

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

2nd Rite of
Reconciliation

St Monica's,
Richmond
Monday,
16 December
7.00pm.

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 in the church foyer.

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

Announcements

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. All welcome.
- 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

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

... 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

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

Christ the King

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).



CHRIST THE KING

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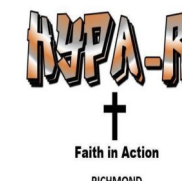
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Appointment:

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.



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 & 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 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:
Wednesday 7-8pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Body of Christ Prayer Group
Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome
1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

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 HYPA Mass.

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