

The 30th Sunday Ordinary time, Year B 24th Oct 2021

## PARISH BULLETIN

## St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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### PLEASE NOTE:

**ALL MASSES RESUME  
FROM FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER  
IF RESTRICTIONS ALLOW 150**

See details within.

### 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:

- Wed 27: Dedication of the Cathedral
- Thur 28: Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles

### 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.

**Volunteers: Gov't requirement!**

**PLEASE PROVIDE VACCINATION CERTIFICATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE RETURNING TO VOLUNTEER**

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**



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

### ***First Reading*** Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

### ***Responsorial Psalm*** Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

## **Communion Antiphon**

Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.

## LIVING gospel

### **Bartimaeus, a model?**

*Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.*

### **EXPLORING THE WORD**

This scene from the gospel is very easy to picture in our minds. A blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment. Most people would look the other way and ignore him. To be afflicted in such a way was thought to be a result of sinfulness. But Bartimaeus hears the noise of the crowd and tunes in. No doubt, in the commotion, he hears others saying that it is Jesus of Nazareth who approaches. The cry of Bartimaeus is very instructive: 'Son of David, have pity on me.' The blind man recognise not only who Jesus is, but what he can do. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see. Jesus responds with a

classic invitation to discipleship: 'Call him here.' In response to this call to come to Jesus (and in contrast to the rich young man), Bartimaeus leaves behind what is probably his only possession, his cloak, and presents himself in his nothingness, ready to be filled with all that Jesus can offer. His faith, his receptivity and his response to the invitation are rewarded. His sight restored, he follows Jesus along the road. What a profound lesson there is to be learned from Bartimaeus.

- From whom do you learn in your efforts to follow Jesus along the road?
- 'They told him to keep quiet'. Are there voices that try to discourage you as you journey forward?

### **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

The faith of the blind man Bartimaeus, who recognises Jesus as the Messiah, is contrasted with the blindness of the disciples, who have bickered and argued with each other along the road. Bartimaeus has become a true disciple, while those chosen to follow Jesus seem unable to understand what discipleship entails. The response of Bartimaeus is perfect. He follows Jesus on the road.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The title 'Son of David' was one applied to the longed-for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
- The 'blind faith' of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
- Jericho is the main town on the west bank of the Jordan River in the south. It was the crossing point for people journeying from the north and led to the main road up to Jerusalem, 22 kilometres away. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, and to his death, has almost ended.
- In Hebrew, Bar means 'son of ' in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah, he becomes a 'son of the law'.
- While Rabbi means 'master' or 'teacher', Rabbuni is usually employed to express familiarity with or devotion to the master or teacher.

## SHARING THE TRADITION

'Son of David, have pity on me.' Bartimaeus recognises and acts on his need for healing. He approaches Jesus and asks for mercy. All of us are in need of God's mercy and healing, and the Church offers us this in the form of the sacrament of penance. Christians understand sin as a 'rupture of communion with God' that damages our communion with the Church (CCC, §1440). Through this sacrament, the faithful become reconciled to God and to the Church, and increase their spiritual strength through the grace conferred by the sacrament.

- Introduce catechumens to the concept of reconciliation and the role of this sacrament. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§§1420–98) has ample material on which to base a discussion.
- Explore the Church's understanding of 'sin' and our constant need for healing and reconciliation.
- Explain the different rites of reconciliation and when they are appropriately used.

## PRAYER FOR A NEW NORMAL

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# PARISHIONERS REJOICE!!!!

## and be ready to COME BACK TO MASS

Yes, as we know restrictions are easing and things are opening up again.  
So we intend to open for Mass, from  
Friday **5th November** when we EXPECT restrictions to be eased even more,  
allowing **150 people inside the Church**.

With the expected easing of the rules, which still may change?

The 150 people allowed indoors from the 5th November  
is for those **vaccinated only!**

And all must scan or sign in and show evidence of vaccination status.

Which may include:

- *An immunisation history statement available from Medicare;*
- *A MyGov COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate;*
- *Relevant information from a My Health Record and/or Medicare Online Account, or*
- *Other documentation/proof of relevant medical exemption*

**[There will be no booking-in for these Masses - First 150 there, get in]**

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For those others with **UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS** (as it is now termed).

We are allowed to hold separate Masses of **10 people indoors**.

So I propose to run extra Masses to accommodate these members  
of our Parish community, on:

**Wednesdays 11:30am with reconciliation available afterwards.**

**Saturdays 11:30am with reconciliation available afterwards.**

To attend one of these, you **must book (each week)** via email or phone to the Parish office.

If it is full, you will be put on the next available Mass of your choice.

Remembering: even with the 150 allowed at the other Masses  
not all parishioners will get into those either.

[NOTE: I will need a volunteer reader from someone who attends any of these two extra Masses  
and attendance will be recorded as per the booking in sheet.]

Also, for Baptisms: Again there are separate ceremonies and tighter number restriction  
for those of UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS.

(You will be advised upon booking)

So, I'll try all this and see how it goes, praying it is only temporary.

But where I can, I will try and do more to accommodate as many of us as possible.

Blessings

Fr Geoff

**PLEASE NOTE: WEARING OF MASKS FOR ALL WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH IS MANDATORY**



**The previous pages information on COVID restrictions and vaccinations are sourced from:**

**#51 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES**  
**COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**  
**Information Updated: 20 October 2021, 12:00pm**

**The Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, and are to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.**  
(These can be viewed on our website)

**The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria, where a State of Emergency remains in place until 16 December 2021.**

**The Archbishop has also reiterated:**

For the time being, all Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop.

We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

Also, here is some extra information from the same guidelines:

**FUNERALS**

**Fully vaccinated:** Indoor cap of 20 with DQ4.

Outdoor cap of 50 with DQ4.

(caps not inclusive of those necessary to conduct funeral)

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**Unknown Vaccination Status:** Indoor cap of 10 with DQ4.

Outdoor cap of 20 with DQ4.

(caps not inclusive of those necessary to conduct funeral and children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps)

**ALSO NOTE:**

**THE CHURCH IS NOT ALLOWED TO REMAIN OPEN DURING THE DAY  
AND NO PRAYER GROUPS TO GATHER YET!**



## **CHILD SAFETY**

### **Children's Week: Saturday 23 October to Sunday 31 October 2021**

It is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children and presents an opportunity to consider the conditions in society which affect the lives and future of our own children.

The theme this year is:

**Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others** (drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.)

A range of practical resources produced by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner will assist parents, carers and those ministering in our parishes to navigate the challenges of online safety with children, and to

Help children feel safe connecting with friends.

These resources can be found on:

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

St Macartan's is looking forward to welcoming parishioners & their families the first weekend in November. Any suggestions or ideas to help our children choose their friends & connect safely with each other will be greatly appreciated, on behalf of the St Macartan's Child Safety Committee.

Also, welcome back to school kids!! Preps and Grade one's went back this week. For the rest of the Grades, the school is offering alternative attendances in order to give all the children a chance to be in the class room. Towards the end of Cup Week, the school aims to have all grades back to normal!

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McGrath

Child Safety Officer





## **Pope: Overcoming hunger is one of humanity's great challenges**

In a message to the Director General of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, Pope Francis says we must adopt "innovative solutions" to transform the way we produce and consume food "for the well-being of people and of the planet."

By Christopher Wells

"The annual celebration of World Food Day brings us face to face with one of humanity's greatest challenges: overcoming hunger once and for all is an ambitious goal," Pope Francis writes, in a message addressed to Qu Dongyu, the Director-General of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

### **The need for concerted action**

In his message, the Holy Father says this year's theme for World Food Day — "Our actions are our future. Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life" —

"underlines the need for so that everyone has access to diets that ensure maximum environmental sustainability and are also affordable." Pope Francis points to a paradox with regard to food access, noting that while more than 8 billion people do not have access to a nutritious diet, almost two billion are overweight due to poor diets and a sedentary lifestyle. He writes that everyone has a role to play, emphasizing, "If we



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jeopardize the health of our planet and our entire population, we must encourage active participation in change at all levels and reorganize food systems as a whole."

### **An opportunity to change course**

The Pope highlights four areas in particular where urgent action is needed: in the field, at sea, at the table, and in reducing food loss and waste. Although "individual lifestyle choices and daily consumption practices influence global and environmental dynamics," he says, "we must encourage producers and consumers to make ethical and sustainable choices and raise awareness among the younger generations of the important role they play in making a world without hunger a reality." Pope Francis says that with the pandemic there is an "opportunity to change course" so that the global food system will be better able to respond to future crises. However, he insists, "the fight against hunger requires overcoming the cold logic of the market," and instead "strengthening the logic of solidarity."

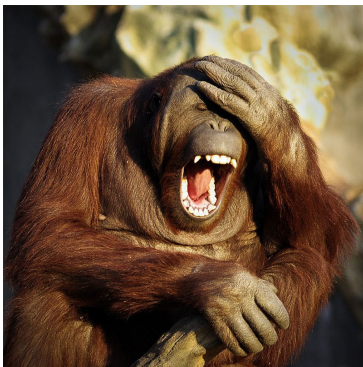
### **Walking side-by-side**

In his message, Pope Francis ensures the FAO's Director-General, "The Holy See and the Catholic Church walk side by side with the FAO and those other entities and individuals who do their best to ensure that no human being sees his or her fundamental rights undermined or disregarded." He concludes his message with words of encouragement: "May those who sow seeds of hope and harmony feel the support of my prayer, pleading that their initiatives and projects may be ever more fruitful and successful."

# Jokes of the Week

#1: Two Polish men were taking their first train trip to Warsaw on the train. A vendor came down the corridor selling bananas which they'd never seen before. Each bought a banana. The first man eagerly peeled the banana and bit into it just as the train went into a dark tunnel. When the train emerged from the tunnel, he looked across to his friend and said, "I wouldn't eat that if I were you." "Why not?" asked his friend. "Because it makes you temporarily blind."

#2: A motorist with poor eyesight was driving through a dense fog and was trying desperately to stay within range of the taillights of the car ahead of him. As he squinted and worried his way along, trying to stay on course with those taillights, the car in front suddenly stopped, and his car hit the car in the front. The driver of the rear car got out and demanded to know why the other driver came to such an abrupt stop. "I had to," he replied, "I'm in my own garage!"



#3: **Blind police officer!** An older woman came home one day to find that her house had been broken into. She immediately called the police and told them. The nearest officer to her house happened to be a K-9 unit, so that officer was the one who responded to the call. The officer drove up to the house and proceeded to let the dog out of the car. The woman came running out of the house when she saw the police car, but stopped when she saw the dog getting out. She threw up her hands and said, "Great. This is just great. Not only have I been robbed, but now they send me a blind police officer!"



# 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

MY OWN SOCIAL  
DISTANCING

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MY KINDNESS &  
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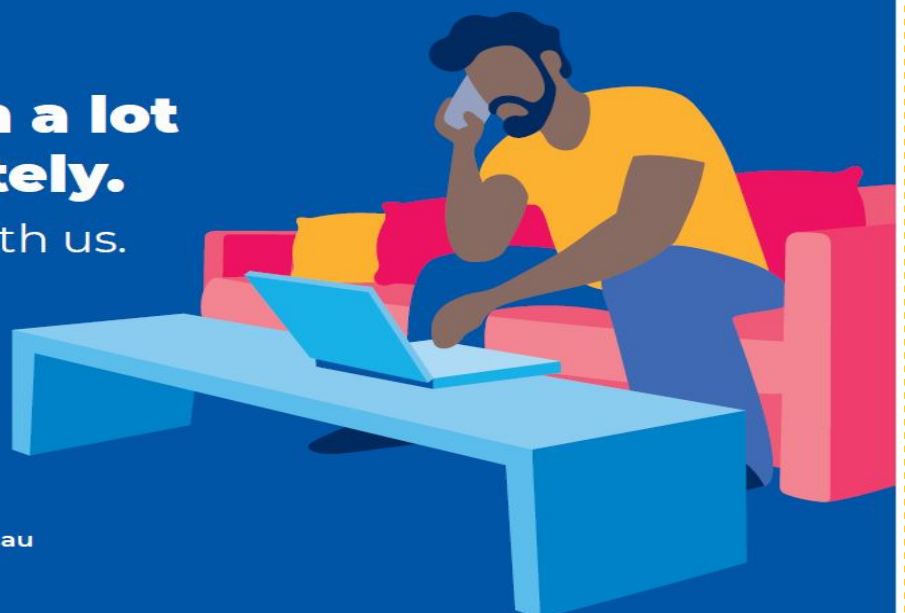
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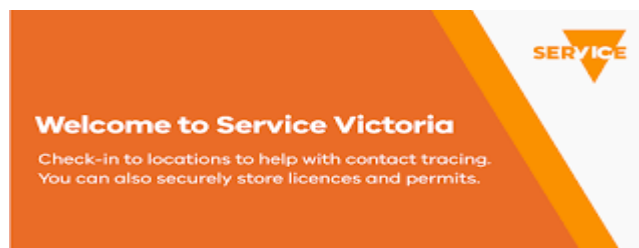
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Lord, help us to come out of this Pandemic better, not bitter. Help us to become more considerate of others, more mindful of how we can help one another, and how we can serve You well. We thank You that no matter how dark the night may get, how many angry people assign blame on us and others, there is hope of the dawn to come and of your presence strengthening us from within.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord

Amen



DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD THE SERIVCE VICTORIA APP, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY?

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