

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
1 March 2020
1st Sunday of Lent
 Year A
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St Monica's

Readers
 6.30pm— P. Buckley M. Breaden
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Fenech
 9.30am— C. Thompson F. Yates
 5.30pm— J. Morley T. Scopelliti
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.30pm— J. Bennett J. Gorman
 7.30am— L. Attard M. McMahon
 9.30am— J. Van Der Burg C. Hey
 5.30pm— P. Delahay S. Mulford

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.30pm— W. Bennett
 7.30am— C. Azzopardi
 9.30am— M. Crew
 5.30pm— D. Murphy

Junior Ministers
 6.30pm—
 7.30am— L. Attard
 9.30am— C, S & O. Saliba
 5.30pm— S. Murphy M. Sultana

Data Projector
 6.30pm— T. Buckley
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— L. Culican
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella
Children's Liturgy

6.30pm - L. Kay
 9.30am - E. Mizzi C. Murphy
Choir
 6.30pm - N. D'Mello
 9.30am - M. Quirk
 5.30pm -

Altar Preparation C. Thompson
Cleaners C. Syz C. Norton

Counters
 23 Feb— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
 01 Mar— M. Ryan M. Hoffman D. Bowles

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 24 February 2020

Reader— R. Crane
EMoHC— F. Crew

Wednesday 26 February 2020

Reader— M. Breaden
EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 28 February 2020

Reader— M. Pirovic
EMoHC— A. Moloney

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St Gregory's

Saturday 29 February 2020

Reader— Jackie
EMoHC— Cathy

Sunday 1 March 2020

Readers

8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdom S. Lundy

Altar Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— C. Smiroldo

Data Projector M. Beggs

Altar Preparation P. McCallum

Cleaners L. Pullin

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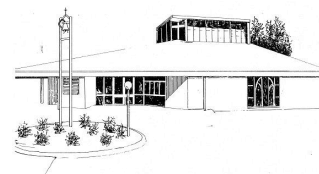
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 23 February 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, 'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?'



Gospel Reflection...

Christians are called to reflect God's perfect love even when faced with hatred and injustice. God's love is unconditional. It is not based on the condition that one is holy or deserving. God is love and therefore, loves even the greatest sinner with nothing less than 100% love. *He causes his sun to rise on bad people as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest people alike.* Love is more than a natural attraction to those we might like. It is a decision of the will to act positively towards everybody, regardless of whatever evil or hatred may be encountered.

Christian love refuses to react negatively in the face of hatred, injustice, violence, or abuse. One refuses to let the energy of love to be polluted by the poison of hatred. There is no room for retaliation. The policy of eye for eye and tooth for tooth will leave the world blind and hungry.

The most severe testing of the depth of one's Christian spirit is the willingness to forgive. It is pointless asking somebody to forget the past. The option is not between forgetting or remembering. Our only option is about how we remember ... with negative reactions or with love of Christ. Prayer is the source of lifting up our hearts o Christ's level. *'It is not in our power not to feel or not forget an offence; but the heart offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.'* (Catechism #2843).

From Sunday Seed by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

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This Lent Caritas, through Project Compassion, invites us to support the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

*You are invited as part of our Lenten appeal to support the **Jesuit Refugee Foodbank.**
Each week from Ash Wednesday you are invited to bring an item for the baskets, that are in the Church foyer.*

*Week One: Basmati Rice
Week Three: Cooking Oil
Week Five: Long Life Milk*

*Week Two: Tuna
Week Four: Tinned Tomatoes/ Red Kidney Beans & chickpeas
Week Six: Pasta or Spaghetti*

Thank you for your support.

We have a **major shortage of Junior Servers** to assist at all Masses (except for 9.30am). 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.** Please contact the Parish office if you are able to assist.

Children’s Liturgy needs more leaders. We don’t want our young parishioners missing out. If you would like to lead a group, leader’s notes and worksheets are provided. If not confident, you can be paired up with an experienced leader. Let’s remember: ***Team Everyone Achieves More.*** If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Bob Anderson and Fr. Chris Dixon for their assistance over the past few weeks. May God bless you.

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.**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Confirmation Enrolment Forms will be available at ALL Parish Vigil/Sunday from this weekend until Enrolment Ceremonies at Vigil/Sunday Masses on 28/29 March.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 6 March at the Ebenezer Uniting Church at 10am. The theme this year ‘Rise take up your mat and walk’ has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe. Please bring a plate. It has been suggested that bright colours be worn. All welcome.

Lenten Groups commence this Monday 24 February Monday evening 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Tuesday morning 9.30am for 10am ‘Bethany’ (besides St Monica’s Richmond). Tuesday evening 7pm at the home of Tony Fogarty at Nth Richmond.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Weekend 22/23 February Confirmation Enrolment Forms available until 28/29 March at Vigil/Sunday Masses.**
- Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday.**
- Saturday 29 February Pastoral Care Team Meeting.** Cuppa from 9.30am. Meeting 10am in the Parish Meeting Room.
- Monday 2 March Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass in the parish meeting room. All welcome.
- Weekend 21/22 March Catholic Foundation Appeal.**

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. Following 9.30am Mass a morning tea to welcome Fr Thomas will be held in the parish meeting room. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

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

St Monica’s Catholic School is Enrolling now for 2020 All Grades & Kindergarten for 2021.

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Open days: Monday 2 March from 9.30am to 10:30am. Friday 27 March from 9:30am to 10:30am.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Joan Sterelny
Colleen Davis
Frank Buttigieg
Matthew John Napier
Patricia Matejus
Pauline Refalo
Gerarda Hermens
John Xerri

... and those we remember at this time.

Kim Adams,
Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark,
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John Saliba, Joseph Baldacchino, Les Duncan, Carmelo Magro,
Pauline Said, Emanuel Said,
Grace Buttigieg, Michael Buttigieg,
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CARITAS AUSTRALIA...

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Go Further Together”**. As Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love.” When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emmanuel Vella
Gemma Camilleri
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

Love Your Enemies

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 4-5-25-19 _____
- 19-21-19-20-14 _____

ENEMY	GOOD	EVIL	LOVE
REWARD	FRIENDS	PRAY	HATE

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HYPA-R News..

- Friday 28 February, HYPA-R Team Meeting. If you have any suggestions, come along & share your ideas. 7pm in the parish meeting room.
- Attention all HYPA Richmond Youth members (aged 10years +). This coming Easter the HYPA Richmond Youth Group will be organising the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play on Friday 10 April 2020 at 10am. We are in need of actors and readers. If you are interested in participating please write your name down on the sign up sheet at the back of church. There will be 4 rehearsals on Sunday after 9:30am mass. Rehearsals will start on Sunday 15 March 2020.

A sincere word of thanks to all those who have adopted a garden. While we have been blessed with great rain, it is hoped you will continue to assist our precious gardens by caring for them in the days ahead. As a number of gardens have not been adopted, **please contact the Parish Office if you are willing and able to assist.**

Do you attend 5.30 Sunday Mass? **Are you able and willing or prepared to learn how to operate the Data Projector?** It is NOT a difficult task! We need someone to fill this rostered position **once a month. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.**

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.
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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

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.