

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
17 November 2019
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year C
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St Monica's

Readers
 6.30pm— HYPA-R
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. McMahon
 9.30am— N. Brailey M. Manea
 5.30pm— L. Battersby K & S. Murphy
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.30pm— R. Larven
 7.30am— M. Fenech A. Edwards
 9.30am— Z. Culican F. Yates
 5.30pm— A. Aquilina T. Scopelliti

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.30pm— L. Azzopardi
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— A. Brailey
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

Junior Ministers
 6.30pm— S. Vella J. Azzopardi
 7.30am—
 9.30am— W. Attard
 5.30pm— A. Kuriakose

Data Projector
 6.30pm— HYPA-R
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— L. Culican
 5.30pm— Choir Members

Children's Liturgy
 6.30pm - K.A. Kemble C. Pirotta
 9.30am - L. O'Donohoe

Choir
 6.30pm - HYPA-R
 9.30am - N. D'Mello & Choir
 5.30pm - C. Soon
Altar Preparation J. Shanahan
Cleaners N. Godsell M. Azzopardi
Counters
 10 Nov— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
 17 Nov— M. Ryan M. Hoffman D. Bowles

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 11 November 2019
 Reader— R. Crane
 EMoHC— F. Crew
Wednesday 13 November 2019
 Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— C. Nickle
Friday 15 November 2019
 Reader— M. Pirovic
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

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St Gregory's
Saturday 16 November 2019
 Reader— Frank
 EMoHC— Margaret
Sunday 17 November 2019
Readers
 8.00am— P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg
Altar Server David
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 8.00am—
Altar Preparation
Cleaners J. Bondfield

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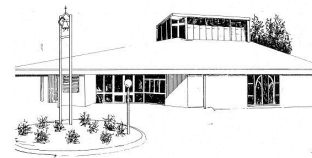
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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 10 November 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: 2 MACCABEES 7:1-2. 9-14
The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15
Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16 - 3:5
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...
 We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him. Like homesick cranes that fly night and day back to their mountain nests, so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord. For you have made us for yourself, and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you. Only those who have flown home to You have flown at all.

Gospel Reflection...

Not Seven Brides for Seven Brothers in the Hollywood musical style, but one bride for all of them, death after death, is the setting for this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus refuses to play number games or indulge in trivial biblical pursuit. The power of resurrection is utterly new and overwhelmingly transforming. To be children of the resurrection is to be ready to commit ourselves into the hands of God, accepting that our relationship with God surpasses any other human relationship, no matter how intimate and loving. Jesus shows the Sadducees that they are playing with fire when they try to use the Word of God against him. He replies in a traditional Jewish method, answering their reference to one biblical text with another, and giving it a meaning that extends beyond that of the original author. Unlike the Sadducees' biblical reference, the text that Jesus quotes is radical and central to Jewish faith: the event of the burning bush (Exod.3). Here, says Jesus God names himself as the "I AM," the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a God in a continuing and personal relationship with the Hebrew ancestors which transcends death. This is "a God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive" (v.38). This is the fierce faith that is the central focus and challenge of the Gospel. To his face, the Sadducees admit that Jesus has spoken well, has gone to the heart of the matter - but not to their hearts.

From With Burning Hearts by Verna A. Holyhead

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NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL-ELECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND...

DUNBAR Ann. Ann's special interests in terms of the future development of the Parish centre on encouraging young people, welcoming new parishioners and being inclusive.
JONES Rhonda. Rhonda has experience in organisation and administration in Community Groups. Her Faith has led her to serve the Parish community. Rhonda's special interest is outreach to the marginalised of all ages.
MCGUINNESS Mary. Mary brings the gifts of listening and discernment in terms of the vision and mission of our Parish. Her special interests lie with encouraging unity between the Mass Centres- **3 centres = 1 Parish**. Mary would further promote the ongoing development of Ministries and the Pastoral concerns of Parishioners especially the frail and elderly.
MORLEY Jacqueline. Jacqueline is a High School Teacher with 30 years' experience that include 10years as Religious Education Co-ordinator. Her interest in terms of the development of the Parish is to help wherever needed with a particular focus on the development of outreach and Faith development for Adults.

We thank our Candidates for accepting the nomination and those who nominated them. All Candidates attend Mass at St. Monica's. Elections take place next weekend at all Masses. Three Candidates to be elected. Parishioners 16 years and over are eligible to vote.

Announcements

Piety Stall: God's Word 2020 Daily Reflection available now in the Piety Stall and at St Gregory's. Ideal Christmas gift. Price \$15.00. 2020 Calendars have arrived. \$9.00 each. Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2019 "The Way" \$5.00 each.

Volunteer's Appreciation Afternoon Tea on Sunday 24 November 2pm - 4pm at St Monica's in the Old Church. As it is catered and to assist with numbers for catering, please let the office know on 4578 1410 or email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au or place your name on the sheet in the church foyer. Please RSVP by 15 November.

HYPAR Christmas raffle tickets at weekend masses. Drawn on 30 November.

Reflection Day for Women: Preparing our hearts for Advent – Reflection Day for Women. On Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register or for more information info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 4773 8338.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 11 November **Saint Martin of Tours.**
- Tuesday 12 November **Saint Josaphat.**
- Tuesday 26 November **Sacrament of First Reconciliation.**
- Wednesday 27 November **Sacrament of First Reconciliation.**
- Friday 29 November **Mass of Anointing of the Sick** at St Monica's 9am.

Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 5: You are invited to the fifth of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Joy, Hope-filled and Servant Community' will be held on 14 November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought...

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our falling crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth. Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

Please cut out this prayer and bring to weekday mass or place it on your fridge.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Victoria Mifsud
- Judy Logue
- Melissa Colless
- Joseph Bezzina
- Luke Clark
- Terry Jenkins
- Rosalie Holding
- Dorothy Tubman

... and those we remember at this time.

We pray for all our departed Family and Friends. Names in the Memorial Book placed near the sanctuary

Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



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We welcome the newly Baptised...

Holly Richardson

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Patrick Murphy
- Michelle Saliba



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Kerrie Street, Katrina Coutis-Cooper, Archun Leong, Loretta Blumenthal, David Thatcher, Min Tamsitt Jeff Steven, Rachel Stoveigh, Josephine Cutajar, Pauline Azzopardi, Tye England, Frank Grima, William Grima

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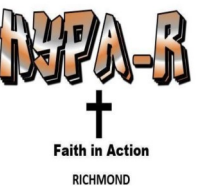
Tuesday 19th November, 7.30pm Diocesan Ministry Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown

Queries and RSVP to Lisa Bright on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Congress dates are 21-23 February 2020. Supported by the Pastoral Planning Office

HYPAR News...

- Saturday, 16 November 2019 will be the Youth Mass at 6:30pm. All welcome.
- Friday, 22 November 2019 will be the HYPAR Team Meeting at 7pm in the Parish meeting room. If you have any ideas or interested in joining the team please come along and join us.
- Friday, 29 November 2019 will be the Young Adults Movie Night for Youth aged 16 years+. 7pm til 10pm in the Old Church. It will be a fun night!
- Saturday, 30 November 2019 after the 6:30pm Mass there will be a HYPAR Christmas Celebration in the Old Church. Sausage sizzle, games, Christmas raffle will be drawn and more. 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 29 November 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 10 December 2019 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary
 St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.
Choir Practice
 St Monica's:
 Wednesday 7-8pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Children's Liturgy
 St Monica's:
 Saturday 6.00pm
 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 6.00pm HYPAR Mass.
HYPAR Holy Hour
 Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.
Body of Christ Prayer Group
 Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.