**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER** 

## **24 November 2019**

Christ the King

Year C \*\* † \*\*

### St Monica's

#### Readers

6.30pm— 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

6.30pm - J. NcCarter J. Muscat

7.30am - A. Burnett H. Robinson

9.30am - L. Ryan L. Vella

5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

**Acolytes / Senior Server** 6.30pm — W. Bennett

7.30am - A. Moloney

9.30am - D. Rvan

5.30pm - D. Murphy

#### **Junior Ministers**

6.30pm- C. Galea I. Galea

9.30am - G. Attard A. Portelli

5.30pm - P. Murphy A. Kuriakose

#### **Data Projector** 6.30pm — M. Breaden

7.30am - M. McMahon

9.30am - M. Saliba 5.30pm- T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy** 

#### 6.30pm - L. Ducksbury

9.30am - C. Saliba

#### Choir Choir

6.30pm - J. Lewis M. Lewis

9.30am - M. Quirk L. Ryan Choir 5.30pm

Altar Preparation S & C. Murphy

#### Cleaners K. Murphy

Counters 17 Nov- M. Ryan M. Hoffman D. Bowles

24 Nov- L. Clegg R. Larven R. Vick

M. McMahon

#### **WEEKDAY ROSTER**

Monday 18 November 2019

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC— J. Ebbs

#### Wednesday 20 November 2019

Reader - M. McMahon

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 22 November 2019

Reader - D. Bowles EMoHC - F. Crew



# St Gregory's

Saturday 23 November 2019 Reader - Peter

EMoHC— Frank

Sunday 24 November 2019

Readers

8.00am - M. Rvan, A. Drew, S. O'Rourke

Altar Server Jackie

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** 

8.00am - M. Ryan **Altar Preparation** 

Cleaners K. Hodgson

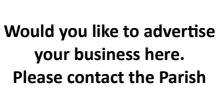
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**Parish of Richmond** 

#### Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17 November

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

**RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 97:5-9** 

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12** Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** 

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** LUKE 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Can a man grow from the dead clod of failure Some consoling flower.

Something to wear as a buttonhole in Heaven? Under the flat, flat grief of defeat maybe hope is a seed.

Maybe this is what he was born for, this hour of Hopelessness. Maybe it is here he must search In this hell of

unfaith. Where no one has a purpose. Where the web of meaning is broken threads

And one man looks at another in fear.

O God, can a man find You when he lies with his face downwards and his nose in the rubble that was his achievement?

Is the music playing behind the door of despair? O God, give us purpose.

(From The Complete Poems of Patrick Kavanagh).

# **Gospel Reflection...**

Jesus warns his followers of every age against opportunities who will claim leadership in his name but, in fact, are only concerned in exploiting people when they are most frightened and vulnerable. Jesus tells those around him to watch out for, nut not to be deceived by or panicked because of prophets of doom. There will be persecutions and suffering, betrayals even by family and friends, but these are opportunities to bear witness to one's faith with the eloquent wisdom that is the gift of the Spirit of Jesus, and so there is no need to worry about what to say. The one who knows us so intimately that, as Jesus has already told his disciples, "even the hairs of your head are counted!" (Luke 12:7), will never allow his faithful witness to perish.

Jesus is not forecasting the end of the world, but is urging his followers to confidence in and obedience to God in the face of the tough demands of their present and future discipleship that is for the world. In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes how the early church suffered the various trials Jesus speaks about in this Gospel: imprisonment, persecution at the hands of Jews and Gentiles, hatred of those who held political power. But this was countered by the bold wisdom of Stephen, the empowerment of the apostles to work miracles on hearts and bodies, their steadfastness in prison or under flogging and ultimately, martyrdom. This is what Jesus himself suffered, and with Jesus we can let go of our precious, protected selves, confident that, no matter what the disaster, if we die into his love we will also rise with him.

From With Burning Hearts by Verna A. Holyhead

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#### St Vincent de Paul Society Housing Initiative...

Homelessness is an ever increasing problem -particularly in NSW. The St Vincent de Paul Society is beginning a new campaign to bring an end to homelessness. "Build Homes Build Hope" They have begun by seeking signatures for a petition to present to the NSW state government early next year. The St Vincent de Paul Society agrees with the research that 5000 new social housing dwellings are needed each year for the next 10 years to reduce homelessness and housing stress.

Two of our conference members attended a Parramatta Diocesan Meeting to discuss the impacts of homelessness and roles that each parish can play in bringing about this change.

The SVDP has begun construction of 305 homes in Sydney's west and south west and will purchase 195 as part of its commitment and contribution to this important initiative.

If you would like to support your St Vincent de Paul Conference in this endeavour please sign the petition. The forms are located

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish Conference. St Vincent de Paul Conference Richmond Parish

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS...

There were five nominations made with two withdrawing for personal reasons which means the remaining three are elected unopposed. We thank Rhonda Jones, Mary McGuiness and Jackie Morley for accepting their nomination. A special word of thanks to Ian and Annette Huxley and Wayne Bennet who prepared and guided our election process. Also, we thank the retiring members Trish Maguire, Zac Culican and Margaret McMahon for their untiring efforts for the good of the Parish. May God bless you all.

## Catholic Foundation Appeal to be held on weekend 30 November/01 December. Thank you for your continued support.

HYPA-R Christmas raffle tickets at weekend masses. Drawn on 30 November.

Volunteers' 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 17 November.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who completed the recent Parish Survey. The outcome is that we now have up to-date contact details for over 460 Parishioners. While many have volunteered to continue their current ministry, many others have indicated their interest in starting up voluntary roles. Contact will now begin to be made with these people and training and mentoring programmes are planned for 2020. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE SURVEY, spare copies are available at each Mass **Centre**. Please take one; upon completion return to the Mass Centre or Parish Office asap.

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.

# **PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Sunday 24 November Afternoon Tea for Volunteers.
- Sunday 24 November Feast of Christ the King.
- 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.
- Weekend 30 November/01 December Catholic Foundation Appeal.
- Monday 02 December Circle of Friends will have a Christmas morning tea following the morning Mass. All
- Monday 09 December Circle of Friends Christmas Luncheon at Kravings. If you would like to join us please contact Helen Garrick on 4578 8911. Please RSVP by Monday 02 December. All welcome.

#### Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 6:

You are invited to the sixth session in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform' will be held on 20 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

# Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Susan Whyte Ivo Yelarich Kerrie Street Victoria Mifsud Judy Logue Melissa Colless Joseph Bezzina Luke Clark

#### ... 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

## He Holds the Future

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. Luke 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Luke 21:5-19





...to our Christian family.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Emily Pirovic** Seanna Saliba



# WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

#### ACROSS

- 1. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
- . To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
- 7. A building where people are kept as a punishment
- 8. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
- 9. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple

#### **DOWN**

- 2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship 3. The period between birth and
- 4. Fighting between two or more
- countries
- 5. Something that is given without compensation
- 6. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen

LIFE	STONE	TEMPLE	GIFT	WORRY
WISDOM	FEAR	PRISON	NATION	WAR

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# Find out why everyone is talking about the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2020!

This Congress offers great formation, liturgy, resources and spiritual nourishment. Come to the information night to hear more. Tuesday 19th November, 7.30pm Diocesan Ministry Centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Further information and RSVP to Lisa Bright on 8838 3497 or <a href="lisa.bright@parracatholic.org">lisa.bright@parracatholic.org</a> Congress dates are 21-23 February 2020. Supported by the Pastoral Planning Office

- Friday, 22 November 2019 will be the HYPA-R 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 Night for Youth aged 16 years+. 7pm 9pm in the Old Church. Guest speaker Fr Benedict Mackenzie F.S.F. Topic The newest & greatest adventure - Interior Life with Christ.
- Saturday, 30 November 2019 after the 6:30pm Mass there will be a HYPA-R Christmas Celebration in the Old Church. Sausage sizzle, games, Christmas raffle will be drawn and more. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

St Monica's:



#### **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

St John of God

Sunday: 8.00am 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd 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

**Meeting Minutes** available on notice boards in church foyers.

2019 at 7pm.

#### 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: Wednesday 7-8pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

# **Body of Christ Prayer Group**

Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

# **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 HYPA Mass.

# **HYPA-R Holy Hour**

Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.