

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
22 September 2019
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year C
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St Monica's

Readers
 6.00pm— C. Galea A. Copland
 7.30am— A. Edwards J. Robinson
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Mizzi
 5.30pm— C. Salkeld P. Buckley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.00pm— J. McCarter J. Muscat
 7.30am— A. Burnett H. Robinson
 9.30am— L. Ryan L. Vella
 5.30pm— D. D'Mello J. Morley

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.00pm— W. Bennett
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— D. Ryan
 5.30pm— D. Murphy

Junior Ministers
 6.00pm— C. Galea I. Galea
 7.30am—
 9.30am— G. Attard A. Portelli
 5.30pm— P. Murphy A. Kuriakose

Data Projector
 6.00pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— M. McMahon
 9.30am— M. Saliba
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy
 6.00pm - L. Ducksbury
 9.30am - C. Saliba

Choir
 6.00pm - J. Lewis M. Lewis
 9.30am - M. Quirk L. Ryan Choir
 5.30pm -
Altar Preparation S & C. Murphy
Cleaners K. Murphy
Counters
 15 Sept— L. Clegg R. Larven R. Vick
 M. McMahon
 22 Sept— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 16 September 2019
 Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— J. Ebbs
Wednesday 18 September 2019
 Reader— M. McMahon
 EMoHC— A. Moloney
Friday 20 September 2019
 Reader— D. Bowles
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 21 September 2019
 Reader— Frank
 EMoHC— Margaret
Sunday 22 September 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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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 15 September 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...
 Lord Jesus, we pray for all the sheep that are lost, but our hearts go out especially to the lost lambs. Have mercy on the human wolves who steal, exploit, and sometimes kill the lambs of the Father's flock; help them to see the horror of what they are doing. Comfort the grieving parents who in many cases don't even have the consolation of a burial service. In your merciful love grant that those lambs, though lost here, may be found hereafter. Watch over those who are still straying here below. Guide them along paths that are safe. Send shepherds to look for them. And open the eyes of society so that we may cease to regard property as more important than people. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
 I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17
Christ came to save sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-32
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The Lost Sheep...

A flock of a hundred sheep would either have been owned by a family clan of shepherds or by one prosperous owner who hired a number of shepherds to do his unpleasant work for him. In both these cases, the shepherd who lost the sheep would be answerable to others, for that loss that affects them all. The presumption is that the culpable shepherd would go in search of the 1 percent of the flock that was lost, leaving the other sheep in the care of his companions. It takes a great effort to find a lost, frightened sheep in difficult terrain.

In human terms, the parable reminds us that to allow ourselves to be found, untangled from our sins and carried home by the huge effort of a loving and shepherding God, is a necessary aspect of repentance. The gift of God's forgiveness, like any gift, is not a gift until it is freely and gratefully accepted. The return of the shepherd with the sheep is a communal event of shared joy. Just so, says Jesus, does the community of heaven rejoice over the one sinner who is found and repents.

From With Burning Hearts by Verna A. Holyhead

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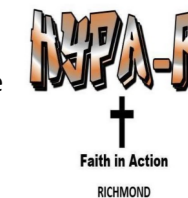
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St Monica's Refugee Group...

Last Wednesday evening we were entertained by Dawn Barrington, a folk singer from WA who has visited Manus a number of times, she shared stories and experiences of her visits to the island and sang a number of songs that she had written with and for the refugees.
 The concert also featured local artists Peter Calvert as well as Tom Lattimore and Kiara Bahamondes-Mckibbin- wonderfully talented young people living out the social justice message of the Gospel-- through their music.
 The concert was beautifully organised by Geoff Lattmore for the Rural Association for Refugees.
 All funds raised will go to the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group, who is currently supporting about 80 asylum seeker families in the community.
 We look forward to your continued support.
 Look for further details on our board in the foyer.
 Jane Wilson on behalf of St Monica's refugee support group.

HYPA-R News...

- HYPA-R Spiritual & Games Night... There has been a change to this event. Unfortunately, we will not be having the HYPA-R Spiritual & Games Night on the 2nd Friday evening of the month, this includes for the month of September. We are now combining this with the HYPA-R Youth Mass (on the 3rd Saturday of the month). So we will start off with Mass then followed by the Spiritual & Games Night in the Old Church. The next HYPA-R Youth Mass / Spiritual & Games Night will be on Saturday, 19 October 2019, mass will commence at 6:30pm then followed by the Spiritual and Games Night in the Old Church, supper will also be served. All welcome and we hope to see you there.
- If you interested in joining the HYPA-R team, have any ideas and would like to come along our next team meeting will be on Friday, 20 September 2019 at 7pm in the Parish meeting room.



Announcements

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? We invite you to an information night on **Monday September 16 at 7pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Don't miss this opportunity. We would also like to hear from parishioners who are prepared to share their faith as part of the R.C.I.A. Team. Looking forward to hearing from you. Contact the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be available at ALL Parish Vigil/Sunday Masses from 14/15 Sept until Enrolment Ceremonies at Vigil/Sunday Masses 19/20 October. **Please note:** Enrolment forms are not available from the Parish Office.

St Monica's Parish Library: Come and check out our new St Monica's Parish library, located in the foyer of the church. If you're looking for something a little different to read, why not come along and borrow a book there's something there for young and old alike.

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day: Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St Padre Pio at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park on 22 September. The procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the feast day Mass, veneration & blessing by St Padre Pio's Holy Relic and other festivities. A Triduum will precede the feast day from 19 to 21 September. For more info, please contact the parish office 4737 9735.

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



PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Friday 13 September Saint John Chrysostom.*
- *Saturday 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.*
- *Monday 16 September Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian.*
- *Saturday 21 September Saint Matthew.*
- *Monday 30 September Circle of Friends will meet at Pugh's Lagoon for morning tea following morning Mass. All welcome.*

 * Congratulations to our First Communicants. *
 * A special word of thanks to Parents, *
 * Facilitators & especially our *
 * Sacramental Co-ordinator Mary Pirovic *
 * for preparing the young people *
 * for this significant time in their *
 * faith journey. *

Garden and Lawn Maintenance at St Monica's...
 Charlie Moir is retiring at the end of the year. We are seeking to find people to step into these big shoes. Please contact Bill Jansen 0408 351 961, or the Parish Office if you can help or you know somebody who may be interested in giving an hour or two to keep up the good work.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Dorothy Tubman
 Mary Rudd
 John Xiberras
 Madelena Bajada
 Ryan Chang
 Br Roger Maloney O.H.
 Gae Bourke
 Clive Crawley

... and those we remember at this time.

Carmelo Magro, Felix Aquilina, Mary Aquilina, John Steiner, Con Mavroforas, Mary Ebbs, Carmelo & Catherine Vella, Veronica Eves, Joseph & Giorgia Tabone, Joseph Vella, Grezzju Camilleri, Angelo Vella, Philip Azzopardi, Joseph Baldacchino, Bill & Michael John McMahon, Christopher Delaney, Charlie Refalo, Lorenza Saliba, John Saliba, Jerry Camenzuli

Parramatta Catholic Foundation Gifts in Wills Campaign: What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marie Davis
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 Marissa Apap

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Loretta Blumenthal,
 David Thatcher, Melissa Colless, Min Tamsitt, Marlon Apap, Jeff Steven, Rachel Stoveigh, Josephine Cutajar, Tye Angland, Frank Grima, William Grima, Frank Cauchi, Pauline Azzopardi

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



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<p>PARISH MASS TIMES</p> <p>St Monica's Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am</p> <p>St Gregory's Saturday: 9.00am Sunday: 8.00am</p> <p>St John of God Tuesday : 4.00pm Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS</p> <p>Reconciliation St Monica's: Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm. St Gregory's: Saturday after 9.00am Mass.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick Friday 29 November 2019, 9.00am at St Monica's. Or by arrangement with the priests.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Marriage Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 October 2019 at 7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.</i></p>
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<p>REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Rosary St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.</p>	<p>Choir Practice St Monica's: Wednesday 7-8pm <i>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</i></p> <p>Body of Christ Prayer Group Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy St Monica's: Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.30am</p>	<p>Circle of Friends Parish Meeting Room: 1st Monday of the month 9.30am</p>	<p>Youth Group Social Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.00pm HYPA Mass.</p> <p>HYPA-R Holy Hour Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.</p>
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