

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**23 February 2020**  
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**  
**★★ † ★★**  
**St Monica's**

**Readers**  
6.30pm— C. Galea A. Copland  
7.30am— A. Edwards J. Robinson  
9.30am— K. Petersen M. Mizzi  
5.30pm— C. Salkeld P. Buckley  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
6.30pm— J. McCarter J. Muscat  
7.30am— A. Burnett H. Robinson  
9.30am— L. Ryan L. Vella  
5.30pm— D. D'Mello J. Morley

**Acolytes / Senior Server**  
6.30pm— W. Bennett  
7.30am— A. Moloney  
9.30am— M. Crew  
5.30pm— D. Murphy

**Junior Ministers**  
6.30pm—  
7.30am—  
9.30am— A. Portelli A. Portelli  
5.30pm— P. Murphy A. Kuriakose

**Data Projector**  
6.30pm— M. Breden  
7.30am— M. McMahon  
9.30am— M. Saliba  
5.30pm— T. Buckley

**Children's Liturgy**  
6.30pm - N. Ginige  
9.30am - C. Saliba

**Choir**  
6.30pm -  
9.30am -  
5.30pm -

**Altar Preparation**  
**Cleaners**  
**Counters**

16 Feb— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone  
23 Feb— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**  
**Monday 17 February 2020**  
**Reader**— F. Crew  
**EMoHC**— R. Larven  
**Wednesday 19 February 2020**  
**Reader**— A. Moloney  
**EMoHC**— M. McMahon  
**Friday 21 February 2020**  
**Reader**— D. Bowles  
**EMoHC**— M. Ryan

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 22 February 2020**  
**Reader**— Peter  
**EMoHC**— Frank  
**Sunday 23 February 2020**  
**Readers**  
8.00am— M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury  
**Altar Server** J. Wall  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
8.00am— M. Nixon  
**Data Projector** S. Buchan  
**Altar Preparation** K. Hodgson  
**Cleaners**

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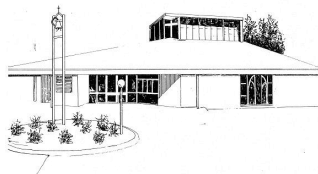
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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 16 February 2020

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

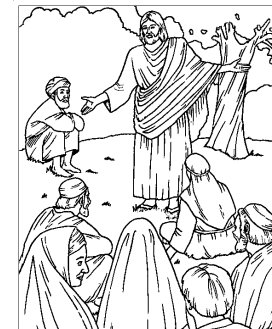
*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

As Jesus's 'sermon on the mount' is continued in today's gospel he recalls how murder & adultery are born in the heart. He reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings & emotions which may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts & desires which may lead to sexual sin & infidelity. As for oaths: Jesus encourages people to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful.



The six National Themes for Discernment are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.30-12.00noon in the Old Church through the discernment process and drawing on the six National Themes for Discernment, we will develop our submissions for the first session of the Plenary Council. The six National Themes for Discernment to invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is are: **1. Missionary and Evangelising** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church **2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into the life and mission of the Church. **3. Prayerful and Eucharistic** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. There was a call for stronger and more engaging preaching, with an emphasis on the Word of God and connection to daily life. **4. Humble, Healing and Merciful** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community **5. Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community.** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. **6. Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.** This discernment process involves establishing Writing and Discernment Groups for each National Theme for Discernment while people in faith communities across Australia are called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters and to send through their submissions to the Groups. The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

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## LENTEN GROUPS COMMENCE MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY...

- † Monday evening 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
- † Tuesday morning 9.30am for 10am at 'Bethany' (besides St Monica's Richmond).
- † Tuesday evening 7pm at the home of Tony Fogarty at Nth Richmond.

Books are \$10.00 each.  
Please contact the parish office ASAP if you wish to attend any of these groups.

## 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.

# Announcements

**It is time to return your palms.** Over the next two weekends we will be collecting palms received last Palm Sunday which will be burnt and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

**Confirmation Enrolment Forms** will be available at ALL Parish Vigil/Sunday Masses, from 22/23 February until Enrolment Ceremonies at Vigil/Sunday Masses on 28/29 March. Please note forms will not be available from the Parish Office.

**Coronavirus and temporary changes in the Liturgical practices:** In the wake of this virus which has been declared as a public health emergency and from the directives of the Diocese of Parramatta, please note that

- Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only
  - Priests and deacons are not to invite parishioners to exchange the Greetings of Peace.
  - All ministers of Holy Communion are to use hand sanitizers before the distribution of Communion commences.
- The Holy water fonts will remain bare and the Faithful are suggested and encouraged to receive the Precious Body on the palm of their hand. However Holy Communion will not be deprived to those who wish to receive on their tongue. These measures will be reviewed in due course. When the emergency declaration is lifted, the measures will be reversed. Thank you for your understanding.  
Fr. Clifford

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 21 February **Regional SRE Mass** at St Monica's 7pm.
- Saturday 22 February **The Chair of Saint Peter.**
- Weekend 22/23 February **Confirmation Enrolment Forms available until 28/29 March at Vigil/Sunday Masses.**

**Assistant Priest:** We welcome Fr Thomas Bui to our parish. He begins his ministry on the weekend 29 Feb/1 March. We wish him all the best & a pleasant stay with us.

**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.**

**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.

## 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.

Jerry Camenzuli, Josephine Camenzuli, Lorenza Saliba, John Saliba, Joseph Baldacchino, Les Duncan, Carmelo Magro, Pauline Said, Emanuel Said, Grace Buttigieg, Michael Buttigieg, Laurie Buttigieg, Anthony Refalo, Teresa Refalo, Frank Cauchi, Angelo Muscat, Mary Xerri



*We welcome the newly Baptised...*

**Sophie, Ashton, Bianca Ralph  
William Mifsud**

*...to our Christian family.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emmanuel Vella  
Rebecca Camilleri



## WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

## Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

Based on Matthew 5:21-24



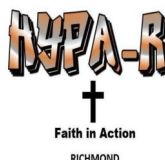
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## HYPA-R News...

- 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11.00am.  
St Gregory's: 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
**21 April**  
**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.