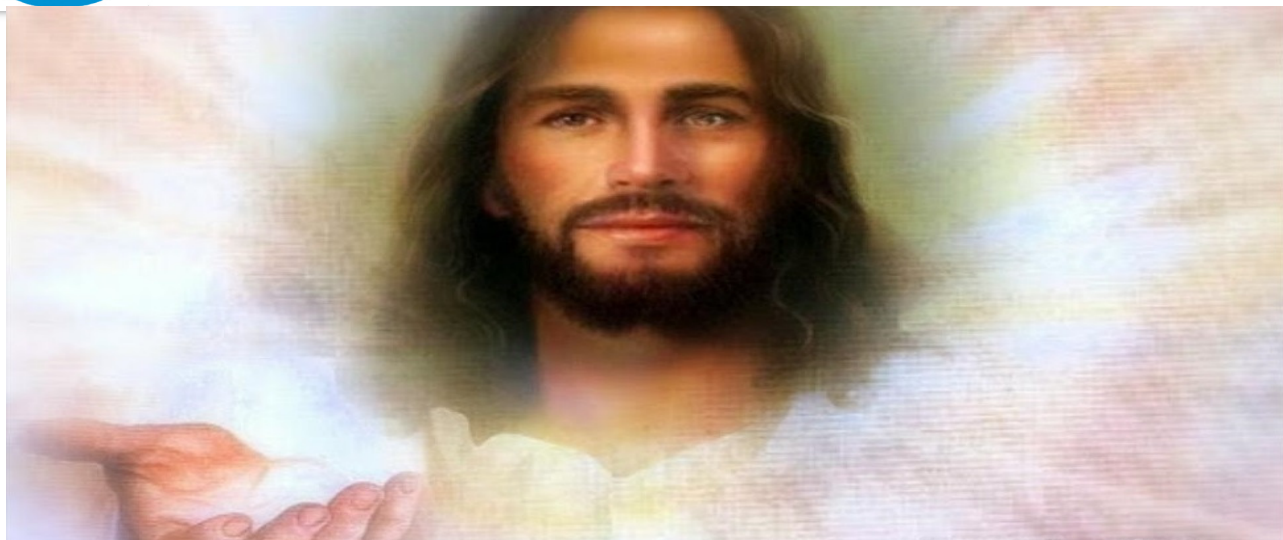




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PLEASE NOTE:
ALL MASSES CANCELLED!
LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
Until 5th NOVEMBER.

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 27th: St Vincent de Paul
- Wed 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Raphael (Archangels)
- Thu 30th: St Jerome
- Fri 1st: St Therese
- Sat 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Funeral Mass for Mr Ronald "Ron" Thomas Allen will be Webcast live on Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 11:30am. Go to (Tobinbrothers.com.au) or click on this link:

<https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/21675/Ronald-Allen/obituary.html#tribute-start>

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

Anniversaries: Gracie Scicluna, Nick Presniakovas, Joe Garla, Darren Ryan, Cora Britton

First Reading

Nm 11:25-29 A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Living Gospel

Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the principal message was that to be a disciple, one must become the servant of others. This message seems to have had little impact on the disciples, as we still find them obsessed with their own position in the 'in group': 'Because he was not one of us, we tried to stop him.' The arrogance of the disciples is astounding. They have no authority to stop the spread of the kingdom! Indeed the true reward will go not to the great among them but to those who by a simple act of kindness, such as offering a cup of water, assist in the work of welcoming the kingdom. Not only must they not hinder the spread of the reign of God by whatever means, but Jesus also warns them that

they must not hinder or damage the faith of others. The difficult language of the remainder of this gospel is really designed to draw attention to the fact that the kingdom is so precious that we should be prepared to rid ourselves of anything at all that would place our attainment of it in jeopardy.

- How far are you prepared to go to attain the kingdom of God?
- Do you see yourself as drawing closer to it already?
- Jesus inaugurated the kingdom. In his ministry, he made manifest the kingdom 'at hand'. In the healing miracles, he gave the recipients of his healing an experience of the kingdom of God now in their lives; they experience the liberation promised by the kingdom. What manifestations of the kingdom among us are we able to discern in our present world?

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Hell should not be understood literally as a place of fire. This is the symbolic language of separation through sin from God, who is the source of life. The modern Church understands hell as a state rather than a place. Hell really speaks of the pain and anguish caused by deliberately separating ourselves from God and choosing death rather than eternal life. Choosing fullness of life with God is the ultimate destiny of all people.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What do you do in Jesus' name? What are the obstacles to your own faith?
- What do you need to root out of your life in order to approach the kingdom more closely?
- Identify and root out that which is an obstacle to your faith. This may not be an easy task. Pray for help in this.
- In recent times in our nation, there have been occasions when some people have rejected those who are 'not one of us'. Increasingly in our world, divisions between peoples are becoming apparent. Discuss together some examples of this. How might these divisions be healed? Think of times when you welcomed someone outside your immediate circle. Were you enriched by the experience? Was the other person? Tell the story of what happened.
- This week's opening collect is worth repeating often:

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven

SHARING THE TRADITION

The Scriptures clearly state that one of the things that can easily hinder our faith is an inappropriate attitude to worldly wealth. Today's second reading from the Letter of James deals with just this subject. He condemns those members of the community who acquire wealth and live luxuriously at the expense of the poor. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, published in 2004, stresses that:

Goods, even when legitimately owned, always have a universal destination; any type of improper accumulation is immoral, because it openly contradicts the universal destination assigned to all goods by the Creator ... Riches fulfill their function of service to man when they are destined to produce benefits for others and for society (§§328, 329).

- How is this attitude a challenge to Christians in a consumerist society?
- How does the Church understand the idea of the 'common good'? Think of examples of the common good in action.
- An alternative topic for today could be an examination of how the Church understands 'heaven' and 'hell' in contemporary theology. Use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a reference for this .

Dear Parishioners

As you would be aware, the Premier announced a proposed Victorian Roadmap this week outlining some 'aspirational' markers that will enable a slow and staggered re-opening. It was difficult news to note the length of time before any real change will be implemented, and the acknowledgement that we will not be seeing a marked decrease in the Delta variant for some time.

Whilst it was pleasing to see that Religious Worship has been included in the planning - and has certain allowances around 'fully vaccinated' attendees and 'unknown vaccinated' attendees, details around the celebrating and management of such worship remains very unclear.

I know that you will have many questions, and I ask for your patience over the next week or so as I seek to understand the implications of the individual steps and allowances for our Parish.

For those concerned with the Government requirements of possibly mandating vaccinations to be able to enter some facilities. I too share your concerns and I am fully aware of all the nervousness about receiving the vaccine, hearing from many of you, quoting many facts and articles.

Personally, I received my AstraZeneca Covid vaccinations primarily to minimise my risk of transmitting Covid to others; especially my Mother, parishioners and to those more vulnerable in nursing homes that I visit regularly - just as I do with the flu shot each year. So too have the majority of Health workers, Police and Teachers, also had their vaccinations, to be protected and minimise their risk of transmitting Covid.

**So, please; if you have a concern about getting vaccinated,
speak with your Doctor or Pharmacist.**

There still remains many unanswered questions regarding the proposed Victorian Roadmap. Media have expressed interest in the implications for places of worship, and the Archbishop has provided a quote for The Age (below):

Blessings
Fr. Geoff

"Spiritual wellbeing is as important as psychological and physical wellbeing. Lockdown has affected Victorians deeply, no less for the thousands of people of faith who have not been able to attend worship or receive the sacraments of the Church. We have been very flexible throughout this pandemic, but are urging Government and health authorities to make clear what the end goal is after we hit 80% full vaccination status. It would be a tragedy if two classes of citizens, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, were to emerge and be entrenched as we look towards a COVID-normal goal. In our faith tradition, all the available vaccines in Australia are permissible to receive, and our clergy and people are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. We believe we can achieve ways that allow both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to worship in-person safely, and are working with other faith leaders to bring those proposals to the table."

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

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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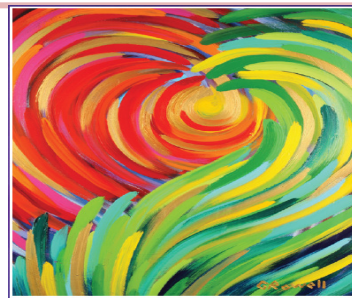


5:00pm each Sunday night

Email morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au 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, or contact us at 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



Dear Parishioners, while lockdown has interrupted the Child Safety Committee to meet face-to-face, we have continued to communicate via zoom as well as attend Webinars & On-Line Child Safety Modules that cover topics such as Child abuse, Responding and Reporting Child abuse and Child-Safety related misconduct, Child safety Legislation in Victoria and Safeguarding requirements within CAM parishes.

The Pastoral Parish Council have also been involved in Child Safety training and continue to have Child Safety as a permanent item on their meeting agenda.

Carmel McGrath

St Macartan's Child Safety Officer

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 Grand Final



Grand Final! It is Grand Final weekend with Victorians watching the game on their TV with the game in Perth. Tippers have expressed their view and the winning margin. Will Melbourne supporters relive what happened in 1964 or will Western Bulldog (Footscray) supporters relive what happened in 2016 and especially what happened in 1954? This season the tippers did some research thanks to one of our young tippers known as Jackson the Star. He had two entries. One he picked his selections and the other he did not select. By not selecting, he received the Away team. Thus, we were able to see the benefit of selecting Away Teams. The result was he received 46% correct. This means if you pick the Home teams you get 64%. Our top tipper won with 70%. Thanks Jackson! On a sad note, we say farewell to Michael Negri who died during the week. A great man and a generous supporter of the Tippers.

HISTORY: Let us look back a 100 years to 1921. The four finalist were Carlton, Richmond, Collingwood and Geelong. In the semi-finals, Carlton defeated Collingwood and Richmond defeated Geelong. In the Preliminary Final, Richmond 10-7=67 defeated Carlton 7=17-59. As Carlton were minor Premiers this meant a Grand final was played in which Richmond won 5-6-36 to 4-8-32. An interesting result came as a result of an incident at the Grand Final. A Carlton player (Greenhill) was knocked unconscious by a Richmond player who was not reported but was disqualified for 8 weeks when the matter was raised at a VFL meeting six weeks later!!! The attendance at the Grand Final was 43,122. The Gate was 2016 pounds.



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

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

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LAST

HOW I FOLLOW CDC
RECOMMENDATIONS

MY OWN SOCIAL
DISTANCING

LIMITING MY
SOCIAL MEDIA

PREDICTING
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HAPPEN

MY KINDNESS &
GRACE

HOW
OTHERS
REACT

OTHER
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Pope at Angelus: Fidelity to God means willingness to serve

At the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of service, saying that when we serve others, we receive God's embrace.

By Christopher Wells

In God's eyes, Pope Francis said on Sunday, "greatness and success" are not measured by social position, job title, or wealth, but by service; "not on what someone has, but on what someone gives." The Holy Father looked to the day's Gospel, where Jesus' disciples were discussing among themselves which of them was the greatest. Jesus responded with "with harsh words... that are still valid today": "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all." The Pope acknowledged that the idea of service might seem "a bit hackneyed, worn out by use." But he insisted that it has a "precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel"; it means "acting like Jesus" who had come into the world "not to be served, but to serve."

Following Jesus' path of service

Therefore, the Pope said, if we want to follow Jesus, we must follow the "path of service" that He Himself traced out. "Our fidelity to the Lord depends on our willingness to serve," Pope Francis said, adding that "the more we are present."

In Sunday's Gospel, this to the disciples by child in their midst. In Pope noted, children not so much of innocence, but of "littleness." It is the

we are called to serve, "those in need of receiving who can give nothing in return." In welcoming the most needy and most marginalized, Pope Francis said, "we welcome Jesus because He is there."



more we serve, aware of God's serve others, God's love and

Jesus explains placing a little the Bible, the are a symbol cence, but of "little ones" that

The challenge of the Gospel

Pope Francis invited us to ask ourselves, in response to the challenge of the Gospel, whether we are truly interested in those who need our help, or whether we are like the disciples in the Gospel, seeking our own personal gratification. In concrete terms: "Do I dedicate time to a 'little one,' to a person who has no means of repaying me?"

The Pope concluded with a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, "the humble servant of the Lord," asking her to "help us to understand that to serve does not belittle us, but helps us to grow."

THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

Re-Imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities

Hello Parishioners.

Get use to the term “The Way Of The Gospel” as it is a new initiative for all Parishes in our Archdiocese - championed by our Archbishop,

The Way of the Gospel - the path of missionary discipleship - has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. How might our local communities of faith continue to address the missionary call of the Gospel into the future? How might we invite people into the fullness of the Gospel of life, and do so with a sense of vibrancy and vitality?

'It is a renewal of this vision for today that I want to explore with you over the coming months and years, so that we might walk together towards a more energised purpose for our local Church in the light of Pentecost. This will be a journey that will take time and effort, and we will need to take it together.'

- Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

In April and May 2021, Archbishop Comensoli met with the clergy and lay leaders of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to begin this conversation. These initial meetings had one purpose in mind: to open up the question as to how our local Church in Melbourne might best be organised into the future, such that:

The mission of the Gospel is at the heart of our life, worship and outreach;
Local faith communities are arranged to allow for them to flourish, and;
Our faith communities be effectively resourced - spiritually, ministerially and materially.

Our Parish has two representatives: Brian Scantlebury and Carmel McGrath. Who together, with me, will meet regularly with the Archbishop to discuss this initiative and how best to implement it in our Parish and the surrounding family of Parishes. But also to look at other ways more specific to our Peninsular that may better suit us and achieve the same purpose.

This is simply an introduction, more details will follow, as I intend to keep you all fully informed via this newsletter and other means. Your input is Vital to me!
We are more than a Parish, we are a family.

Thank you
Keep prayerful
Fr Geoff

Jokes of the Week

- The new hearing aid: An elderly gentleman had had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



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- A flood came and Jack was stranded in his home by the river without a vehicle to drive to safety, but Jack did not worry because he knew that God would protect him. The river rose and the SES came by to take him to safety in a Land Rover, but Jack refused saying, God will protect me. The river rose higher, and his house was in danger of being flooded. A boat came by to take Jack to safety, but he refused, saying God will protect me. The river rose and Jack was left sitting on the roof of his flooded house. A helicopter flew over and lowered a ladder for him to climb and be taken to safety, but Jack refused to go saying, God will protect me. Jack drowned. Jack went up to Heaven and when God welcomed him, Jack was angry with God saying, I thought you would protect me and here I am drowned! God shook his head and said "Jack, I sent you a Land Rover, A boat and a helicopter! WHAT MORE DID YOU WANT????

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Baptism Preparation: Kathy Raccanello

Memorial Wall: Contact Carmel in Parish Office **ONLY on Fridays: 5975 2200**

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