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Upcoming Events

WINTER CONCERT

MPWLC July 5th 2pm

(Mornington Peninsula Welsh ladies choir)

Upcoming collection

**Propagation of the Faith for the
Catholic Missions Office**

7th&8th of June, 2025



Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tue 3rd: Sts Charles Lwanga & his companions, Martyrs
- Thur 5th: St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

Youth groups

Quinns Place

Every Friday 6pm-10pm

Encounter Group

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday

Next scheduled is

Sunday 8th June

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, Michaela Gabriel, Margaret Raynor

Kath O'Malley, Pam Cahill, Terry, Helen Roberts, Audrey Tunks & Therese

Summons

Death Anniversaries: Sofia VUCKOVIC, Christine Niblett & Charlotte Beck

Recent Deaths: The



Video Sunday 9am Mass

LIVESTREAMING: <https://vimeo.com/event/5159135>

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

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/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



TO DONATE TO OUR CHURCH ACCOUNT & FOR THANKSGIVING:

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

gospel focus

A message for all people

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

Gospel reflection

The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts. If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and

ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

Scriptural context – Luke-Acts

The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.



Pope Leo XIV's first General Audience: Love does not calculate

Pope Leo XIV holds his first Wednesday General Audience and reflects on Jesus' parable of the sower, stressing that God "does not wait for us to become the best soil." By Kielce Gussie

In his first General Audience as Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV continued with Pope Francis' Jubilee series on the theme of "Jesus Christ, Our Hope."

The new Pope carried on with his predecessor's reflection on the parables of Jesus, which Pope Leo said "help us to rediscover hope, because they show us how God acts in history."

A unique parable

Pope Leo focused on the parable of the sower—"a rather unique parable, as it serves as a kind of introduction to all the others." He pointed out how this story reveals how Jesus communicates, and it can give us guidance on how to proclaim the Gospel today. While parables are taken from everyday life, their goal is to convey something more profound. They encourage us all to "raise questions within us; they invite us not to stop at appearances."

Reflecting on the story, the Pope urged everyone to ask themselves two questions: Where am I in this story? What does this image say to my life?

A sower goes out to sow

In this parable of the sower, Pope Leo XIV explained that we can see God's power and the impact it has on us. "Every word of the Gospel is like a seed sown in the soil of our lives," he shared, highlighting that the soil is not only our heart, "but



also the world, the community, the Church." There is no aspect of life that remains untouched by the Gospel. People from all walks of life and backgrounds came out to listen to Jesus tell this parable. This shows us that "Jesus' word is for everyone, but it works in each person differently," which Pope Leo explained helps us understand the parable better. Each of us can draw something from the parable no matter our situation in life.

Jesus is the Seed

In the story, where the seeds fall seems to be of little concern to the sower, which the Pope pointed out symbolizes how God loves each and every one of us. "We are used to calculating and planning things, but love doesn't work that way," he said.

Pope Leo emphasized that God "scatters the seed of His word on every kind of soil—meaning, in every one of our situations." Whether we receive it with enthusiasm, superficiality, or fear, God trusts that at one point or another the seed will bear fruit.

God "does not wait for us to become the best soil." Rather, He gives us His word over and over again, and His word is Jesus.

Van Gogh and his sunset

Closing his reflection, Pope Leo XIV pondered Vincent van Gogh's painting, *The Sower at Sunset*. "What strikes me," he shared, "is that, behind the sower, van Gogh painted the grain already ripe." The Pope called this an image of hope that somehow the seed has borne fruit.

In the center of the painting is the sun—not the sower, which reminds us that "God drives history, even if He sometimes seems distant or hidden."

Remembering Pope Francis

Before praying the Our Father in Latin, Pope Leo XIV remembered his predecessor, Pope Francis, on the one month anniversary of his passing. *"And we cannot conclude our encounter without remembering with such gratitude our beloved Pope Francis, who exactly one month ago returned to the house of Our Father."*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians 1:15-20

*"He is before all things, and
in him all things hold together"*

Col 1:17



AUSTRALIA PRAYS

7th of June Ecumenical Service

11 AM – 12.15 PM at St. Macartan's Church 4 Drake St Mornington

Reflection by Fr. Geoff Mcilroy

This year's theme is "The Preeminence of Christ" Colossians 1:15-20. Join in unity with churches of all denominations Australia wide to worship Him who is preeminent and to give Him glory on the National Day of Prayer, **and to pray together in unity for our Nation.**

Parking also available at rear car park of church, off Cook Street.

St Macartan's Piety Store

Hello to all Parishioners, Visitors and Pilgrims visiting St Macartans Mornington. It is wonderful to have you with us.

It has been some time since I had a notice in the Bulletin, so I thought it was time I informed you of what has been happening.

We have been extremely busy and so excited to have all the Pilgrims visiting us regularly. I'm sorry we are closed for Pilgrims we aren't aware are calling, but please be aware, the number is on the door and if you wish to purchase any goods please call and I am happy to make the trip to assist you. Number is 0425 749 379. With Pilgrims coming from different parts of Melbourne, the feedback on our range has been fantastic, with many claiming we are the best Gift Shop around.

We have a larger variety of goods and an extensive range of sterling silver crosses and medals which we are ordering on a fortnightly basis, to keep up the stock. The sales have been fantastic and we are always on the lookout for different goods for all occasions. The wooden plaques have been a great seller but we are now waiting for stock to become available.

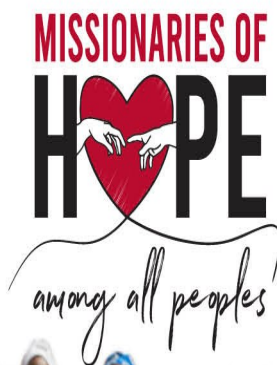
I am going to set up a small table, marked "Sale Items" for discontinued stock that is no longer available, to make room for new stock expected. Everything on that table will sell for \$7.00.

Come and check it out, a great chance to save a few dollars.

For the Parishioners who continually support us **Thank You**

Regards

Trish, Graham, Ann, Rosemarie, Marie and Esme.



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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FLU SEASON

You may have already experienced the early community spike in Influenza. Remember: The flu is more likely to cause severe illness and complications in certain groups of people, including children aged less than 5 years, the elderly & pregnant women.



Vaccination is key to protecting yourself, your friends, family and communities from the flu. It is never too late get vaccinated. The yearly flu vaccine is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over and is free for high-risk groups.

And whilst it has taken a back seat , COVID still makes its way through the local and broader community. Remember to check the expiry dates of your COVID tests. They are no good if they're expired.

Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Teresa Lincoln is now 3 in front of James, Terry, Tessa and Jacinta. Kees, Anneliese and Derek are one further behind in a continuing close competition this year. Our best tippers last week were Kees, Debra, Molly and John Franks with 8/9.

Last week we enjoyed the Sir Doug Nicholls Round. Apart from Sir Doug Nicholls, do you know who are the only other 3 knights to have played VFL/AFL ? As well do you know who was the Richmond player who is the only player to have received 3 votes in their debut game and the 2006 Yiooken Award from the Dreamtime game ?

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In Her Shoes



Facilitated by the expert team at Tomorrow Woman and Tomorrow Man, In Her Shoes is a game-changing workshop designed to equip men, young and old, with a deeper understanding and empathy for the experiences of women. Grounded in storytelling and reflective exercises, it is a space to ask questions to understand, without fear of being misunderstood or getting it wrong

Wed June 4
7:30PM -- 9:30PM
Blairgowrie Yacht Club

Reserve Your Free Ticket Here



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*"cheers,
big ears!"*



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER -SATURDAY 7th JJUNE

Please bring a plate to help with lite lunch after the service.
Let's make our brothers and sisters in Christ feel welcome.

I encourage anyone who can, to give their morning to the Lord for our Nation, starting with rosary then mass and adoration and staying for the 11am prayer service, in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

OUR NATION NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS



Jokes of the Week

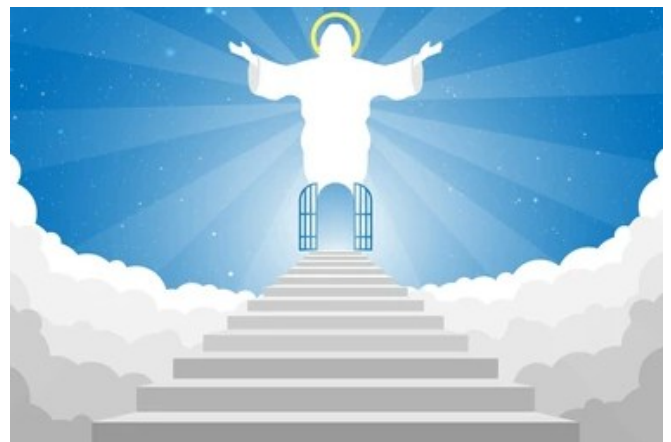


1: The Ascension mission to preach the Gospel: After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home!"

2: "We're in heaven already!" The story is told about a priest who, talking about heaven in his homily, said: "We bring nothing with us when we die. There is no money in heaven! People in heaven have no money!" The whole congregation was quiet, till a little girl whispered to her mother loud enough for all to hear: "Mama, mama, we're in Heaven already!"

#3: And after death ascend or descend? A teenager was once asked: At the end of school what do you want to do? I want to do my VCE. After your VCE what do you want to do? – I want to go to college. After college what do you want to do? – I want to get a job. Then what do you want to do? – I want to make big money. What do you want to do after making money? – I want to build a big house. After that what do you intend to do? – I want to get married. What will you do after getting married? – I will have a family. What will you do after having a family? – I will retire. What do you want to do after you retire? – I want to take a rest. What will you do after taking a rest? – I don't know.

Will you die? – Oh yes, I will die too. What will happen after death? – I am not sure!



ROSTER

The Ascension of The Lord – 31 May -1 June 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Joan Clements, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Michael Harrison

Pentecost Sunday – 7/8 June 2025

6.00pm Readers Fay Murphy, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Tricia Hird, Alis Fisher

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Mins Patricia Thomas, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers Esme Higgins, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Mins Evelyn Atkins, Barbara Ensil

The Most Holy Trinity – 14/15 June 2025

6.00pm Readers Brian Scantlebury, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Mins Fay Murphy, Christina Llopart

9.00am Readers John Azzopardi, Michael Kerr

Eucharistic Mins Marcelle Azzopardi, Patricia Thomas

11.00am Readers John Rowe, Gabriella Failla

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Pette, Sheila Goddard

The Body and Blood of Christ – 21/22 June 2025

6.00pm Readers Adrian Mitchell, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Mins Joyce Ward, Tricia Hird

9.00am Readers Kathleen Ronchi, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Mins John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers Irene Hackett, Esme Higgins

Eucharistic Mins Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil

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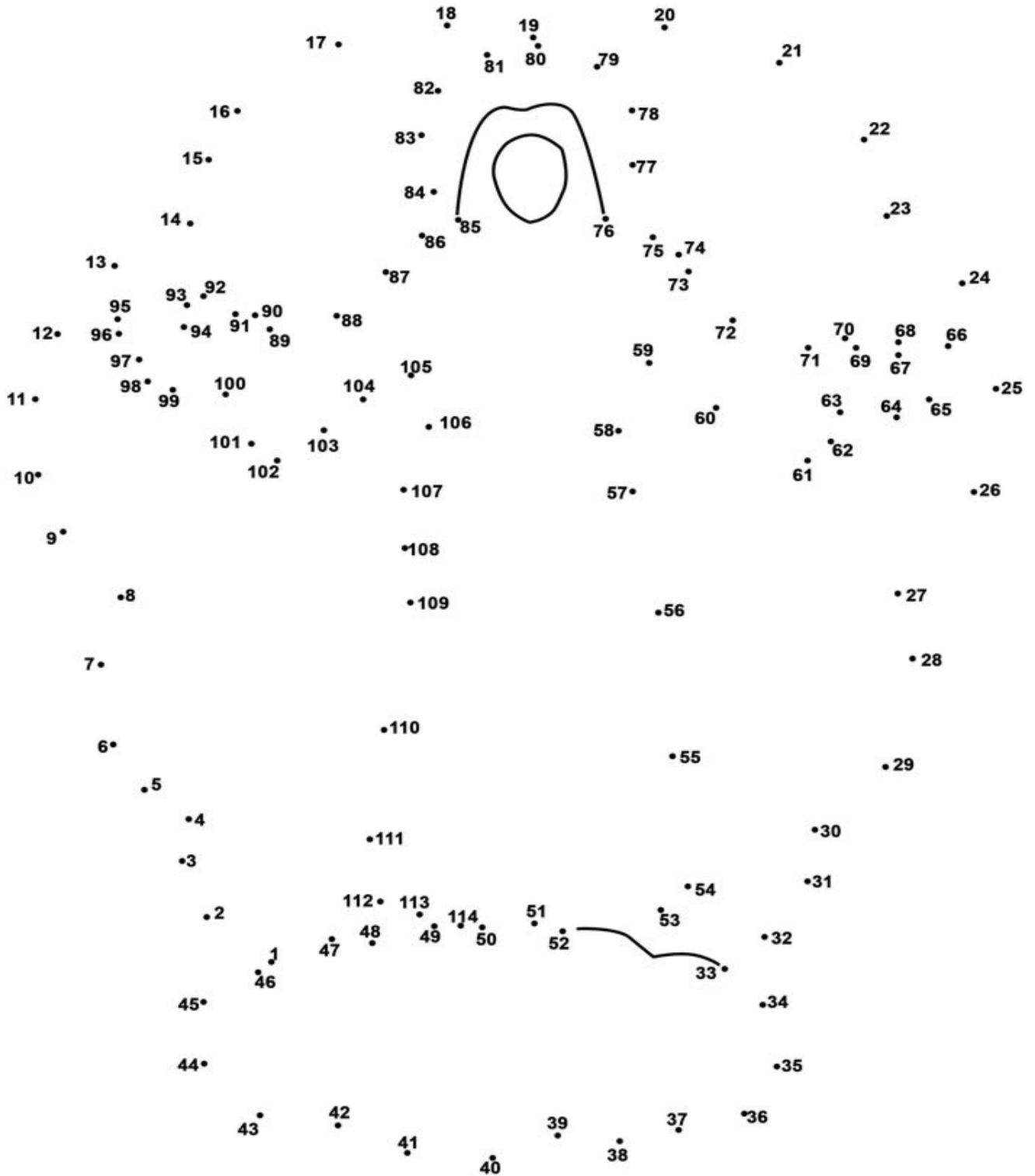
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