

PARISH BULLETIN

St Macartan's Catholic Parish



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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

Thanks to your contributions we were able to raise \$515 which will help to provide support services to people impacted by poverty, domestic violence and homelessness in Mongolia.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Fr Geoff is blessing this years fleet at Mornington Yacht Club.
Saturday 26th Oct at 2pm

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS:

- **Mon 28th:** SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE: Apostles
- **Fri 1st:** ALL SAINTS DAY—**SOLEMNITY!**
- **Sat 2nd:** COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

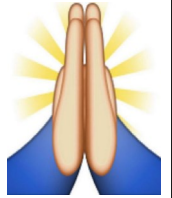
- **9/10 November:** PASTORAL CARE APPEAL—PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr Geoff: Blessing of the graves of the souls of the faithful departed at Mt Martha cemetery,
Saturday 2nd at 11:30am.
Meet at front gate.

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, Rita Fordyce, George Cerolini, Anne Hosemans, Michael Kesik, Jane Payne, Peter Clark, Barbra Solech, Grazyna Novak, Rob Turner, Fred Verna, Margaret Raynor, Margaret Wall, James O'Meara, Paul Girolami & Lisa Winter Bizette.



Recent Deaths:

Death Anniversaries: Dawn Meier, Bruce Wright, Rosina Bongiorno & Mary Ebinger

Funeral service information

Video Sunday 9am Mass:

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/4674300>

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 2 Term 4: 18th October

Padua Newsletter:

Edition 6: 13th September



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Jeremiah 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

Hebrews 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 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 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.

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Last week we Congratulated:

Gianna, Billie & Ignatius who were baptized on Saturday October 19th

Scriptural Context

Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship.

Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith. In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

Volunteering - Something we can all do.

This week we are asking for more volunteers for this ministry group.

Join our **COUNTING Team** (8am Monday mornings) and be active in ensuring the monetary contributions of the faithful are accounted for correctly and deposited into the Bank.

Full training provided. Must have a Police check completed.

We need you!

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

5975 2200 or speak with Fr Geoff

Thank you



'Dilexit nos': Pope to publish encyclical on Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Thursday, Pope Francis will publish a new encyclical focusing on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the context of a world "which seems to have lost its heart."

By Salvatore Cernuzio

"Dilexit nos" (He Loved Us) will be Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, and it comes at a time of profound global challenges. The world today is scarred by war, social and economic imbalances, rampant consumerism, and technologies that threaten to undermine human nature. With this document, Pope Francis will call for a change of perspective, urging humanity to rediscover what is most essential: the heart.

The Pope's Announcement

The full title of the encyclical, "Dilexit Nos - Encyclical Letter on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ," was confirmed today by the Vatican Press Office, with its release set for October 24. The Pope had previously shared his intent to publish the document at his June 5 general audience in St. Peter's Square, during the month traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart. At the time, Pope Francis expressed his hope that the text would invite reflection on aspects of the Lord's love that could illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal and resonate meaningfully with "a world that seems to have lost its heart."

The 1673 Apparitions

The encyclical's release coincides with ongoing celebrations commemorating the 350th anniversary of the first appearance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. On December 27 of that year, Jesus appeared to the young 26-year-old French Visitation nun, entrusting her with the mission of spreading His love, particularly toward sinners. These apparitions, which took place at the convent of Paray-le-Monial in Burgundy, continued for 17 years.



Christ showed His heart surrounded by flames and encircled by a crown of thorns—symbolizing the wounds inflicted by human sin. He requested that the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi be dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Though initially misunderstood by many, including her fellow nuns, St. Margaret Mary remained steadfast in her mission to reveal Christ's love to the world.

Pope Pius XII's Haurietis Aquas

In 1956, Pope Pius XII issued *Haurietis Aquas*, an encyclical aimed at reviving the devotion during a time when it was in decline. Pope Pius emphasized the devotion's importance for the Church's needs and its potential as a "banner of salvation" for the modern world. Pope Benedict XVI, in a letter commemorating the 50th anniversary of *Haurietis Aquas*, reinforced this sentiment, saying, "This mystery of God's love for us is not only the content of devotion to the Heart of Jesus; it is also at the heart of all true Christian spirituality." Pope Francis' Devotion Pope Francis has consistently demonstrated a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart, often relating it to the priestly mission. In 2016, he concluded the Jubilee of Priests on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, urging priests to orient their hearts like the Good Shepherd towards the lost and the distant. During the same Jubilee, in his first Meditations on Mercy, Francis recommended that bishops and priests revisit *Haurietis Aquas*, noting that "the heart of Christ is the center of mercy. This is the nature of mercy: it gets its hands dirty, it touches, it engages, and it involves itself with others."

The Pope's Fourth Encyclical

Dilexit nos will be Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, following *Lumen fidei* (June 29, 2013), co-written with Benedict XVI; *Laudato si'* (May 24, 2015), on the environmental crisis and the need for care for creation; and *Fratelli tutti* (October 3, 2020), which calls for global fraternity and social friendship in a world fractured by a pandemic and conflicts, including wars fought in the name of God.



The Teddy Bear's Picnic was another great success!

This was because of you at ST MACARTAN'S

Without this Parishes support, for outreach and mission to those in our community, who maybe absent from their faith or a little lost, and your willingness to try new things and take a risk to connect, then these type of events wouldn't work.

We estimated over 80 children came and they brought their parents. This has grown from approx. 60 last year and 40 in our first year.

Each time this occurs, we as a Parish are blessed to have a new lovely family or two, come and join our faith community. Therefore we as a Parish - grow!

Growth is a good and a necessary thing - except maybe around the waist. 😊

Yes, we as a Parish are growing and the demographic which we are targeting is the 30-50 yr old age group. Yes, they are the parents of our school children, as they and their children are the future of our Church.

A motto I have always liked is - *Build it and they will come.*

We built some Youth groups and - Youth have come.

We build public rosary pray days - Prayerful people come.

We build fun events - Fun faith filled people come.

Next year I would like to build a children's Liturgy group.

Gathering during either 9am or 11am Mass each week.

I believe if we build it - more families will come to Mass.

I'm looking for volunteers to help, please contact the Office if you think you can.

A special thank you goes to these tireless workers:

Jody Kerrins, Alwyn Azzopardi, Kate McInnes, Cherrie Azzopardi, Frank Crea, the BBQ Team, the event crew (ensuring food and drinks were available) and also: Athena, Milly and Dean (the Teddy Bears).

Blessings to you all from

Fr Geoff and Fr An



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 & Youth who are not baptised.
- Adults & Youth who are already baptised in another Christian Church.
- Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an
information night.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Thursday 24th October

**7:00pm in the Church Hall, 10 Drake Street, (under Palm Tree) next to
the Community House**

Classes will be held each **Thursday** 7pm-8:15pm

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au



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!"



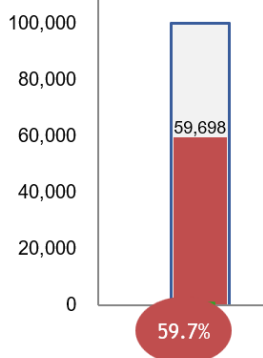
THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE THANKSGIVING PROGRAM VIA ENVELOPES, NEW ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THIS NEXT WEEK.

PICKUP FROM THE CHURCH FOYER!

[Please note]

After this years envelopes are used, there will no re-issue of envelopes, they will be discontinued. There are many other options and the Office will kindly help you with these.



ROOF RESTORATION - FUND RAISING

Currently you have donated

\$61, 649

As Oliver Twist once said - "More Please!"
Yes, please continue to help get to \$100,000

DONATE via the Parish website or using the details below:

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Casseroles



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Michaela: 0434 957 758

Thank you

St Macartan's History Display

We are putting together some photos and History of our amazing Parish. The goal is to preserve our churches history by creating a history corner in the annex for everyone to share and reminisce. If you have any photos or memorabilia , please email to the Parish office at

mornington@cam.org.au

Come & join Parishioner Graham Michel's
mrs sippy jazz band

for a fun afternoon of jazz & dancing

Sunday 27thth October from 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

at the Mornington Civic Bowls Club, 350 Dunns Road Mornington

Admission \$15 p.p. B.Y.O.nibbles coffee,tea & drinks available at the bar.

Bookings not required.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27 October 2024

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Louise Renshaw

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers Don Ziino, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Joseph Thoppil, Frank Crea

11.00am Readers Gabriella Fialla, Trish Duryea

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 2/3 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Kees Duyvestyn

Eucharistic Mins Marlene Tesmann, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Paul Girolami, Kathleen Ronchi

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Michael Harrison, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Sue Fletcher

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10 November 2024

6.00pm Readers Louise Renshaw, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Spencer Meier, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins Pat Girolami, Richard Jolly

11.00am Readers Trish Duryea, John Rowe

Eucharistic Mins Sheila Goddard, Sandra Barrett

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- **Baptism Preparation:** Fr Geoff: Wednesdays of each month 5:30pm - 6pm
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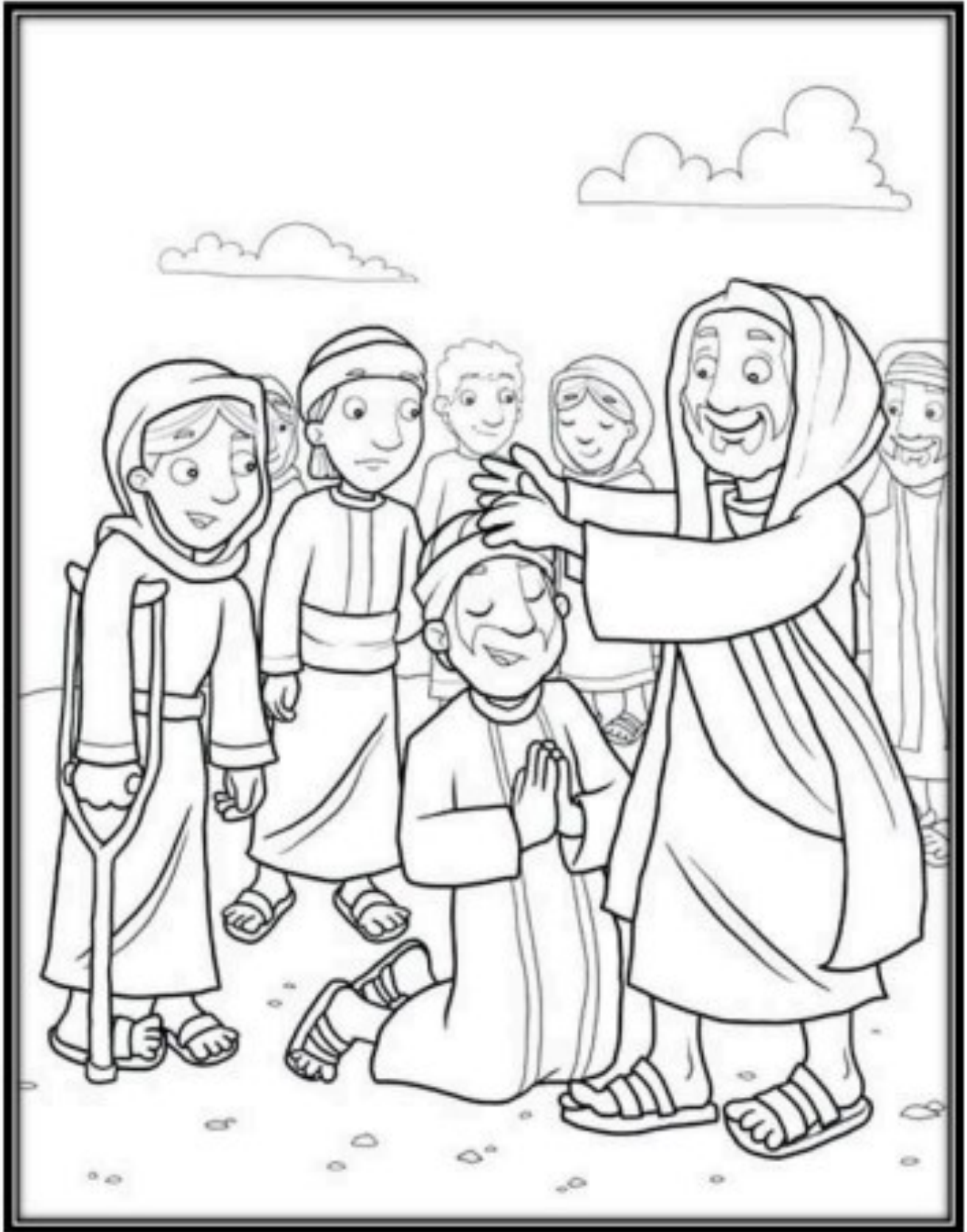
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"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Mark 10: 46-52