

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
15 December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year A

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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. Kemble C. Pirotta
9.30am— L. O'Donohoe

Choir

6.30pm— T. Everard HYPA
9.30am— N. D'Mello Choir
5.30pm— Couples for Christ

Altar Preparation J. Shanahan

Cleaners M. Azzopardi N. Godsell
Counters

08 Dec— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone
15 Dec— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 9 December 2019

Reader— M. Breden

EMoHC— J. Ebbs

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Reader— M. McMahon

EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 13 December 2019

Reader— D. Bowles

EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 14 December 2019

Reader— Frank

EMoHC— Margaret

Sunday 15 December 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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Second Sunday of Advent — Year A 8 December 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Presider; As we gather round the Advent wreath to prepare for the lighting of the second candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy... pause. In the words of the acclamations, we pray...pause

Presider: A voice cries in the wilderness:

All: Prepare a way for the Lord!

Presider: Across the desert, through the valleys, over every mountain:

All: Make his paths straight!

Presider: Repent and believe the Good News:

All: For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand!



Gospel Reflection...

Some young people resent it. Others thrive on it. Most trade on it when it suits. Introducing somebody as off-spring of well known or successful parents often ensures a ready acceptance in business and social circles. However useful this may be, the young sometimes want to retain their own unique identity and to live life from their own resources. The Jews Of Jesus' time certainly did not belong to this latter category as today's gospel shows John the Baptist slating them for using their Father Abraham's reputation to guarantee salvation, no matter what their own lifestyle was like. True enough, Abraham was very special. He was chosen by God to be the Father of his very own people and he was blessed in a thousand ways. His descendants went overboard in crediting Abraham with such status that every one of his children was guaranteed salvation. They were wrong.

John the Baptist pointed out starkly that there is no such guarantee for anybody. God has no grand-children. We cannot cash in on the good works of those who went before us. Each generation, each individual, must accept the faith opportunity God offers them and make the most of it. As St Paul puts it today: "it can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you."

From Living the Word by Tom Clancy.

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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

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

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

Come Join the Celebrations At St Paul's Feast

Saturday 18 January 2020
St Monica's Catholic Church

We will be celebrating the 30th year anniversary of St Paul's Feast. Mass commences at 5:30pm followed by a procession & activities. Food & drinks available for purchase, raffles, prize wheel, rides & fireworks. All welcome.

Fun For The Whole Family...



St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's tradition Christmas concert will be held on Sunday 22 December at 7.30pm. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Entry via donations – families \$34 and individuals \$15. Bring family, friends and neighbours. For enquiries, please contact 4754 1780.

Announcements

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

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.

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.

Rosters 2020: Within the coming week the **2020 rosters** for *Ministers at the Altar, EMoHC, Readers & Juniors Servers* will be distributed by email. Please check them and contact mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au with any concerns. **Those not on email will receive a hard copy in the mail.** Please note, those parishioners who, in the *Parish Survey*, have asked to be involved with various ministries, will be contacted early in the new year. Once you have attended the respective training you will be included in the rosters.

Catholic Outlook: The first issue of the Catholic Outlook quarterly is available in the church foyer. Please take a free copy today.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- 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 09 December **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- Friday 13 December **Saint Lucy.**
- Saturday 14 December **Saint John of the Cross.**
- 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).

We have a **major shortage of Junior Servers** to assist the Priests and Ministers at the Altar at all Masses (except for 9.30) celebrated at the **three Parish Mass Centres.**

Any young person who has received their First Communion is invited to join this ministry. **We particularly call upon servers who are now in secondary school to step up and take lead in this important role.** To meet the need, there will be a training programme early in the new year for newcomers or for those wanting to refresh their skills. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to assist.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Andreana Medak
James Carroll
Kathleen Boyce
Betty Bambrick
Philip Cauchi
Hugh Walker
Susan Whyte
Ivo Yelarich

... and those we remember at this time.

Bryan Bambrick, Joseph Baldacchino, Joseph Vella, Grazio & Salvina Camilleri, David Butler, Nola Gleeson, Michael John McMahon, Thelma Want, Peggy Roberts, Neville Bondfield, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, John Borg, Margaret & Rosanne Attard, Pawla & Alexandro Muscat, Leon Ahearn, Des Clegg, Michael Elvidge, Reno Camilleri, Sam & Louis Galea



We welcome the newly Baptised...

Charlotte McMahon

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lily Vella



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 Angland

Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:1-12



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HYPA-R New...

- Saturday, 14 December 2019 will be the Youth Mass at 6:30pm. All welcome.
- Friday, 31 January 2020 will be the HYPA 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.



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.

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.