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Upcoming Events

Fr Joe O'Shea

**Lenten discovery, scripture unraveled and
beautiful prayers.**

Mondays 6-7pm

In the Church

**Special fundraising collection
TODAY**

see inside for details.

Upcoming Holy Days:

40 days of LENT

PRAYING

FASTING

ALMS GIVING

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Rita Fordyce, Michael Kesick, Fred Verna, Patricia Hird, Maddy Dodd, Cinzia Paola, Joan Watts, Jane Payne, Michaela Gabriel, Kath O'Malley, Terry & Helen Roberts



Death Anniversaries: Bartolo Vino, Henry Conlan

Recent Deaths:

Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5001513>

Or go to website to copy link: <http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/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 & every Saturday from 9:45
(after 9:15am Mass)

3:30-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

9:45am: Wed & Saturday (after 9:15am Mass) or by appointment 59752200

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:

Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House & Hall

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



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First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words,

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father

and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Communion Antiphon

Luke 15: 32

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

Historical Context

Customs and culture

The parable of the lost son is a fascinating study of Jewish culture and purity laws. The son could not have distanced himself more from Jewish custom. Firstly, he demanded his inheritance, effectively treating his father as dead. Secondly, he travels to a pagan land and then in despair finds himself feeding pigs – animals whose meat was forbidden to Jews. He knows that his actions have alienated him from his family and culture and yet when he returns, his father gives him a fine robe and a ring to wear – signs of a father claiming a son as his own.

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean. The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over

the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.

Have you thought? The Prodigal

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word *prodigal* is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

Pope concelebrates Mass, continues therapy at Santa Marta

Pope Francis is continuing with treatment, physical therapy, and concelebrating Mass at his residence of Casa Santa Marta, the Holy See Press Office noted on Tuesday as it provided updates to journalists on the Holy Father's recovery. The Press Office also said the Pope continues some work activities, but is not currently receiving visitors, and that no decisions have been made regarding his schedule for the weeks to come. By Salvatore Cernuzio

Pope Francis' convalescence continues at his residence of Casa Santa Marta with his continued treatment, mobility and respiratory-related physiotherapy, especially for voice recovery, personal prayer, and concelebrating Mass in the residence's chapel.

These were among the updates the Holy See Press Office provided to accredited journalists regarding the Pope's health after he was discharged on Sunday, 23 March, following 38 days of hospitalization in Rome's Gemelli Hospital due to bilateral pneumonia.

After greeting 3,000 people from a balcony at the hospital and briefly stopping at Rome's Marian Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, Pope Francis returned to his Vatican residence, Casa Santa Marta, where he began his period of recovery and rest.

The Pope's period of convalescence and rest at his residence should be about "two months," maintained Doctor Sergio Alfieri, the doctor overseeing the Pope's hospitalization at Gemelli, and Dr. Luigi Carbone, his personal physician, at Saturday evening's press conference at Gemelli Hospital.

Treatment, physical therapy, and oxygen administration

"The Pope," the Holy See Press Office noted on Tuesday, "is following the convalescence plan as described by the doctors on Saturday."

At the time, Doctors Alfieri and Carbone stated that the Holy Father must continue pharmacological treatment "for a long time, administered orally," while undergoing full-time mobility and respiratory-related physiotherapy, continuing as he had done daily at the Gemelli.

The physicians also advised him to avoid meetings, whether individual or group, and to receive 24-hour medical assistance to provide for his needs, including oxygen therapy, and to address any possible emergencies. This care is being provided by the Directorate of Health and Hygiene of Vatican City and a medical team is always present with the Pope.

The Holy Father continues to receive oxygen therapy under the same conditions as during his hospitalization—high-flow oxygen through nasal cannulas at night, with a gradual reduction of oxygen therapy during the day.

Pope Francis, the Press Office noted, is not receiving visitors at this time and has only seen his closest collaborators over the past two days. No plans have been announced regarding scheduled visits from Heads of State and government.

Doctor Sergio Alfieri's reflections

Reports indicate that Pope Francis is happy to be home. Both Alfieri and Carbone have previously mentioned the good spirits the Pope regained once his health improved. The most dangerous phase of his illness has passed, and the most severe infections have been overcome, as confirmed in the Gemelli press conference.

During that conference, Dr. Alfieri revealed that the Pope had faced two critical moments in which his life was at risk.





Jubilee 2025

Throughout the [2025 Jubilee Year](#), there are 36 special celebrations highlighting aspects of Church life.

For each event, a set of resources has been prepared which parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

- Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer
- Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes
- Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; Image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation
- Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes
- Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

15-18 February [Jubilee of Artists](#)

21-23 February [Jubilee of Deacons](#)

8-9 March [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)

28 March [24 Hours for the Lord](#)

28-30 March [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

Please use [this link](#) to view the full calendar for 2025.

STAFF CHANGE

We have said goodbye to Bronwen Malligan as the Parish Secretary.

But we now WELCOME:

Tim Lambourne as **(Parish Coordinator)**

Yes, you will know Tim as our volunteer Safeguarding and OH&S Officer, as well as serving on the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council).

Tim takes on the permanent part-time staff position, of Parish Coordinator, taking on the duties of Parish secretary, along with his other responsibilities.

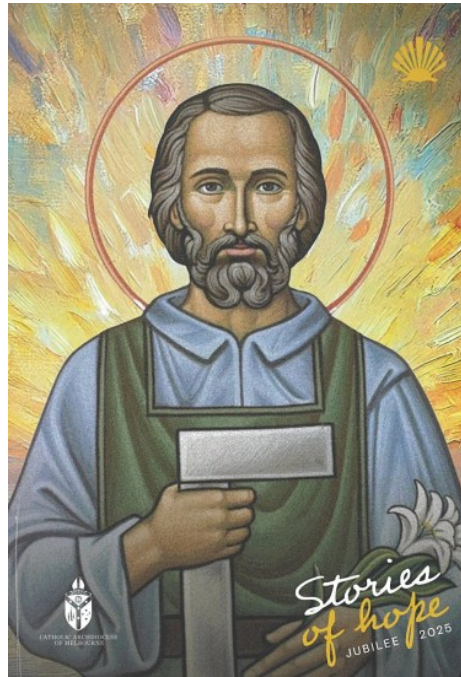
Tim comes with many attributes, being a retired Police Sergeant, active with a local surf life-saving club and an active family man. Tim is a tireless worker, faith driven and a lovely person.

Congratulations Tim, welcome to this new and exciting role.

Fr Geoff

PS - Tim begins on Wednesday 2nd April.

STORIES OF HOPE



St Joseph the Worker



In the Bible, we do not hear much about St Joseph. Despite being the heir of Israelite kings David and Solomon, he lived in quiet exile, working as a carpenter. He worked faithfully with his hands, becoming a model for all who labour. But the Bible suggests he was also devoted to a much bigger 'work': participating in God's astonishing plan to bring hope to the world.

Joseph humbly served Mary and Jesus, working not only with his hands but also with his heart. When angels appeared to him, he listened, choosing hope over fear. When the lives of his family were endangered, he protected them, trusting in God to bring them through. His ancestor, King Solomon, built the temple in Jerusalem to provide a place for God's presence to dwell. Similarly, Joseph provided a home for Jesus, God made flesh, the hope of humankind.

As we celebrate the Jubilee of Workers, may we follow the humble, hopeful example of St Joseph the Worker. No matter what our circumstances, may St Joseph inspire us to work with our hands, heads and hearts to bring the hope of Christ to our families, our workplaces, our communities and the world.



Jokes of the Week



1: Sad at prodigal's return: The Sunday School teacher was explaining the story of the Prodigal Son to his class, clearly emphasizing the resentment the older brother expressed at the return of his brother. When he finished telling the story, he asked the class, "Now who was really sad that the prodigal son had come home?" After a few minutes of silence, one little boy raised his hand and confidently stated, "The fatted calf."

2: Letter from Prodigal Son? Dear folks, I feel miserable because I have to keep writing for money. I feel ashamed and unhappy to have to ask for another hundred, but every cell in my body rebels. I beg on bended knee that you forgive me. Your son, Marvin. P.S. I felt so terrible I ran after the mailman who picked this up in the box at the corner. I wanted to take this letter and burn it. I prayed that I could get it back. But it was too late." A few days later Marvin received a letter from his father. It said, "Your prayers were answered. Your letter never came!"

3: Reconciliation with a hook: An elderly man on the beach found a magic lamp. As he picked it up and started cleaning it, a genie appeared and said: "Because you have freed me I will grant you a wish." The man responded. "I had a fight with my only and older brother thirty years ago. I want to be reconciled with him so that he may forgive me and start loving me." The genie said, "I am glad that you did not ask for money or riches. Your wish is granted. Are you sick and about to die?" the genie enquired. "No way!" the man shouted. "But my unmarried, older brother is about to die and he's worth about \$60 million!!"



SPECIAL FUNDRAISING COLLECTION TODAY

I have noticed a lot more people with disabled stickers on their cars, and they are constantly searching for one of the limited disabled carparks around the Church.

So I would like to create another 3 disabled carparks near the bus garage.



Frank Crea has estimated it will cost approx. \$3500

So next week we will have an extra collection to help get this started.

Thank you

Fr Geoff

A Morning retreat with Mary

Led by Fr Peter Ferwerda

Monday the 7th of April 2025

At St. Macartan's Catholic Church



4 Drake Street, Mornington Vic 3931

PROGRAM

9.15 am HOLY MASS

Celebrated by Fr Peter Ferwerda

MMP Cenacle Rosary and Reflection on Reading from Blue Book

Eucharistic Adoration

ALL WELCOME

For further information please contact

Carol Kelly on Mobile: 0418 360 389 or Grace Mizzi 0420 344 189

Barbara Ensil on 0410 649 622

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Well done Paige Crawford, one of our new tippers. Paige was our best tipper for the week with 7/8. Paige joins Richard Jolly and 4 others as our Competition leaders after Round 2.

Do you know which team announced this week that a mascot had been created for them by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre and is called Rum'un? Also, which teams' mascots are G-Man and SunnyRay & Skye respectively?

It's still time for new tippers to join. It's only \$ 30 for the season and a lot of fun. All you need to do is go to ESPN Footy Tips---www.footytips.com.au , and create an account then search for St Macartan's Parish Footy Tipping. Previous tippers are already registered.

If you have any queries please email or call one of our administrators:

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3rd Sunday of Lent – 22/23 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Kees Duyvestyn, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Mihael Kerr, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers Iris Hallinan, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

4th Sunday of Lent – 29/30 March 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Fay Murphy

Eucharistic Mins Christina Llopart, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Barb Ensil, Michael Harrison

5th Sunday of Lent – 5/6 April 2025

6.00pm Readers Marlene Tesmann, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Mins Rosemarie D'Silva, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers Terry Roberts, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
EASTER SERVICES**

Holy Thursday: 17th April 7pm

- Readers/Commentator
- 12 volunteers to have their feet washed
 - Collectors
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Good Friday 18th April 3pm:

- Readers/Commentator
- Men to carry the cross and set it up
 - Ushers
 - Collectors
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Holy Saturday Vigil 19th April 8pm

- Altar servers
 - Ushers
- Special Ministers of the Eucharist

**Those wishing to volunteer contact me Jody 045 0096 210, or
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THANK YOU

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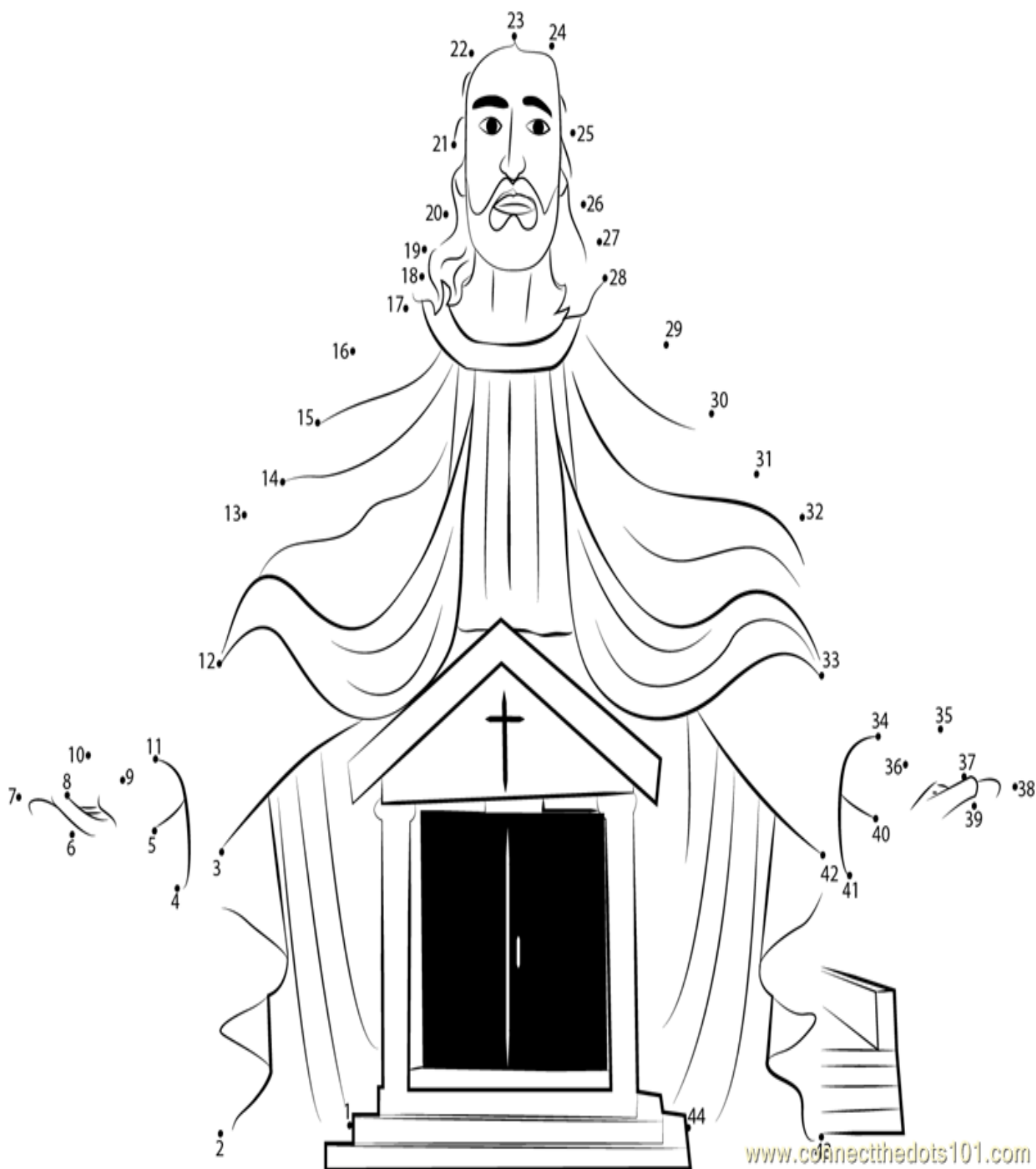
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