**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER** 

### 1 December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

Year C \*\* † \*\*

# St Monica's

#### Readers

6.30pm— P. Buckley M. Breaden

7.30am - T. Hamilton M. Fenech 9.30am - C. Thompson F. Yates

5.30pm - J. Morley T. Scopelliti

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm - J. Bennett J. Gorman

7.30am - L. Attard M. McMahon 9.30am - J. Van Der Burg C. Hey

5.30pm - P. Delahay L. Battersby

#### **Acolytes / Senior Server**

6.30pm — W. Bennett

7.30am - C. Nickle

9.30am - M. Crew

5.30pm - A. Freitas

**Junior Ministers** 

9.30am - C & S. Saliba

5.30pm - A. Kuriakose

## **Data Projector**

6.30pm — T. Buckley

7.30am - C. Thompson 9.30am - L. Rvan

5.30pm- T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy** 

#### 6.30pm - L. Kay

9.30am - E. Mizzi

Choir (

6.30pm - J. Lewis M. Lewis

9.30am - M. Ouirk L. Rvan & Choir

5.30pm - N. D'Mello & Choir

**Altar Preparation C. Thompson** 

Cleaners C. Sycz

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

M. McMahon

01 Dec— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

#### **WEEKDAY ROSTER**

Monday 25 November 2019

Reader - F. Crew

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Wednesday 27 November 2019

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon Friday 29 November 2019

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan



## St Gregory's

Saturday 30 November 2019 Reader— Jackie

EMoHC— Cathy

Sunday 01 December 2019

Readers

8.00am - M. Mooney T. Misdom S. Lundy

Altar Server David

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Altar Preparation P. McCallum

Cleaners L. Pullin

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**Parish of Richmond** 

# Christ the King of the Universe — Year C 24 November 2019

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 121:1-5** 

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:12-20** 

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** 

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery. Yet his heart remained open, even to his enemies. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it, and returned it as love and forgiveness. One's pain can so easily turn into rage, so that one



wants only to lash out blindly at whoever happens to be within range. From the depths of his own pain, Jesus reached out to comfort the thief. Some people are like sugar cane: even when crushed in the mill, what they yield is sweetness. Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion. He challenges our idea of love. Each of us has a great capacity for love. The pity is that it often goes unused. By our love people will know that we are followers of Christ the King.

# **Gospel Reflection...**

The king is the one to whom authority and leadership within a tribe, nation, or group is passed down because of family lineage. The king's position is dependent not upon his personal abilities, goodness, or virtues but upon his kinship line. His position is one of status through inheritance. This Sunday we celebrate Christ as our King. Christ is no ordinary ruler, however. His kingship is dependent not upon  $\,$  human bloodline but upon his relationship to his heavenly Father. Through him we become "kin," members of his Body, the church. He leads this Body with vision and promise, hope and new life, and to those who are faithful he grants the inheritance of eternal life in paradise. How does using the image "king" to refer to Christ shape our relationship to him? By naming him "king" we acknowledge him and his way of living as the wellspring of our goodness and salvation. We acknowledge our status as his "subjects" called to relate to others as he did. We acknowledge our shared inheritance as the "holy ones" (second reading) who receive life through him. By naming Christ our King we identify him as the One who offers us the fullness of life in his kingdom both now and forever. By naming Christ our King we also accept the responsibility to be faithful to the demands required of those who follow him. This is the relationship to which the image "king" challenges us: we are our King's "kin." We inherit from him what is his to give life. That inheritance has its cost. The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is where we find Jesus. The cross is where we least want to be. Yet this is how God's kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins: allowing ourselves to be crucified on the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power but by loving reassurance that paradise awaits faithful disciples. Only by beginning here, on the cross, can our discipleship end like the Good Thief's, hearing Jesus say to us, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

From Living Liturgy.

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#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES...**

St Monica's: Tuesday December 24

6pm Vigil (Children's Mass) & 11pm

Wednesday December 25 7.30am and 9.30am

St Gregory's: Tuesday December 24 8.00pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday December 25 8.00am

St John of God: Tuesday December 24 7.00pm Vigil Mass



# **Catholic Foundation Appeal (Bishop's Christmas** Appeal) to be held on weekend 30 November/

01 December. Thank you for your support.

St. Vinnies Appeal Donations of unperishable food can be left at the Church over the next couple of weeks. A collection will be taken up Weekend 14/15December, many are in need of assistance please help the St. Vincent de Paul to reach out and make Christmas a little brighter for them.

Thank you, today marks the end of the Church's year and we would like to thank all who have supported the work of the Parish in many and various ways.

Attention Readers: Next Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's year, the readings will be from Year A, First Sunday of Advent.

**Rosters for Christmas.** Are you going to be here for Christmas? Sheets will be in the foyer next weekend for you to sign up. Thank you.

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

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**

- 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.
- Weekend 30 November/01 December Commitment & Blessing for all Volunteers for 2020 takes place at all masses over the weekend.
- Monday 02 December Circle of Friends will have a Christmas morning tea following the morning Mass.
- Sunday 08 December St Gregory's Morning Tea following 8am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.
- 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.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal: Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

# Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

located in the church foyer.

St Vincent de Paul Society Housing Initiative...

each parish can play in bringing about this change.

and contribution to this important initiative.

Philip Cauchi **Hugh Walker** Susan Whyte Ivo Yelarich Kerrie Street Victoria Mifsud Judy Logue Melissa Colless

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

dwellings are needed each year for the next 10 years to reduce homelessness and housing stress.

We pray for all our departed Family and Friends

Names in the Memorial Book placed near the sanctuary

# Christ the King

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

Two of our conference members attended a Parramatta Diocesan Meeting to discuss the impacts of homelessness and roles that

The SVDP has begun construction of 305 homes in Sydney's west and south west and will purchase 195 as part of its commitment

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

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

NSW state government early next year. The St Vincent de Paul Society agrees with the research that 5000 new social housing

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 23:33-43 (NIV).



# Today's the Day!

Afternoon tea 2-4pm in the Old Church for all those involved in Parish Ministry. We pray & work together. Why not come along: chat with friends, get to know others.

Come one, come all!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Johnson



# **WE PRAYERFULLY** REMEMBER THE SICK

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

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### Appointment:

Fr. Jessie will be leaving the parish and we thank him for his ministry to us and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

We welcome Fr. Thomas Bui (currently assistant priest at St. John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens parish) to our parish. He will begin his ministry on the 1 Feb 2020.

- 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 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd Sundays at

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

## **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 church foyers. 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.