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**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:**

- Mon 20th: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
- Tue 21st: St Matthew
- Thu 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina

**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**



**Recently deceased:** Ron Allen, Angela Muraca, Michael Negri

**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.

**Anniversaries:** Colin Cattermole

### ***First Reading***

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

## **Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3**

### **A reading from the letter of St James**

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace. Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## **Gospel Acclamation Thes 2:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel Mk 9:30-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

***The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.***

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## **Communion Antiphon Ps 118:4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



## Have you thought? Last of all?

*Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.*

### EXPLORING THE WORD

In earlier texts in Mark, Jesus had already introduced the disciples to the fact that he must suffer and die but that he would rise after three days. They do not understand this talk. Even after the extraordinary events of the transfiguration, just preceding this text, they do not understand. This text re-confirms the disciples' confusion. For Jesus, the die is cast. He is fully aware of his ultimate fate and he is at pains to ensure that his followers understand why it is necessary for him to die. He takes them aside, away from the crowd for private instruction, but still they do not understand. Perhaps they do not want to! The disciples wanted Jesus to be a messiah in the line of David—a liber-

ator who will restore Israel to greatness—but Jesus makes it clear that this is not the plan. They do not want to question him further. They are afraid of the truth that the messiahship of Jesus is the messiahship of service rather than of great pomp or celebrity. It is not about being first but about being least. The great kingdom that the disciples want is not the kingdom of Jesus. In drawing the child to himself in an embrace, Jesus is telling the disciples that they must be open, trusting and receptive, as children are, rather than devising their own version of what the kingdom of God is like and expecting God to conform to that.

- Are there times when we expect God to conform to what we want?
- What would we have God do for us?
- Is this different from what God would have us do for him?
- How can you become more 'child-like'—that is, open and trusting—in your faith?

### SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Jesus' use of a child in this text does not mean that in embracing the Gospel, we must become 'childish'. Children have complete trust in their parents, and we should try to develop complete trust in our heavenly Father. A child is a symbol of letting go of our desire to be in control of life. A child is a further symbol of one who is 'the least'. In welcoming and embracing those who are 'least', we welcome Christ and the one who sent him. This epitomises the discipleship of service.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Capernaum was a town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was the home town of Peter and some of the other apostles. Jesus used Capernaum as his 'home base' during his ministry in the region of Galilee. The 'house' referred to in this text may well have been the house of Simon Peter, where we know Jesus spent time (Mark 1:29).
- 'The Son of Man' is a title Jesus often uses of himself in Mark's Gospel.
- In sitting down to instruct the disciples about being of service to others, Jesus is reinforcing his words about being the least. At that time, a teacher had greater status than his students. The normal practice was for students to sit at the feet of the teacher, not the other way around.
- In the ancient world, children had no status at all, but Jesus puts a child before them and embraces him in welcome. This is another gesture of reversal.

## **SHARING THE TRADITION**

Some of the greatest people of the Church are those who are remembered for their service to others.

- You could tell the story of St John of God, Fr Damien of Molokai, St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Catherine McAuley, Frédéric Ozanam or numerous others who were responsible for beginning ministries of service that still exist today.

One of the great contributions of Pope John Paul II was the deep theological grounding he gave to the principle of solidarity:

Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.

- Discuss the richness of meaning in this quote.
- How are we called to stand in solidarity with all our brothers and sisters in the world today?
- How has Pope Francis continued this call to solidarity and given witness to a leadership of service?
- What are the most urgent issues requiring a response of solidarity in our own nation at this time? How are we called to act in relation to these?



## **Social Services Sunday, 19 September** **– a time to reflect and give thanks**

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

### **Prayer for Wonder and Awe**

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God of wonders,  
you show us your beauty in all created things.  
Help us to pay attention:  
to the taste of the ocean on our lips,  
the warmth of the sun on our hands,  
the song of birds in the morning and evening,  
the fragrance of the earth after rain,  
and to the star that guides us.  
Creator God,  
we stand in awe of all that you have made.  
Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift, great and small,  
that feeds and forms us,  
inviting and enabling us to become people who are fully alive in your amazing  
grace.  
Amen

## 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



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

**One Million Children Praying the Rosary:** ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children

Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

**Teresa Hodal**

Communications Coordinator

5:00pm Sunday night's on Zoom!

# YOUTH GROUP

*Games, socials, laughs and Fuel for the week!*



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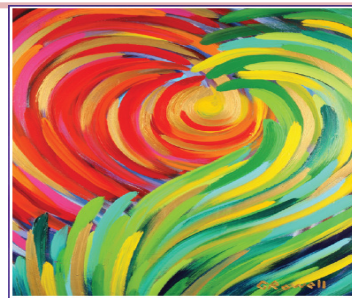


5:00pm each Sunday night

Email [morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au](mailto:morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au) for the zoom link

All youth are welcome!

Come along to compete for a home delivered pizza!



Heart of Life is a centre for spiritual and pastoral formation:

We are currently accepting applications for 2022.

**TASTER SESSION**

on Saturday 2 October 2021, 9.30am-11am AEST (Via Zoom)

***Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others?*** We invite you to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), or contact us at [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**Please note our new address from 1 January 2021:**

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation  
Kildara Centre  
Rear 41 Stanhope Street  
Malvern VIC 3144



**Clive and Colleen Tucker**

Congratulations from all of us in the Parish  
on your very special 60th wedding anniversary.  
You are a beautiful couple, with hearts that share the love of the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you both, as He has blessed us with both of you.

Fr Geoff

**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 Finals**



Last weekend the two preliminary Finals were played. We had two tippers left in the Knockout Competition. Unfortunately for them they had no faith in the Western Bulldogs and are now out. Tippers witnessed two very good performances. As a result, all tippers re entered the Knockout Competition. This means they need to pick the Premiership Winner and the winning margin. There is also a Grand Final Competition for all tippers to celebrate the season. Those who are not in the Knockout Competition need to enter who they think will be Premiers and the winning margin. Get your tips in early as winning margins go quickly. Well done to Debra 1974 (Debra Meier) and Dynasty (Mick Barden) for getting to the third week.

**HISTORY:** We need to go back to 1954. These comments will be based on personal experience and there may be some bias! Times were different in '54. My brother and I decided on Grand Final Day to go. We did and easily got Standing tickets. As the crowd increased we were pushed closer to the boundary fence. Then to our surprise we and hundreds others were told to go over the fence, As a result we saw the GF sitting on the grass between the white line and the fence. There is a photo. Cannot imagine it happening today. It was a great game between Melbourne and Footscray. Geelong and North Melbourne made up the four. Footscray proved the superior team and won and doubled Melbourne's score in front of 80,897 spectators. Jack Collins kicked 7 goals for Footscray, who had Charlie Sutton as playing Coach and also the famous Braybrook boy, Ted Whitten, who played 300 games. Will History repeat itself?



# Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

## R.C.I.A.

### **RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic**

#### **WHO IS RCIA FOR?**

Adults who are not baptised.

Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.

Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

#### **Where do you begin?**

New sessions begin with an information night TBA.

There is no obligation – Call and find out more:

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation.

Those who join the process are encouraged to go at their own pace but on average the journey takes several months of weekly or fortnightly sessions leading to, if the candidate wishes, reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter, with an on-going attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

### **Like to find out more?**

Ring the Parish office at 5975 2200

Or email: [mornington@cam.org.au](mailto:mornington@cam.org.au)

# 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

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DISTANCING

MY KINDNESS &  
GRACE

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WHAT WILL  
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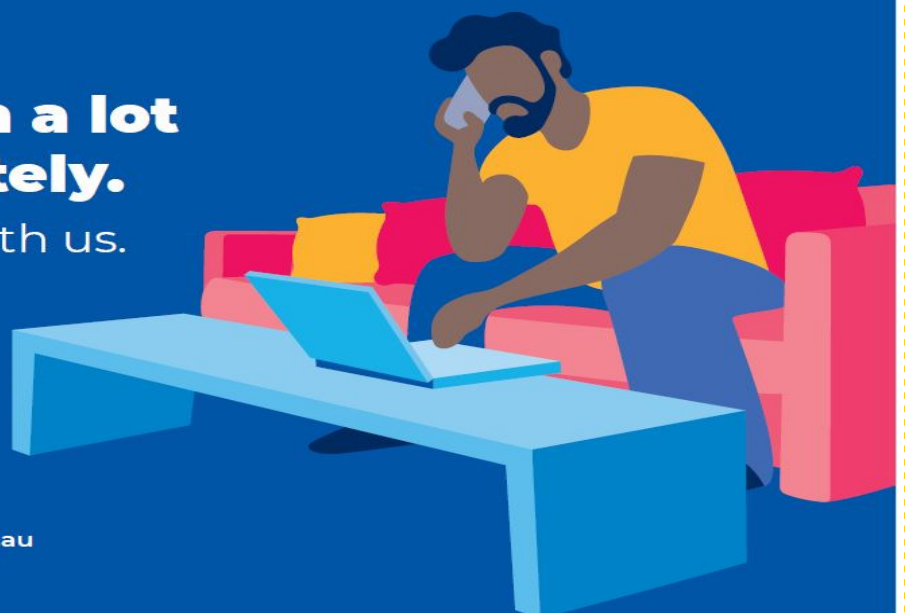
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## **Pope urges COVID inoculations, says vaccines are humanity's friends**

***ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE: Pope Francis speaks to the media on board an Alitalia aircraft enroute from Bratislava's Milan Rastislav Stefanik International airport in Bratislava, Slovakia, back to Rome, September 15, 2021.***

***Tiziana Fabi/Pool via REUTERS***

"It is a bit strange because humanity has a history of friendship with vaccines," he said aboard the Slovakia, responding to a reporter about the hesitancy.



plane returning from  
ing to a question from  
reasons for vaccine

"As children (we measles, polio. All cinated and no one Francis, who has against COVID, has get inoculated for the common good.

were vaccinated) for  
the children were vac-  
said anything," he said.  
been vaccinated  
often urged others to

On the plane, he said perhaps some people were afraid at first because there were various vaccines available and some turned out to be "little more than distilled water". He did not name any vaccines.

"Even in the College of Cardinals there are some vaccine negationists," he said. "But one of them, poor thing, has been hospitalized with the virus. These are the ironies of life." Francis did not mention the names of any cardinals.

Cardinal Raymond Burke, a conservative and a vaccine sceptic, was hospitalized in the United States last month after contracting the virus. Some conservative anti-vaccine bishops, particularly in the United States, have said Catholics should have the possibility of claiming conscientious objection to the vaccine on religious grounds.

But the pope has made clear in the past that he disagrees, never having mentioned the option. Last month, he issued an appeal on behalf of the nonprofit U.S. group the Ad Council and the public health coalition COVID Collaborative, saying **the vaccine should be taken by everyone.**

# Jokes of the Week

1. The young pastor was teaching the 23rd psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?" (Obviously meaning himself). A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd." The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?" The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."
2. A climber fell off a cliff. As he tumbled down into a deep gorge he grabbed hold of a branch of a small tree. "Help" he shouted. "Is there anyone up there?" A deep majestic Voice from the sky echoed through the gorge. "I will help you, My son. But first you must have Faith in Me." "All right, all right. I trust you." answered the man. The Voice replied, "Let go of the branch." There was a long pause and the man shouted again, "Is there anyone else up there?"



Dear Parishioners, Child Protection week, concludes with Safeguarding Sunday which invites us to ask whether the relationships within our Church express respect for people, and especially vulnerable people, who are precious in God's sight In our parish. It leads us to ask how respect can be translated into policies, protocols and guidelines that spell out in detail how as Catholics we do things. Our procedures must protect people from disrespect. In recent years those safeguards have been put in place for children. In most of our Catholic parishes and schools we can say fairly confidently that children get a fair go. We need to keep working especially at it. But we need also to ensure that in all the daily relationships where there is a difference in power people can feel safe. These relationships include those of priests with parishioners, spiritual guides with clients, managers with employees, and volunteers with those whom they help. In all of these relationships those with less power must be safeguarded. That is what safeguarding Sunday is about. It gives Christ's mission flesh and bone in day to day life.

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**Baptism Preparation:** Kathy Raccanello

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