town in upper Galilee, on the slopes of Mount Hermon. It is one of the sources of the River Jordan. The site was known in antiquity as a shrine to the Greek and Roman nature gods. When Herod the Great's son Philip became tetrarch of the region, he rebuilt the city and named it after himself and the Emperor.
- Satan is the English translation of a Hebrew word whose literal meaning is 'adversary'. The idea of Satan as a figure of evil developed late in Jewish history, after the exile in Babylon. Satan and his cohort came to represent the power of evil in the universe that stood in opposition to the power of God and the coming of God's reign. In this text, it is Peter who is in opposition to God's plan because he fails to understand and accept the cross.
- By this point in Jesus' public ministry, John the Baptist had been killed by Herod Antipas (the ruler of the region of Galilee, and the son of Herod the Great and brother of Philip) because John criticised Herod's actions in marrying his brother's wife

SHARING THE TRADITION

The early Christians were forced to face the scandal of Jesus' death. The historical reality of this cruel and heartless death could not be sidestepped. This was the death of a common brigand and thief. And yet, the first Christians saw in this death a triumph and exaltation. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul recognised the 'foolishness' of preaching a crucified Christ.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:22–24)

- Explore this idea together. In what ways was the crucifixion a display of the power and wisdom of God?
- Look at a variety of crosses and crucifixes. (You will find many images through an internet search.) What aspects of the suffering, death or triumph of Christ are revealed in them?
- You could explore understandings of salvation brought through the cross: atonement, sacrifice, the link to the sacrificial lamb of Exodus.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- 'Who do people say I am?' How would you answer this question of Jesus?
- What cross are you being called to take up at this point? What do you need to leave behind?
- What 'crosses' have you had to bear in your life? Where did you find the strength to carry your burden? Who are the people who have helped you to bear your load? What positive consequences came from the suffering you bore? Share your reflections together.
- Use the cross as a focus for your prayer and reflection this week. Ponder deeply the question, 'Why did Jesus die?' Contemplate how this cross can be the source of eternal life for you.
- Use this verse of today's psalm as your prayer this week:

*How gracious is the Lord, and just;
Our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.*



St Macartan's Season of Creation 2021, 'Home for All' Virtual Retreat



You are invited to celebrate the Season of Creation through prayer, reflection, discussion and action!

We might be at home and in lockdown but we can still connect to celebrate this precious season.

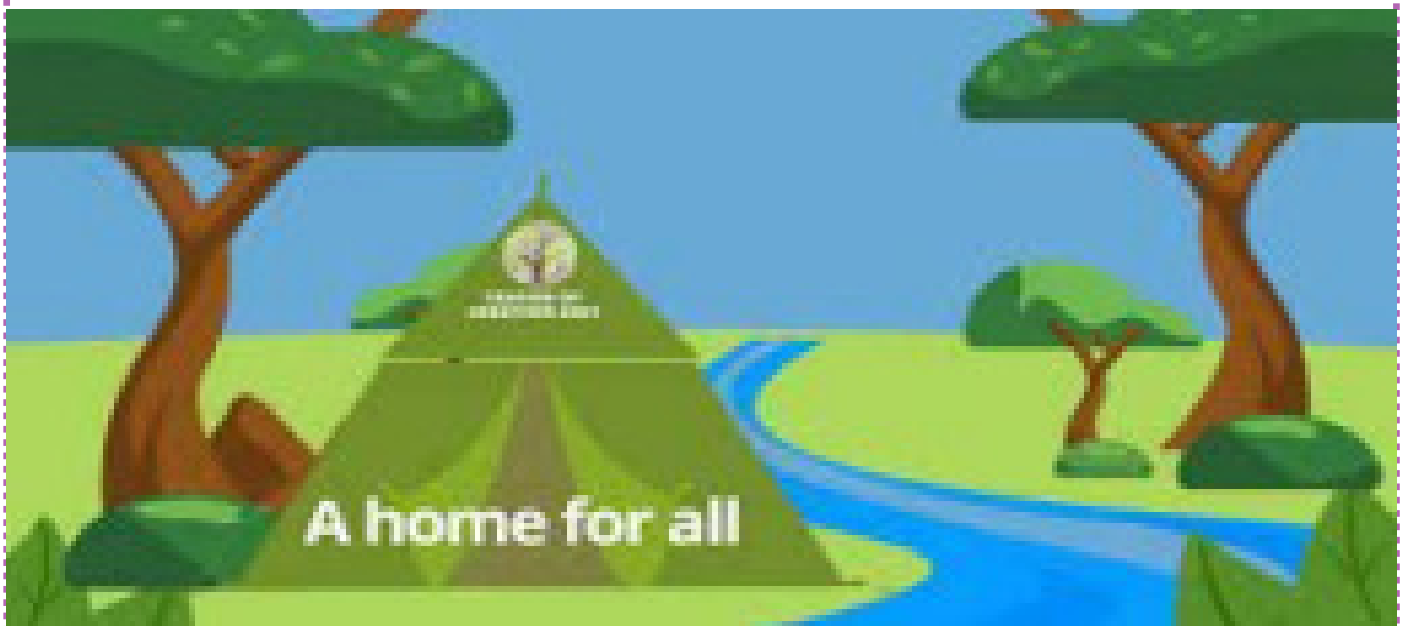
Feel free to attend a selection of or all of the evening as for this retreat.

Retreat overview (attend some or all):

- Monday 13th September - 7pm
 - 30 minutes - intro to Season of Creation, prayer/reflection/discussion
- Tuesday 14th September - 7pm
 - 90 minutes - screening of the 2040 film
- Wednesday 15th September - flexi time
 - off screen day- 20 minutes outdoor examen
- Thursday 16th September - 7pm
 - 30 minutes - liturgy and action planning for a more sustainable life
- Monday 4th October - 7pm
 - 30 minutes- reflection, sharing action success, prayer

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NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Hello, my name is **Cynthia Gooriah**.

I would like to extend loving
the parishioner's of

I am absolutely delighted to
and I am honoured to be
am sure most of you could
laughter most of the day.
the love of the community
working alongside someone



and warm greetings to all of
St Macartan's Parish.

be working for this parish
assisting Father Geoff, as I
imagine, has me in tears of
We share a deep passion for
and I am truly blessed to be
of such nobility and dignity.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you after lock down.

A huge thank you to Father Geoff for all of his efforts in helping me to settle in
and making me feel so at home!!

Blessings, stay safe and much love xxx

5:00pm Sunday night's on Zoom!

YOUTH GROUP

Games, socials, laughs and Fuel for the week!



zoom



5:00pm each Sunday night

Email morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au for the zoom link

All youth are welcome!

Come along to compete for a home delivered pizza!

Child Safety

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5 - 11 September 2021



Today is CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

• National Child Protection Week (5-11 September) is an annual event starting on the first Sunday of September. This year's theme 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go' aims to spread the message that to treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.

- Visit <https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2021>
- A feature of this year's campaign will be the week-long webinar series which has been carefully designed to explore the theme: 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. The webinars will feature more than 20 expert presenters from a range of organisations across Australia
- For the full program and to register go to: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021/>



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **10 -12 September 2021** or a non –residential weekend: **16 - 17 October 2021** in west Gippsland.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

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

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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 Week 2 Finals

Week 2 Knockout Competition. Week 2 of the Final series provided great foot-ball especially in the Brisbane Lions v Western Bulldogs. However not so for tipper Adam Bulldog as the power in his flat went off with 50 seconds to go. Fortunately there are replays on Sunday. Interesting to note over the whole season the difference between Western Bulldogs was 0.04% after home and away games and a 1 point in the Final. We have two tippers Dynasty (Mike Barden) and Debra 1974 (Debra Meier) who have picked all the winners so far in the Finals. If they are both correct this week they will move to the Grand Final. If not all tippers will be back. There is also a Grand Final Contest for all (no cost). They need to pick the Premiers and the winning margin.



HISTORY The last three years have been disappointing for Brisbane Lions (alias Fitzroy) so it would be good to relieve some of Fitzroy's good times Two of the successful times occurred in World War I and World War 2. In 1916, there were only 4 teams. They were Carlton (minor premiers), Richmond, Collingwood and Fitzroy. Fitzroy only won two games and won the wooden spoon. However they also defeated Carlton in the Grand Final in front of 20,953 people. So Fitzroy won the Wooden Spoon and the Premiership E. McDonald who represented Fitzroy in the Grand Final represented Australia in the great test teams of the 1920's.

In 1944, Fitzroy again won the Premiership by defeating Richmond in front of 43,000 people at the St. KCG. With the easing of war-time travel restrictions, Geelong were able to re-enter the VFL competition bringing the number of teams again to twelve and allowing 18 rounds to be played. Both teams had playing coaches. Fitzroy F. Hughson and Richmond J. Dyer. This was the last time in which both grand Final teams had been led by playing coaches.

PPC - Needs you!

This 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 those invited to attend.

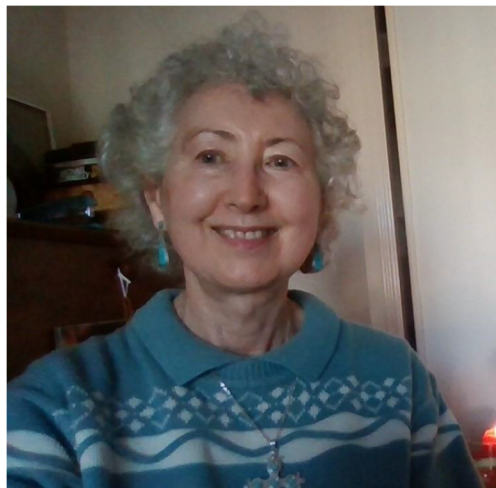
We need at least two new members to join our team.

If you could help in this way - Please contact me at the Office.

Fr Geoff

OUR NEW PARISH CHAIRPERSON

Jody Kerrins



Hello all,

I joined St. Macartan's community in 1969 when my mother and I moved from Geelong to Mornington post the death of my father.

St Macartan's has therefore been a big part of my spiritual life for a long time.

I have always felt very strongly about my faith and practiced it throughout my life. When my nursing career ended, I wanted to give something back, and so I joined SVDP as a volunteer and also volunteered at the Call Centre. I decided to join the Parish Pastoral Council, and become Chairperson, because I felt that my life experiences in dealing with people from all walks of life, often in challenging and difficult situations, together with organizational experience, may be of benefit to this committee.

Kind regards,

Jody.

I CANNOT CONTROL

(So, I can LET GO of these things.)

IF OTHERS
FOLLOW THE
RULES OF SOCIAL
DISTANCING

THE AMOUNT
OF TOILET
PAPER AT THE
STORE

I CAN CONTROL

(So, I will focus on these things.)

THE
ACTIONS
OF
OTHERS

MY POSITIVE
ATTITUDE

TURNING
OFF THE
NEWS

FINDING FUN
THINGS TO DO
AT HOME

HOW
LONG
THIS
WILL
LAST

HOW I FOLLOW CDC
RECOMMENDATIONS

LIMITING MY
SOCIAL MEDIA

MY OWN SOCIAL
DISTANCING

MY KINDNESS &
GRACE

PREDICTING
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN

HOW
OTHERS
REACT

OTHER
PEOPLE'S
MOTIVES



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to take in lately.**

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Pope at Angelus: Healing of the heart begins with listening

In his reflections before leading the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis recalls in today's Gospel when Jesus restores the hearing and speech of the deaf man. He says we can ask Jesus to touch and heal our own interior deafness, since the healing of the heart begins with being able to listen.

By Vatican News staff writer

Recalling last Sunday's Gospel reading which presents Jesus who heals a deaf man with a speech impediment, Pope Francis observed the many actions Jesus took in healing him: putting his finger into the man's ears, touching his tongue with saliva and then saying to him "Be opened!". Perhaps, was because the deafness had a special symbolic value and all of us, since we all often we are not able



Healing Interior Deafness

The Pope described this as an "interior deafness" that we can ask Jesus to heal today. And "the healing of the heart begins with listening". He pointed out that the deafness of the heart is worse than physical deafness, because we can become impervious to everyone and everything in our haste and busyness, sometimes closing ourselves off to the Lord and our brothers and sisters. By listening and letting ourselves be touched by people's lives we can learn to live and grow in faith.

Capacity to listen

The Pope asked us to reflect on how our capacity to listen is going and if we spend time with those are close to us. He noted that in family life in particular, we need to be aware if we tend to be the ones always doing the talking, repeating the same things, since we are incapable of listening. "Starting a dialogue often happens not through words but silence", he pointed out, and that requires patience to listen to others and about their challenges and hopes.

Silence and listening to the Lord

He said the same is true with the Lord, that while it is good to ask for his help always, "is better that we first of all listen to him." We should ask ourselves here also if we remember to "listen to the Lord", he added, and especially finding time to hear the words of the Gospel so that they may resound in us, as "Jesus is the Word". By spending time hearing the Gospel "we will find the secret for our spiritual health", he noted, saying, the "medicine" is: every day some silence and listening, fewer words and more Word of God.

"Ephphatha, be opened!"

In conclusion, he prayed that we may hear Jesus's words addressed to us also, "Ephphatha, be opened!", open to hearing His Word and healing our closed hearts from haste and impatience. And may Mary help us listen to her Son and to our brothers and sisters "with docile, patient and attentive hearts."

Jokes of the Week

1: "Who do you say that I am?" On Sunday morning a man showed up at Church with both of his ears terribly blistered. So, his pastor asked, "What happened to you Jim?"

"I was lying on the couch watching a ball game on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang, and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear."

"How dreadful," gasped the pastor. "But how did the other ear get burned?"

"Well, you see, I'd no sooner hung up, the guy called back!" — He just didn't get it. Lots of folks never get it and never understand how life really works, even at the simplest levels. That's why Jesus is pressing His followers — and us with a challenging question in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?"



2) "I see millions of stars:" The story is told of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson on a camping trip. As they lay sleeping one night, Holmes woke Watson and said, "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see." Watson said, "I see millions of stars." Holmes asked, "And what does that tell you?" Watson replied, "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. And what does it tell you?" Holmes answered, "Someone stole our tent!" Some people are great at speculative knowledge but when it comes to its implication for practical living they score zero. Such is Peter in today's Gospel.

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