

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

**14 April 2019**

Palm Sunday

Year C



**St Monica's**

**Readers**

6.30pm— M. McMahon C. Hession

7.30am— A. Edwards M. Pirovic

9.30am— A. Brailey C. Hey

5.30pm— L. Battersby A. Aquilina

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6.30pm— P. Hession J. Muscat

7.30am— M. Turnbull

9.30am— H. Convey M. McGuiness

5.30pm— J. Morley

**Acolytes / Senior Server**

6.30pm— W. Bennett

7.30am— A. Moloney

9.30am— D. Ryan

5.30pm— P. Delahay

**Junior Ministers**

6.30pm—

7.30am— P. Azzopardi

9.30am— S. Murphy M. Hoffman

5.30pm— K. Vanderburg

**Data Projector**

6.30pm— M. Breaden

7.30am— C. Thompson

9.30am— L. Ryan

5.30pm— T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy**

6.30pm— J. Bennett

9.30am— M. Melinz K. Cunningham

**Altar Preparation** C. Norton

**Cleaners** A. Campbell

**Counters**

07 Apr— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

14 Apr— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 8 April 2019**

Reader— F. Crew

EMoHC— M. Pirovic

**Wednesday 10 April 2019**

Reader— A. Moloney

EMoHC— M. McMahon

**Friday 12 April 2019**

Reader— D. Bowles

EMoHC— M. Ryan



**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 13 April 2019**

Reader— Nigel or Ray

EMoHC— Jackie

**Sunday 14 April 2019**

**Readers**

8.00am— B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

**Altar Server** Jackie

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— C. Smirolido

**Altar Preparation** P. McCallum

**Cleaners** N. Fienberg



**St John of God Chapel**

Tuesday 4.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent — Year C 7 April 2019*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 125**

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14**

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11**

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**

The quality of mercy is not strain'd; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest; it blesseth him that gives and him that takes. 'Tis mightiest in the mighty; It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown. It is enshrined in the hearts of kings. It is an attribute of God himself. And earthly power doth then show likest God's when mercy seasons justice. Therefore, though justice by thy plea, consider this - that in the course of justice none of us should see salvation. We do pray for mercy, and the same prayer doth teach us all to render the deeds of mercy.

*(William Shakespeare)*

**Pope's Message for Lent 2019...**

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made "a new creation". For "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev 21:1).

The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery. This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness. To be continued.

*We welcome and we thank Fr Arthur Cook for helping us with Masses for the next two weeks.*

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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 Richmond 9.30am  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion Richmond 3.00pm  
**HOLY SATURDAY 20 April**  
 Easter Vigil Richmond 7.00pm  
**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

**RECONCILIATION**

**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.



We would like to invite any young people who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming a Junior Server within the parish at St Monica's, St Gregory's, St John of God. (After becoming confident and committed as a Junior Server you can train to become a Senior Server) **TRAINING** When: Saturday 4 May 10am - 12noon at St Monica's **CHURCH.**

**Please Note: A parent/guardian is essential for people under 16. Yes, I am interested in training to become a Junior Server.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly) I give permission for my child to be trained as a Junior Server

(Name of Parent/Guardian - please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tear off & return to Parish Office or put in on collection plate in an envelope marked Junior Server before MON 29 April. For further enquiries please contact Louise Azzopardi on 0439 688 610. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.**

**Announcements**

**Palm Sunday April 14 Urgent Help needed**

Readers for the Gospel on Palm Sunday are needed for all Masses and also people to carry Palms, please place your name on list in Church foyer **TODAY.** Also, Palm Sunday at 9.30am Mass we will host the Sub Branch of the Richmond RSL for the annual Anzac Day Service. We are in need of your help to **provide** and **serve** morning tea. If you can help please contact the Parish Office

**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.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Wednesday 10 April Fete Meeting 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Monday 15 April Second Rite of Reconciliation 7pm at St Monica's.
- Saturday 20 April Supper will follow the Easter Vigil at St Monica's. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.
- Sunday 21 April St Gregory's Morning Tea following 8am Mass. Please stay for a cuppa & bring a plate to share. All welcome.
- Tuesday 30 April Parent Meeting (Confirmation) 7pm at St Monica's.

**RENEWAL OF PARISH MINISTRIES**

Just one more week of meetings with ministry groups. Your attendance, participation and suggestions have been **greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you.** I look forward the following meetings:

DATE	9.30 -10.30	Morn Tea	11.00 -12.00
April 13	Church Cleaners		Collectors & Money Counters

Many people have generously stepped forward to take up a ministry. **Sincere thanks to these parishioners.** Please note training sessions for all new comers to the ministries will be happening throughout June. More about this later. Dare I say, **we still need more volunteers!**

**To do what?**

MINISTRY RECRUITMENT For all Mass Centres	No Re-quired	WHERE/WHEN?
Junior Servers: Need to have received First Holy Communion	8	Sat 6.30pm wk3; Sun 7.30am wk 2; 5.30 wk 1, 2 & 4
Senior Servers & Acolytes	4	Sat 6.30pm wk2 & 4; Sun 7.30am wk 3; 5.30
Readers & Commentators	6	Sun 7.30am wk 1; 5.30 wk 3 & 4
Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion	6	Sat 6.30pm wk3; Sun 7.30am wk 2; 5.30 wk 1,2 & 4
Pastoral Care of the Sick	4	Nursing homes plus some private homes.
Cleaning	3	For about 1 hour per month
Power-point Projectionists	3	7.30am wk 3; & 5.30pm wk2 & 4
Musicians (Keyboard, instrumentalists & singers)	lots	all
Hospitality/Greeters/Ushers (Families & individuals. All ages.)	lots	all

If you are able to assist or if you know anyone who is, **please make yourself known to myself, the Parish Office or Clergy.**

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

- Kathleen Budge
- Sr Janet Heath OSC
- Marie Maguire
- John Harris
- Mary Cremona
- Bobby McGregor
- Kim O'Grady
- Oscar Galino

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

- Mary Josephine Mizzi, Frank Vladika, Peter Galluzzo, Joseph Teuma, Joseph Saliba, Nora O'Doherty, 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

**Help needed:** On Tuesday 16 April 9am to clean & prepare the Old Church for the Altar of Repose.

**Parking:** Please park in the marked areas, it is essential that free access is available for emergency vehicles. Be mindful of our neighbours and leave their driveways free. Help keep everyone safe.

Living Faith booklets for April-June are now available at the Piety Stall.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Christopher Bevington  
James Portelli



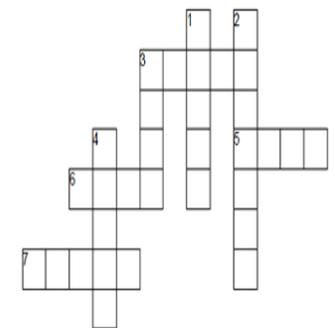
**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK**

- 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

**Jesus Anointed with Perfume**

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 12:1-8



**ACROSS**

- 3. The building in which a family lives
- 5. The part of the body on which a person stands
- 6. The opposite of rich
- 7. Pay received for the labor of a worker

**DOWN**

- 1. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
- 2. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
- 3. What grows on the head of a person
- 4. What we use to buy things

MONEY	WAGES	POOR	JUDAS
HOUSE	HAIR	PERFUME	FEET

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**PREPARATION FOR EASTER: WE NEED MORE SINGERS PLEASE.** To enhance our Easter Liturgies, we will be having a singing practice for **TWO MORE WEEKS, Tuesdays from 7pm -8pm on April 9 & 16**, in St Monica's Church. Come one, come all, and why not bring a friend?!

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

**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: 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.

