

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
28 April 2019
 2nd Sunday of Easter
 Year C

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St Monica's

Readers

6.30pm— C. Galea A. Copland
 7.30am— T. Galino J. Robinson
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Mizzi
 5.30pm— C. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm— J. McCarter J. Muscat
 7.30am— A. Burnett H. Robinson
 9.30am— L. Ryan L. Vella
 5.30pm— D. D'Mello

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.30pm— W. Bennett
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— D. Ryan
 5.30pm— D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.30pm— C. Galea I. Galea
 7.30am—
 9.30am— G. Attard A. Portelli
 5.30pm— P. Murphy A. kuriakose

Data Projector

6.30pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— M. Saliba
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.30pm - L. Ducksbury
 9.30am - C. Saliba

Altar Preparation S. Murphy C. Murphy
Cleaners K. Murphy M. Bingley

Counters

21 April— L. Conway J. Hawkins D. Bowles
 28 April— L. Clegg R. Larven R. Vick
 M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 22 April 2019

Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— J. Ebbs

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Reader— M. McMahon
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 26 April 2019

Reader— D. Bowles
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 27 April 2019

Reader— Peter
 EMoHC— Frank

Sunday 28 April 2019

Readers

8.00am— M. Ryan A. Drew S. O'Rourke

Altar Server Jackie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— A. Drew

Altar Preparation

Cleaners K. Hodgson

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St John of God Chapel

Tuesday 4.00pm
 Saturday 6.00pm

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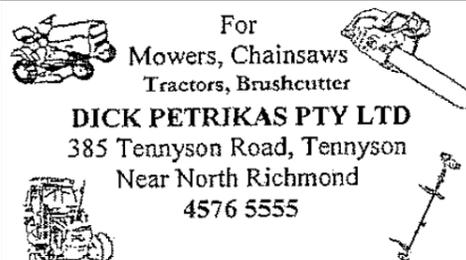
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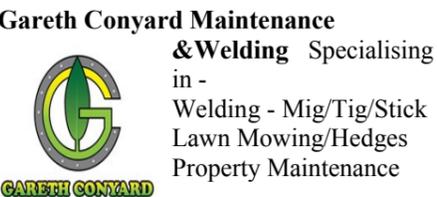
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord — Year C 21 April 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34. 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING:
As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light; as long as the fields get green again, and the primroses and violets return; as long as the trees fill up again with leaves, there is hope for us and for the world. So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring, for the snow has melted, and life is awakening from its sleep and wanders through the hills and valleys. Come, let us ascend the heights and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below. O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day, for death has folded up his tent and gone away.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23
 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen...

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this resurrection. They found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing needs to take away. This is why the title of the Pope's message 'The Joy of the Gospel'. He says that a Christian must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! The tone of Easter is joy in the refrain - we are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have got from God: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others" (Pope Francis). The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart and lift the hearts of those we meet, live among, live with and pray for. We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. This doesn't mean all life is content and happy if we are poor, but a door opens in our need for the risen Christ to enter our lives and reach others through our lives. Let's not be like Christians' whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

On behalf of the clergy and the parish team, wishing you a Blessed Easter.

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160 Anniversary: Preparations are well under way, invitations are sent. Your invitation has been inserted in the bulletin. We hope you will be here. We need your help.

- Firstly, we need to have some idea of numbers, so could you please RSVP on the sheet in the foyer stating number of adults and children. If you could assist by bringing a plate on the day please tick the appropriate box on the same sheet.
- Secondly there will be a cleaning and small maintenance working bee to clean the new Church, windows etc. on May 4, 8am-11am.
- Thirdly, a working bee in the Old Church cleaning and arranging display Thursday 16 from 9am finishing touches Saturday 18 from 9am
- Don't forget the celebration date May 19 at 9.30am. Come join with Bishop Vincent praying in thanksgiving for the gift of Faith.

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

Thank you to all who assisted with our Easter Celebrations and also your contribution to Project Compassion.

A big thank you to parishioners who contributed to the food bank for Refugees and People seeking protection. Ten clothes basket of food items were collected plus other essential goods. They were delivered to the Jesuit Refugee Service Centre at Westmead early April.

Change of date for May only The Circle of Friends will meet on Monday 13 May following morning Mass. Come and enjoy the company and morning tea.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion at St. Nicholas of Myra parish, Penrith on 28 April at 2.30pm. All invited.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 25 April ANZAC DAY** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am.
- **Tuesday 30 April Parent Meeting (Confirmation)** 7pm at St Monica's.

You are invited to join with the Parish of Richmond Community as they mark 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, Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta 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

Phase one is complete! The attendance, participation and suggestions of so many of our volunteers at the ministry meetings throughout March and April has been **greatly appreciated**. Thank you. **Phase two** begins when new volunteers attend the **training workshops**. More information will be coming after Easter. **Meantime:**

- May 4** 10am-12noon **Junior Ministers**
- June 15** 10am-11am **Everyone**
- June 22** 10am-12 noon **Acolytes, Senior Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

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

... and those we remember at this time.

- Ned McMahon, Bill McMahon, Michael John McMahon, Joseph Baldacchino, Lyl Binns & family, Costello family, Nelson family, Fink family, Carmelo Magro, Patrick Ryan, Leslie & Lillian Duncan, Anthony Vella, Maria Apap, Cecily Paddy, Mary Josephine Mizzi, Frank Vladika, Peter Galluzzo, Joseph Teuma, Joseph Saliba, Nora O'Doherty

We welcome the newly Baptised...



Robert Crosbie
Zachary Hanson

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Mario Camilleri
- Conor Murphy
- Lillian Camilleri



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

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Monday 6 May, join us in Exploring your Faith...this will be 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 til 8pm in the Old Church. The topic: **Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist. Too many believers do not understand the mystery of the Eucharist, which Vatican II said is the "source and summit of the Christian life."** Come and join us - All welcome.

MINISTRY RECRUITMENT For all Mass Centres	No Required	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; Sun7.30am 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; Sun7.30am 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 wk 2 & 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. Let us remember: **Together Everyone Achieves More.** Mary McGuinness, Coordinator of Parish Ministries

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
11 June 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 HYP A Mass.
HYP A-R Holy Hour
Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.