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UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- Monday 16th: ST CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN Martyrs
- Friday 20th: ST ANDREW KIM-TAEGÖN, PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS Martyrs
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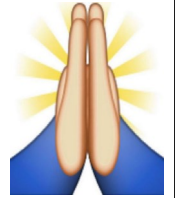
UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teddy Bears Picnic
Sunday 20th October

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Poala Solvy, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Sinead Ryan, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Maggie Campbell, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Christopher Lloyd & Scott Creswick.



Recent Deaths: Madelion Caswell

Death Anniversaries: Ronald Allen & James Hird

Funeral service information:

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4569421>

Or go to website to copy link: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/mornington>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6 pm
- 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 5pm-9pm Community House & Hall

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

St Macartan's Primary School Newsletter:

Week 8 Term 3: 6 September

Padua Newsletter:

Edition 5: 09 August



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

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

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:(116) 1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

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

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

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

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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

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

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

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

Communion Antiphon.

Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Grief reflection: from Veronica Ryan

Grief never ends - but it changes.

It's a passage – not a place to stay.

Grief is not a sign of weakness,

nor a lack of faith.

It is -

the price of love.

Scriptural Context

A Turning Point

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

Gospel Reflection

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more **volunteers for the ministry group**. Join our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist team and help give communion out at Mass.

We need you!

So, if you would like to help. Please contact the office:

5975 2200

Thank you





Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Well done Carolyn Meier who was our only tipper last week to select 4/4 in the first week of our Final's competitions. Meanwhile Chris Houlihan is enjoying his big win as our champion tipper for 2024 with Mary Lane and Maree O'Halloran close behind followed by John Frank and Lachlan Jolly. Thank you again to our 40 tippers for your loyalty and support of our Competition for 2024.

2024 Grand Final will see the first Ron Barassi Medal presented to the winning skipper. Along with the 23 Medals for the winning team, 2 other Medals are presented then, the Norm Smith Medal and the Jock McHale Medal. Do you know who they are for? Have you noticed the extra presentation to medal winners at the Paris Olympics? At first glance it may look like a red triangle with arms, but it's actually a Phrygian cap—a symbol of freedom in France's history.

Men's Night

A big welcome to the men of St. Macartan on this special night when the results of the informal survey will be revealed.

Will it predict the Grand Final winner, or Dusty Martin's private life.? Be there . B.Y.O. and don't forget it's a 4 .00pm start.

Catholic Social Services Victoria—Social Services Sunday

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

For more information visit: [Catholic Social Services Victoria—Social Services Sunday—September 15](#)

Pope to Papuans: God draws close to those who feel far away

At Sunday Mass in Port Moresby, Pope Francis says that those on the margins of society are united with God and with their fellow humans.

By Joseph Tulloch

On Sunday morning, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for the faithful in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. It was an early start in the Papuan capital, with Mass beginning at around 8am local time. According to local authorities, around 35,000 people were in attendance, including the nation's Prime Minister, James Marade.

Distance from God

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel reading, which describes Jesus' healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment.

The Pope focused in particular on two elements of the story: the "nearness" of Jesus and the "distance" of the deaf man.

The deaf man was distant, the Pope said, in that he hailed from the Decapolis, a land inhabited by pagans far from the religious centre of Jerusalem. He was "cut off from the world, isolated, a prisoner of his deaf and mute condition."

Jesus' closeness

Pope Francis stressed that God's response to this distance – which, he noted, we have all felt at some time or another – is nearness. The Gospel shows Jesus travelling out into the peripheries and meeting with those on the margins of the society, in order to "touch [their] lives and remove every distance."



"Through his nearness," the Pope said, "Jesus heals human muteness and deafness. Indeed, whenever we feel distant, or we choose to keep ourselves at a distance from God, from our brothers and sisters or from those who are different from us, we close ourselves off, barricading ourselves from the outside ... However, Jesus draws near and, as with the deaf man, says to us, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'be opened' (Mk 7:34)."

Distant yet united

The Pope drew his sermon to a close by suggesting that the day's Gospel held a particular message for the inhabitants of Papua New Guinea:

"And you, brothers and sisters ... being in the Pacific, perhaps you feel that you are separated, separated from the Lord, separated from others, but that's not right: you are united, united in the Holy Spirit, united in the Lord, and the Lord says to each one of you: 'Open up!'. This is the most important thing: to open ourselves to God, open ourselves to our brothers and sisters, open ourselves to the Gospel and make it a compass for our lives."

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7th DECEMBER 2024**

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Jokes of The Week



#1) A priest and a politician die and are standing at the pearly gates to be met by St Peter. He welcomed them in and then said “Let me show you to your new homes”. St Peter took them first to a very simple, but clean and neat room with a bed, desk, comfy chair, ensuite and television. “This is yours” he said to the priest. “This will do quite nicely” the priest responded. St Peter then took the politician to a beautiful mansion, with lush gardens, beautiful lawn, pool and a staff of servants. “This one is yours” St Peter offers the politician. The politician was overcome and replied “This is gorgeous, and I don’t want to seem ungrateful but the holy man all of his life gets the small, functional room and I get all this. Doesn’t make sense”. St Peter quickly responded “The priest was a very holy man but we have many holy people here. You’re the first politician we have ever had.”

#2) He trusted his wife: A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, “Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.” — His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.



#3) A pastor joke: One Sunday at Mass as the priest was giving his homily, a little baby in the front row suddenly started crying loudly. The mother did her best to pacify the child, but nothing worked. So finally, she got up and started to walk down the aisle to take the baby into the cry room. The priest stopped his preaching, and very compassionately called out to the mother, “That’s OK! You don’t have to leave. The child isn’t disturbing me.” The young woman turned around and said, “No, pardon me Father, but you’re disturbing my child!”

Mass Co-ordinators

6.00pm Carmel Coles 5975 3080

9.00am Clive Tucker 0421 772 563

11.00am Patricia Duryea 0418 139 599

5.00pm Marino Cassemento 0408 394 792

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14/15 September 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Mins Bridie Sexton, Michael Harrison

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 21/22 September 2024

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Carmel Coles

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Zinno

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Mins Gabriella Fialla, Sheila Goddard

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28/29 September 2024

6.00pm Readers Carmel McGrath, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Mins Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kathlene Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Gabriella Fialla

Eucharistic Mins Len Seal, Evelyn Atkins

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