NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

7 April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

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St Monica's

Readers

6.30pm— P. Buckley M. Breaden

7.30am - A. Edwards M. Fenech 9.30am - C. Thompson F. Yates

5.30pm - J. Morley T. Scopelliti

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm - J. Bennett J. Gorman

7.30am - M. Pirovic M. McMahon

9.30am - J. Van Der Burg C. Hey

5.30pm - P. Delahay

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.30pm — W. Bennett

7.30am - C. Nickle

9.30am - M. Crew 5.30pm - A. Freitas

Junior Ministers

6.30pm-

7.30am - L. Attard

9.30am - C. Saliba S. Saliba

5.30pm - A. Kuriakose

Data Projector

6.30pm — T. Buckley

7.30am - T. Galino

9.30am - L. Rvan

5.30pm- T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.30pm - L. Kav

9.30am - E. Mizz

Altar Preparation C. Thompson

Cleaners C. Sycz

Counters 31 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

07 Apr-B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 1 April 2019

Reader - M. Breader

EMoHC— J. Ebbs

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Reader - M. McMahon

FMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 5 April 2019

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 6 April 2019

Reader— Jackie

EMoHC— Cathy Sunday 7 April 2019

Readers

8.00am - M. Mooney T. Misdom S. Lundy

Altar Server Frank

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Altar Preparation D. Grima

Cleaners L. Pullin



St John of God Chapel Tuesday 4.00pm Saturday 6.00pm

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C 31 March 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 33:2-7 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The prodigal son came home empty-handed. He had no trophies to show his father, no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love. He was a failure. Worse - he was a sinner. He deserved to be punished - and he knew it. Yet punishment was the last thing he needed. To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire. What happened? When the father saw his lost son coming towards him, his heart went out to him, and next minute they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness . Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched ground. Those who have experienced this kind of love, know something about the heart of God.

Pope's Message for Lent 2019...

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Rom 8:29) is a priceless gift of God's mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:14) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the "Canticle of the Creatures" by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. Laudato Si', 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.

To be continued.

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EASTER 2019 SCHEDULE:

THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 18 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper Richmond 7.30pm Blessed Sacrament exposed at the Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19 April

Stations of the Cross 9.30am Richmond 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion Richmond

HOLY SATURDAY 20 April

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Richmond 7.00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 21 April

Mass Richmond: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm

Kurrajong: 8.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesday after Mass St John of God 4pm Friday after Mass Richmond 9am

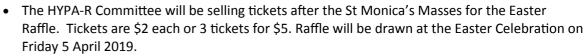
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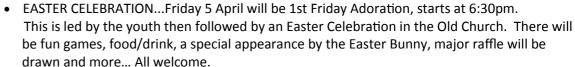
SECOND (COMMUNAL) RITE

Monday 15 April Richmond 7.00pm

FIRST (INDIVIDUAL) RITE

Monday & Wednesday after Mass Richmond (Holy Week only) Good Friday following Stations of the Cross Richmond 9.30am Good Friday following The Passion of the Lord Richmond 3pm * Please note: NO Easter Vigil at St John of God.





• Friday 12 April will be the Spiritual & Games Night (for school children aged between 10 years to 15 years od). This is held in the Old Church from 7pm - 9pm. There will be light supper & fun games.

... and those we

remember at this time.

Lucy Johnson, Geraldine Murphy,

John Moloney, Ron & Josie Horan,

Joseph Baldacchino, Lindsay, Eileen,

J L Jordana, Garry & Kevin Clarke,

Adrain Williams, Lorraine Hogbin, Graham Symonds, Tony Carr,

Michael John McMahon, Bob Anderson

Reno Camilleri, May Ann & Joseph

Bugeja, Michael Camilleri, Vicki,

Rose Camilleri, Joseph Farrugia

We welcome the newly Baptised..

Connor Fitzgerald

Dilan Fazlilar



Palm Sunday April 14 Palms are available today if you can assist in making crosses to be blessed on Palm

Readers for the Gospel on Palm Sunday are needed for all Masses & also people to carry the Palms.

Easter Rosters: Are you going to be here for Easter? Help is needed over the three days, readers, special ministers of the Eucharist, feet washing, collectors, offertory procession are some of the ways you can assist, please check the list today and add your name.

Piety Stall: Living Faith booklets for April-June are now available \$4.50 each.

Fete Sponsorship leaflets are available in the church foyer.

Used Stamps If you can support the Missions with your used postage stamps it would be greatly appreciated.



- Monday 1 April Circle of Friends will meet in the Parish Meeting Room following morning Mass. All welcome.
- Weekend 6/7 April Confirmation Enrolment
- Wednesday 10 April Fete Meeting 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.
- St Monica's.
- Tuesday 30 April Parent Meeting (Confirmation) 7pm at St Monica's.

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 160th anniversary of the opening of the first St. Monica's Church Cnr Bourke & Windsor St, Richmond. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, will be the main celebrant of Mass commencing at 9.30am on Sunday May 19, to be followed by light refreshments.

Renewal of Parish Ministries...

How good it is! We are about half way through parish ministry meetings and, as a result, already I have had communication with **over one hundred parishioners** about ministry. Your attendance, participation and suggestions have been greatly appreciated. Thank you. I look forward to the following meetings:

DATE	9.30 -10.30	Morning	11.00 -12.00	
April 6	Readers & Commentators	Tea	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Collectors & Money Counters	
April 13	Church Cleaners			

In preparation for our 160th anniversary next year we are taking a regular look back in time...

The old convent St Clare's Convent stood with high Victorian gentility over St Monica's school for almost 100 years and was one of Richmond's oldest landmarks. It was built in 1883 by the Good Samaritan Sisters, who established both St Francis de Sales Boarding school for Young Boys and a day school for boys and girls. In May 1921 a new school building was erected hard against the eastern wall of the convent. To do this it became necessary to remove the verandahs of the convent along that side. The top floor of the new building became the boarder's dorm. The Good Samaritans continued to run the boarding and day schools until 1943 when they handed over the convent to the Poor Clare Sisters. The Sisters lived there for 30 years until they moved to Kurrajong in 1974. The site where the convent stood is now the site of the new church. On behalf of the 160th Anniversary Committee.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Ceremonies.
- Monday 15 April Second Rite of Reconciliation 7pm at

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Grant Eternal Rest to the

recently deceased

Sr Janet Heath OSC

Marie Maguire

John Harris

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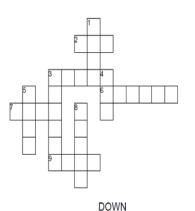
Fr Jessie Balorio, Jeff Steven, Josephine Cutajar, Tye Angland, Frank Grima, William Grima, Frank Cauchi, Stephen Avery, Pauline Azzopardi, Dale Wasley, Carmen Sultana, Melissa Colless

The Parable of the Lost Son

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

he puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32





ACROSS

- 2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
- 3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
- 6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
- 7. To not be able to be found. (I_
- 9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.
- 1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
- 3. A male parent
- 4. The number that is equal to one plus
- Your male children.
- 8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I

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Explore your faith... Join us on Monday 1 April for an evening with Bishop Robert Baron. This will be presented by DVD & followed by a group discussion over a cup of tea/coffee. Time: 6:30pm—8pm in the Old Church. The topic "The Mass" Part 2

- Responding to God: Homily, The Creed, Universal Prayers
- **Preparing for Sacrifice**: Preparation of the Gifts and the Eucharistic Prayer

The Real Presence Creates Communion: Transubstantiation, Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Lamb of God, Communion & the Dismissal. All welcome.

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 31 May 2019, 9.00am at St Monica's. Or by arrangement with the priests.

Baptism

By appointment only. St Monica's: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11.00am

St Gregory's: 1st 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 12 February 2019 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosarv

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.