

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
16 February 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year A
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St Monica's

Readers

6.30pm— HYPA-R
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. McMahon
 9.30am— R. Jones M. Manea
 5.30pm— L. Battersby C. Salkeld
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.30pm— R. Larven V. Muscat
 7.30am— M. Fenech A. Edwards
 9.30am— Z. Culican F. Yates
 5.30pm— A. Aquilina T. Scopelliti

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.30pm— M. Crew
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— A. Brailey
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.30pm— J. Azzopardi
 7.30am—
 9.30am— A. Attard G. Attard
 5.30pm— A. Kuriakose M. Sultana

Data Projector

6.30pm— HYPA-R
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— L. Culican
 5.30pm— Choir Members

Children's Liturgy

6.30pm -
 9.30am - L. Ryan

Choir

6.30pm -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners

Counters

09 Feb— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos
 16 Feb— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 10 February 2020

Reader— M. Breden

EMoHC—

Wednesday 12 February 2020

Reader— M. McMahon

EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 14 February 2020

Reader— D. Bowles

EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 15 February 2020

Reader— Frank

EMoHC— Margaret

Sunday 16 February 2020

Readers

8.00am—P. Humphrey C. Smioldo N. Fienberg

Altar Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— P. Waterford

Data Projector A. Drew

Altar Preparation

Cleaners J. Bondfield

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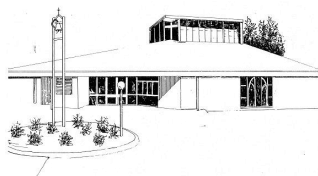
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 9 February 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God
 who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 111:4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the
 Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.
 Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Blessed are those who mourn , for they shall be
 consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
 righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Being the “light of the world,” a phrase usually mentioned
 in relation to Christ, and
 “the salt of the earth,” can seem overwhelming. Do we do
 what we do to get credit from God or prove ourselves to
 another? The last line in today’s Gospel provides the an-
 swer. We are called to be
 “light and salt” neither for ourselves not for others,
 but “to glorify your heavenly Father.”
 It is always about God, not about us.

World Day of the Sick
Excerpts from the Message of Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus’ words, “Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (*Mt* 11:28) point to the
 mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These
 words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people
 suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – “Come to me!” – and he
 promises them comfort and repose. “When Jesus says this, he has before him the people he meets every day on the
 streets of Galilee: very many simple people, the poor, the sick, sinners, those who are marginalized *by the*
burden of the law and the oppressive social system... These people always followed him to hear his word, a word that
 gave hope! Jesus’ words always give hope!” (*Angelus, 6 July 2014*).

On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize
 that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not
 make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting
 presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of
 indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one,
 but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love.

For the full text, pls visit the Vatican website.

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LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS...

Lent commences Wednesday 26 February. Would you like to host, facilitate or participate in a parish Lenten Discussion Group?

Discussions focus on the Sunday Gospels. Material made available through the Parish.

Yes I/we would like to host a group. ☐ Yes I/we would like to participate in a group. ☐
Name:

Preferred Day: Preferred Time: ☐ Morning ☐ Evening

Contact number: E-mail:

Please return to Parish Office or place on collection plate during Mass. Please reply strictly before Sunday 9 February as books need to be ordered. Groups begin from Sunday 23 February. Ash Wednesday 26 February.

CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S LITURGY...

After discussion with the volunteers who lead Children's Liturgy each weekend, it has been decided that children need to be a minimum of **4 years of age** to participate in this form of liturgy. This is in the best interest of all children who attend, as we had a few cases of children who needed to be toileted during this session. You would all appreciate that this is impossible if you are the only adult present.

We are also desperately short of leaders for Saturday evening. At present we only have 2 leaders, which will mean that Children's Liturgy can only happen fortnightly on Saturdays. If you would like to lead a group, teaching notes and worksheets are provided and you can be paired up with an experienced leader until you are confident to take a group on your own. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to be involved.

Leanne Ryan and Emma Mizzi

Children's Liturgy Leaders.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 10 February Saint Scholastica.
- Friday 14 February Saints Cyril and Methodius.
- Weekend 22/23 February Confirmation Enrolment Forms available until 28/29 March at Vigil/Sunday Masses.

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during Lent at St Monica's after 9am Mass, Tuesday at St John of God at 4pm.

Ash Wednesday 26 February. Mass, blessing & imposition of ashes will be celebrated at St Monica's 9am and 7pm. St Gregory's 6.30pm. Tuesday 25 February St John of God at 4pm.

Plenary meeting: You're invited to attend the Listening & Discernment sessions in the Parish Meeting room at St Monica's s at 10.30am - 12.00 pm on Sunday 23 February. This is our opportunity to be enlightened by the Spirit & have our say on the direction of the Catholic church in Australia. At this session we will be covering the six themes for discernment:
1. Missionary and Evangelising
2. Inclusive, participatory & synodal 3. Prayerful & Eucharistic. 4. Humble, healing and merciful
5. A joy, hope-filled and servant community.
6. Open to conversation, renewal and reform.
Morning Tea will be provided

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Frank Buttigieg
Matthew John Napier
Patricia Matejus
Pauline Refalo
Gerarda Hermens
John Xerri
Anthony Xiberras (Malta)
Salvo Azzopardi

... and those we remember at this time.

Pauline Said, Emanuel Said,
Grace Buttigieg, Michael Buttigieg,
Laurie Buttigieg, Anthony Refalo,
Teresa Refalo, Frank Cauchi,
Angelo Muscat, Mary Xerri, Paul &
Frank Carpenter, Baby Isaac
Muscat, Kathy Dolan, Felix &
Maree Sammut, Charlie &
Grace Vella, Joseph Baldacchino

Junior Servers: There will be refresher training for current junior servers on Saturday 22 February at 11am, in St Monica's church. If you wish to be trained as a junior server, & did **NOT** indicate this on the Parish Survey, please notify the Parish Office, 4578 1410, by Tuesday 18 February.

Those who did indicate on the Parish Survey will be contacted soon. Your time will be Saturday 22 February, 10-12noon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



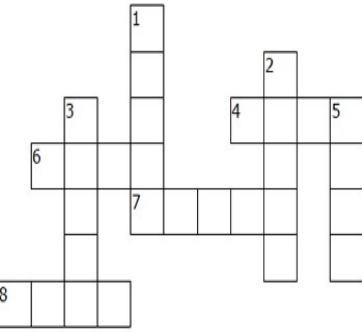
WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Vera Brglevski, Peter Rosa,
Pat Stanton, Trishy Rankin,
Pieter Owen, Genevieve Jereb,
Sr Assunta Leong FMM,
Katrina Coutis-Cooper,
Archun Leong, Min Tamsitt,
Jeff Steven, Rachel Stoveigh

Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
- 6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
- 7. The performance of good acts
- 8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

- 1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
- 2. A place where families live
- 3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
- 5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS	HILL	LIGHT	WORLD
BOWL	CITY	LAMP	HOUSE

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HYPA-R News...

- Saturday, 15 February. HYPA Richmond Youth Mass at 6:30pm following by fun activities in the old church. All welcome to attend.
- Saturday, 22 February. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a Young Adults night (16 years+) in the old church til 9pm.
- Friday, 28 February. HYPA Richmond Team meeting. If you have any suggestions, come along & share your ideas. Meeting commences at 7pm in the Parish meeting room.



HELP SAVE OUR GARDENS...

We now have six individuals/couples who have adopted a garden. Sincere thanks for your response. We now need a few more helpers. **Can you please help?** See the map in the foyer of St Monica's? What's required? To pour a **bucket or two of water** onto **an adopted garden or shrub every 2-3 days**. With your assistance our plants may survive! Over the years many parishioners have put in hours of work to beautify our sacred place of worship. **Let us work together on this project.** If interested, or if you have questions please contact the Parish Office.



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 May 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
11 February
2020 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.