

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
8 December 2019
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.30pm— M. McMahon C. Hession
 7.30am— A. Edwards M. Pirovic
 9.30am— A. Brailey C. Hey
 5.30pm— L. Battersby A. Aquilina
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.30pm— P. Hession J. Muscat
 7.30am— M. Turnbull M. Clarke
 9.30am— H. Convey M. McGuinness
 5.30pm— T. Scopelliti J. Morley

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.30pm— A. Moloney
 7.30am— C. Nickle
 9.30am— D. Ryan
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.30pm—
 7.30am— P. Azzopardi
 9.30am— S. Murphy M. Hoffmann
 5.30pm— K. Vanderburg

Data Projector

6.30pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— M. McMahon
 9.30am— L. Ryan
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.30pm— J. Bennett
 9.30am— M. Melinz K. Cunningham

Choir

6.30pm— J. Lewis M. Lewis
 9.30am— N. D'Mello Choir
 5.30pm—

Altar Preparation C. Norton

Cleaners C. Norton A. Campbell

Counters

01 Dec— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos
 08 Dec— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 2 December 2019

Reader— R. Crane
 EMoHC— F. Crew

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— C. Nickle

Friday 6 December 2019

Reader— M. Pirovic
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

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St Gregory's

Saturday 7 December 2019

Reader— Peter
 EMoHC— Jackie

Sunday 8 December 2019

Readers

8.00am— B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Altar Server Jackie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— C. Smiroldo

Altar Preparation

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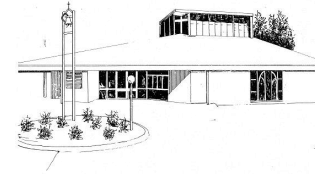
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First Sunday of Advent — Year A 1 December 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14
The time has come, our salvation is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PSALM 84:8
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44
Stay awake, you must be ready.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Presider: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign of God's everlasting love for us.
All: Come Lord Jesus.

Presider: As we kindle the flames on these candles each week, may a spirit of love be kindled in our hearts, so that we will be ready to welcome Christ this Christmas.
All: Come Lord Jesus.

Presider: May his coming bring true peace on earth and herald the dawn of a new day.
All: Come Lord Jesus.



Gospel Reflection...

Stay alert. Stay alive. The succinct warning to road users becomes more urgent as winter deepens and the festive season is rushed upon us. But the safety slogan can have a much wider significance for all Christians. Our calling is to be alert to the speed with which many much-sought-after goodies pass away like the morning fog. It may be popularity, possessions, power or pleasure. Even God's great gifts of health and life do not last forever. The only thing that lasts is relationship, our relationship with one another and in turn with God.

True success in life is living in right relationship. Sunday's gospel message is to be alert to anything and everything that undermines such living. Being so alert, we stay alive in God's love.

But the Christian message is not self-centred. Our calling is to alert the whole world to this mystery and we can do it only by how we live ourselves. Our times long for living witnesses to the gospel rather than for mere preachers or teachers. What example will we give this coming Christmas? Somebody will notice and somebody will be affected by our choice. Stay alert to the opportunities for generous love that come our way. It is the way to stay fully alive.

From Living the Word by Tom Clancy.

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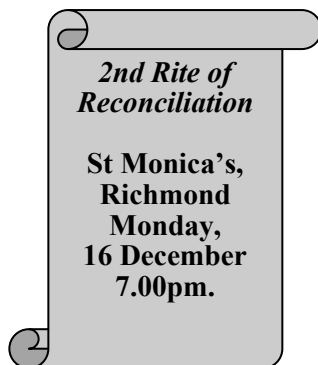
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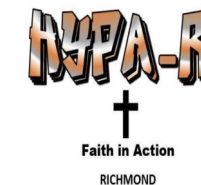
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES...

- 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



HYPAR New...

- Friday, 6 December 2019 will be the First Friday Adoration at 7pm. This month the adoration will be on John the Baptist followed by the Rosary. All welcome.
- Saturday, 14 December 2019 will be the Youth Mass at 6:30pm. All welcome.
- Friday, 31 January 2020 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.



'On the 24th of November, our HYPAR young adults combined with Sacred Heart Parish Mt Druitt to compete in the Lifted Sports Day event held by Catholic Youth Parramatta. A big congratulations to their team 'The Ashtons' as they won first place after a long day of competing against 15 other Youth groups within the Parramatta Diocese'

Announcements

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 14/15 December. Thank you.

Volunteers required to wash the junior alb's. If you can assist please phone the parish office on 4578 1410. Thank you.

Rosters for Christmas. Are you going to be here for Christmas? You may like to take up the Offertory or the Collection, you might like to welcome people as we gather there are many visitors and new faces over this period. Perhaps you are a designated Minister of the Word or Sacrament. You are invited to sign the sheet in foyer today. Thank you.

Thank you to all who helped our young people prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We particularly thank the Priests, our Sacramental Co-ordinator Mary Pirovic, the Facilitators & Parents who helped make this a very special moment in the faith life of our young people.

St Matthew's Parish Christmas Carols
St Matthew's Windsor will be holding Christmas Carols on Friday, 6 December at Chisholm Primary School Collith Ave, Bligh Park. The evening will start at 5.30pm with a sausage sizzle, carols, a visit from Santa followed by a Nativity Play & more carols. Please bring a chair or rug & enjoy the evening which will conclude around 8.30pm. All welcome.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- 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.
- Monday 16 December Second Rite of Reconciliation** 7pm at St Monica's.
- Saturday 18 January 2020 St Paul's Festa** (Please note: Mass will be at 5.30pm).

Thank you to all who organised the Afternoon Tea last Sunday, creating the opportunity for us to catch up with friends from across the Parish in a relaxed atmosphere. Deep appreciation was expressed to all present for their untiring efforts, with special mention and thanks to Anne Marie Higgins and her family for their dedication to music, Louise Azzopardi for long service as a junior and senior Server at St. Monica's and Charlie Moir for his work in the garden and maintenance. Our young hostesses made a great impression attending to peoples' needs.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Betty Bambrick
- Philip Cauchi
- Hugh Walker
- Susan Whyte
- Ivo Yelarich
- Kerrie Street
- Victoria Mifsud
- Judy Logue

... and those we remember at this time.

- Michael John Want, Thelma Want, Peggy Roberts, Neville Bondfield, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, John Borg, Margaret & Rosanne Attard, Pawla & Alexandro Muscat, Leon Ahearm, Des Clegg, Michael Elvidge, Reno Camilleri, Sam & Louis Galea, Joseph Camilleri, Estefanio, Mavis & Louis Xavier, Thomas Dwyer, Marie & John Duck, Marie Davis

We welcome the newly Baptised...

**Nell Wood
Justin Xerri**

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Ruth Larven
- Charles Saliba

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

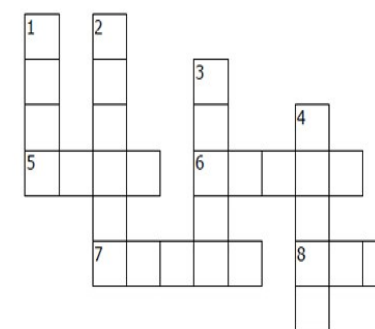
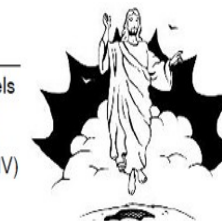
- Mario & Maria Camilleri

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Stan Fienberg, Paul McDonald, Peter McGrath, Katrina Coutis-Cooper, Archun Leong, Min Tamsitt, Jeff Steven, Rachel Stoveigh, Josephine Cutajar, Pauline Azzopardi, Tye England

Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 24:36-44



ACROSS

- 5. A period of time sixty minutes long
- 6. One who steals something
- 7. The time period from sunset until sunrise
- 8. The period from sunrise until sunset

DOWN

- 1. Man in the Bible who built an ark
- 2. To come back
- 3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
- 4. To be prepared or available for service or action

HOUR	NIGHT	WATCH	READY
DAY	NOAH	RETURN	THIEF

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Appointments:

Fr. Jessie will be leaving our parish for his new appointment in February next year. We thank him for his ministry and wish him all the best.

We welcome Fr. Thomas Bui as the assistant priest for our parish. He begins his ministry in Feb 2020.

Martin Crew has been appointed the Parish Pastoral Coordinator. He begins his role in January 2020. We wish him all the best. We thank Mary McGuinness who has done a tremendous job in coordinating for the last 18 months.

Melissa Beggs has been appointed Principal of St. Monica's Primary School. She begins her role in Jan 2020. Melissa is a parishioner who worships at St. Gregory's.

Children's Mass Christmas Eve ...

Christmas Play Rehearsals will be on Sunday, 15 & 22 December 2019 after the 9:30am mass.

Sign up sheets are in the Church foyer, please add your name. If you or your child are interested in participating in the Christmas Play during the St Monica's Children's Mass on Tuesday 24 December 2019 at 6pm please come along to the 2 rehearsal sessions.

If you have any queries please contact Michelle Saliba via the Parish office on 4578 1410.



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 31 January 2020, 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.
- Choir Practice**
St Monica's: Wednesday 7-8pm
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
- Children's Liturgy**
St Monica's: Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
- 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. 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 HYPAR Mass.

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