

NINETEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 13 August 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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Fr Jude Johnson

FAREWELL MASSES

All masses this weekend, come and say farewell to Fr Jude, as he prepares to move to Geelong.

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

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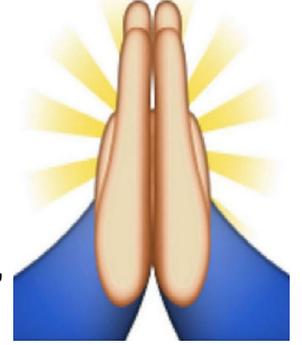
Upcoming Holy days:

- Mon 14th: St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
- Tue 15th: The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— SOLEMNITY

THERE WILL BE A LEAVING COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CARE.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, James O'Meara, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon and Sinead Ryan.



Death Anniversaries: Denise Marie Chantale Pyndiah, Dorothea Chandler, Janet Smyth and Kathleen Ryan.

Recently Deceased: Mary (Bernie) Schedvin, Mary Wight and John Anthony Heffernan.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

LIVING GOSPEL

Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Reflection

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been

passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him. To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

Pope in Fatima: Mary always welcomes us and comes to our aid in haste

Pope Francis prays the Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, with young people who are sick and several prison inmates, and reminds pilgrims that Mary always reaches out to us and shows us the way. By Lisa Zengarini

Mary always comes to our aid “in haste” and shows us the way forward for our lives. Pope Francis offered this reminder on Saturday as he addressed some 200,000 pilgrims gathered at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, where he travelled from Lisbon to pray for peace in the world and for young people on the fourth day of his Apostolic Journey to Portugal.

The Pope led the recitation of the Rosary with a group of around 100 young sick people and six prison inmates in the Chapel of the Apparitions and prayed silently in front of Our Lady of Fatima, placing a golden Rosary at her feet.

The Church has no doors

Pope Francis started his the recitation of the Mysteries read in several lanterns noting that the Chapel of the Apparitions offers “a beautiful welcoming and open

“The Church has no doors, so that everyone can enter,” he said. “The Church always has an open door for her children, everyone, everyone, without exclusion,” he insisted.



address, after the Apparitions, which guarantees the Apparition of a Church.

doors, so that everyone can enter,” he insisted. “A mother’s heart for all,” he insisted.

Mary always rushes to us

Then, speaking off-the-cuff, Pope Francis focused on how Mary was “the first one to make a pilgrimage” after the Annunciation.

As soon as she found out that her elderly cousin Elisabeth was pregnant, “she left in haste”, as the Gospel tells us, said the Pope. “Mary always rushes to us whenever there is a problem,” he said. “Every time we call on her, she comes to us; she hurries to be close to us, because she is our Mother.”

Mary shows the way: follow Jesus

Similarly, she accompanies the life of Jesus and, after His Resurrection, continues to accompany the disciples as they await the Holy Spirit, and the Church after Pentecost.

But, Pope Francis remarked, Mary is never the center-of-attention: while welcoming us all, she also points to Jesus, telling us to follow Him: “Do what He tells you,” she says.

“Every time we come here (to Fatima), we must remember this: Mary made herself present here in a special way, so that the disbelief of so many hearts would open up to Jesus, with her presence she points us to Jesus.”

Pope Francis concluded by inviting the pilgrims present in the esplanade of the Cova da Iria to look to Mary and ask themselves what is she pointing us to and what Jesus is asking of us.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



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From Fr Jude

I will soon be returning to Mornington after attending World Youth Day 2023, along with millions of young people from around the globe. This weekend is also my last weekend here at St Macartan's Parish, Mornington. In reflecting upon my WYD experience and departure, I can't help but be reminded of Pope Francis' inspiring message during World Youth Day. The Holy Father reminded us of the importance of embracing change and remaining open to God's call. He said, "Jesus is calling each one of you to leave your comfort zones and become a living Gospel wherever you may be." These words resonated deeply within me, prompting me to accept the call to minister at St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This farewell may mark the end of my time here in Mornington, but it is not the end of our shared journey of faith. As Winston Churchill once wisely said, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Our time together, although brief, has been a beautiful chapter in my life, one that I will cherish forever. You have all made a profound impact on me, and I am eternally grateful for your love, support, and prayers.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of leaving one place behind and venturing into the unknown. He tells his disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This message resonates deeply with me as I prepare to embark on a new chapter in Geelong Parish. Just as Jesus sent his disciples forth to spread the Good News, I too am called to serve in a different place. And though change can be daunting, I am reminded that it is often through change that we grow, both individually and as a community. I would like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude to Fr. Geoff McIlroy for his unwavering support and guidance throughout my time in Mornington. I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work alongside him and to learn from his example. To the parish staff, Cynthia Gooriah, the Chair of Parish Pastoral Council, Jody Kerrins, and the wonderful parishioners of Mornington, thank you from the depths of my heart. Your prayers, love, and support have carried me through these past 20 months. As I prepare to say goodbye, I am reminded of the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). Indeed, my heart overflows with gratitude for each of you and the memories we have created together. Though we may be physically apart, we will forever be united in love and faith. So, let us move forward with courage, rooted in the knowledge that this is merely the end of the beginning. May God bless you abundantly, and may His grace and peace be with you always. Allow me to wish you in Portuguese. Muito obrigado e que Deus vos abençoe! (In English: Thank you very much, and may God bless you!) Yours in Christ,

Fr Jude Johnson

FAREWELL TO A HOLY PRIEST!

This is my personal farewell to Fr Jude Johnson.

I will certainly miss him and his wonderful sense of humour, his willingness to pitch in and help, his tremendous work ethics, his holiness and prayerfulness and of course -

His COOKING! mmmm - always delicious!

I've never had an Assistant Priest before so I can honestly say Fr Jude is the BEST I've ever had. I am also grateful that we have become good friends.



Fr Jude's training now moves on to another Parish, where for a while he will assist there, but it won't be too long before he has his own Parish.

I'm sure you will all agree that Fr Jude is welcome back anytime.

Blessings for the future,

Fr Geoff

MEN'S NIGHT

"The next Men's Night will be on the 17th August, at 5.00pm in the Community Centre.

More excitement than question time in Parliament. Tempting nibbles, excellent speaker and a "Good Luck" note from Fr Jude, away in Sunny Portugal, asking for prayers for Carlton. However all prayers are not always answered!!

B.Y.O. and all for only \$2.00 Donation"

The three Amigos. Thanks and safe travelling, Kerry.



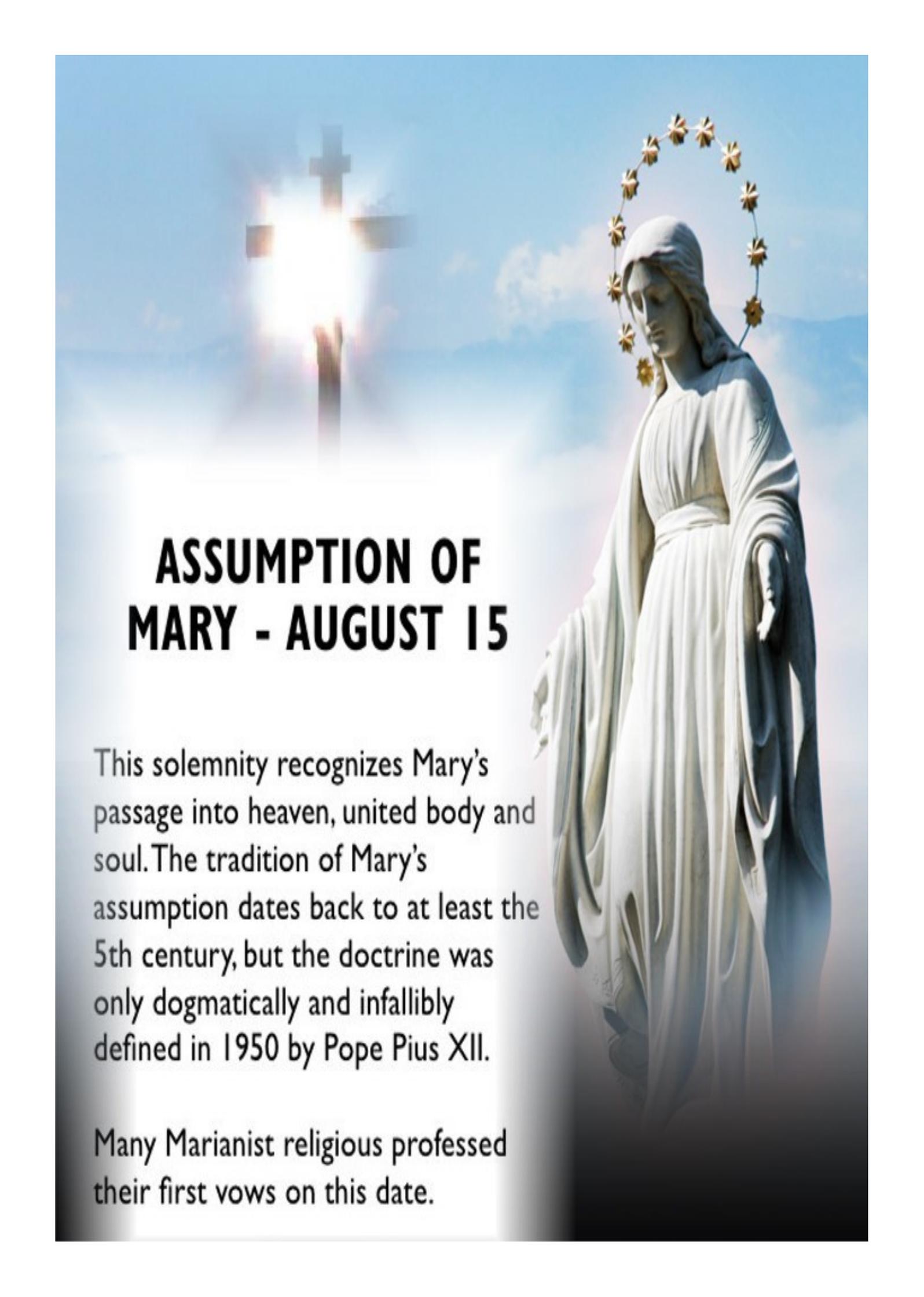
Parish Footy Tipping Competition



Smart tipping from Geoff Walsh and Mr. Franks saw them achieve 8/9 as our top tippers last week. Lincoln retains her competition lead. She is still 5 ahead of Peter Keightley and Michael Barden with another one back to Pauline Peters and Geoff Walsh. There are only 3 rounds of the home and away season left. Can anybody catch our leaders? Remember that the Finals competition will start at the end of Round 23.

DO YOU KNOW--- Who was the leading Full Forward who retired last week? Who is the only other player apart from him to have booted 300 goals for two Clubs and who are the 3 other indigenous players to have played 350 AFL/VFL games with him?

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781,
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A white statue of the Virgin Mary in a white robe, standing against a blue sky with a bright cross in the background. The statue is positioned on the right side of the image, facing left. The cross is in the upper left quadrant, glowing with a bright light. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY - AUGUST 15

This solemnity recognizes Mary's passage into heaven, united body and soul. The tradition of Mary's assumption dates back to at least the 5th century, but the doctrine was only dogmatically and infallibly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Many Marianist religious professed their first vows on this date.



Jokes of the Week



1: Familiar story. In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So, he said the cost would be twenty-five dollars. Twain walked away as he said, "Now I know why Jesus walked on water."

#2) Ministers walking on water! There's an old joke about three pastor friends who are on a beach together. The first, a Catholic priest gets up from his beach towel and walks about a quarter mile out to a raft in the ocean. The second, a Protestant minister, does the same. The third, a rabbi, the newcomer in the group, gets up and walks toward the raft to join his colleagues. Suddenly he finds himself underwater. The priest turns to the minister and says, "Didn't you tell him where the rocks are?"



#3) "Have Faith my child": For the umpteenth time Mrs. Youngston came to her pastor to tell him, "I'm so scared! Joe says he's going to kill me if I continue to come to your Church." "Yes, yes, my child," replied the pastor, more than a little tired of hearing this over and over. "I will continue to pray for you, Mrs. Youngston. Have Faith – the Lord will watch over you." "Oh yes, He has kept me safe thus far, only...." "Only what, my child?" "Well, now Joe says if I keep coming to your church, he's going to kill YOU!" "Well, now," said the pastor, "Perhaps it's time for you to check out that little parish on the other side of town."

ASSISTANCE - PLEASE

A lovely family in our Parish, who are at Mass each week, have a request from any Parishioners that might be able to help them.

One of their teenage Sons' is completing work experience for a week in September, he has completed building trade and irrigation trade. He would now like to try plumbing.

Do we in the Parish know a plumber who may help him?

This young man's parents can drop him off each morning and pick him up as needed.

If you can help or know of someone who can - Please contact the Parish Office:

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th August 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 19th & 20th August 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Delina Frank

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 26th & 27th August 2023

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Irene Hackett

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Sheila Goddard

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