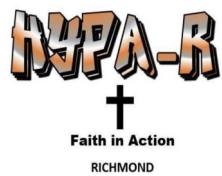






Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.

- The HYPA-R Committee will be selling tickets after the St Monica's Masses for the Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Celebration on Friday 5 April 2019.
- [Friday 22 March 2019](#), will be the Young Adults Youth Group (aged 16 years +) [starts at 7pm](#) in the old Church. Have lots of laughs and make new friends it will be a great night.
- EASTER CELEBRATION...Friday 5 April 2019, will be 1st Friday Adoration, starts at 6:30pm. This is led by the youth then followed by an Easter Celebration in the Old Church. There will be fun games, food/drink, a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, major raffle will be drawn and more... All welcome.



Announcements

**Reaching out to the Homeless:** If you have any spare new face washers, hand towels, socks or jumpers to be distributed to the homeless, please leave in the Church foyer. We will pass them on to those in need. Thank you.

**Monday 25 March 9am Mass** will be offered for the repose of the soul of Michael John McMahon for his First Anniversary.

**Lenten Devotions:** Stations of the Cross each Friday following morning Mass at St Monica's and St John of God following Tuesday 4pm Mass.

**RIP Sr Janet Heath:** Sr Janet taught at St Monica's Richmond as a lay woman, where she met the Poor Clares and also taught and was Principal at St John's at Riverstone. She was a great educator - teaching & leading our College in Waverley for a number of years. Sr Janet was also Pastoral Coordinator at St Matthew's Windsor for some time.

**Notification:** The funeral Mass for Marie Maguire will be held at St Monica's Richmond on Tuesday 19 March at 11am followed by the burial at St Gregory's in Kurrajong.

**Jesuit Refugee Service** is requesting for donation towards their Foodbank. Food items and toiletries are welcome. For more details please see poster in the church foyer.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Tuesday 19 March Saint Joseph.
- Weekend 6/7 April Confirmation Enrolment Ceremonies.
- Monday 15 April Second Rite of Reconciliation 7pm at St Monica's.
- Tuesday 30 April Parent Meeting (Confirmation) 7pm at St Monica's.

**Fete Sponsorship** leaflets are available in the church foyer.

**Mark this date in your diary:** 19 May, 2019 celebrating 160 years since the opening of the first St. Monica's.

**Catechists & Helpers...**

As we commence the school year we are in urgent need of more people to share the Good News with the many children attending the State Schools in our Parish. **NON teaching** helpers are also very much needed. If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office.

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

Sr Janet Heath OSC  
Marie Maguire  
John Harris  
Mary Cremona  
Bobby McGregor  
Kim O'Grady  
Oscar Galino  
Wayne Eather

**... and those we remember at this time.**

Nati Jordana,  
Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless, John Pratt,  
Sandra Moore, Michael Head,  
Vincent Head Snr, Peter Galluzzo,  
Pauline & Emanuel Said, Lorenza & John Saliba, Carmelo Magro  
Jerry & Josephine Camenzuli,  
Kathy Dolan, Benjamin D'sylva, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Angela Yates,  
Joseph Baldacchino, Noeleen Lloyd

**We welcome the newly Baptised...**

**Finn Jojart  
Chayse Vella**

**...to our Christian family.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Bridget Matthews

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK**

Jeff Steven, Josephine Cutajar,  
Tye Angland, Frank Grima,  
William Grima, Frank Cauchi,  
Stephen Avery,  
Pauline Azzopardi,  
Dale Wasley, Carmen Sultana,  
Melissa Colless,  
Janice Anderson

**The Fox and the Hen**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35.

**ACROSS**

- To keep safe from harm
- An animal similar to a wolf or dog that has a long bushy tail
- A female chicken
- To bring together in one place.
- To put to death

**DOWN**

- A person who teaches the will of God. Isaiah, for example.
- Baby chickens
- Feather-covered limbs a bird uses for flying.

FOX	PROPHET	HEN	CHICKS
GATHER	PROTECT	WINGS	KILL

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**Evangelii Gaudium** (*The Joy of the Gospel*)  
'This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture and in their ways of living the faith.'

Par 199 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis.

**PREPARATION FOR EASTER:** To enhance our Easter Liturgies, most of which will be celebrated at St Monica's Church, we will be having a singing practice for **four Tuesdays from 7pm -8pm on March 19 & 26, April 2 & 9.** Singers from the three Mass Centres are encouraged to attend these practices. Please note, we are not establishing a choir, rather, we are promoting **congregational singing**. Those at the singing practices will be leading the congregation, not performing for the congregation. Come one, come all, and why not bring a friend?!



**PARISH MASS TIMES**  
**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am  
**St Gregory's**  
Saturday: 9.00am  
Sunday: 8.00am  
**St John of God**  
Tuesday : 4.00pm  
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Reconciliation**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm.  
St Gregory's:  
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.  
  
**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday 29 March 2019, 9.00am  
at St Monica's.  
Or by arrangement with the priests.

**Baptism**  
By appointment only.  
St Monica's: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11.00am.  
St Gregory's: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:00am  
Booking & Preparation are essential.  
**Marriage**  
Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required.  
All enquiries please email  
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**9 April 2019 at 7pm.**  
  
**Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.**

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Rosary**  
St Monica's: 8.40am  
before weekday Mass.  
  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
St Monica's: Wednesday  
after 9.00am Mass to  
pray for vocations.

**Choir Practice**  
St Monica's:  
45 minutes before each  
Mass  
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

**Children's Liturgy**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

**Circle of Friends**  
Parish Meeting Room:  
1st Monday of the month  
9.30am

**Youth Group Social**  
Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.30pm HYPA Mass.  
  
**HYPA-R Holy Hour**  
Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.