

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
8 March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent
 Year A
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St Monica's

Readers
 6.30pm— M. McMahon A. Copland
 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 — J. McCarter J. Muscat
 7.30am — M. Turnbull M. Clarke
 9.30am — H. Convey M. McGuiness
 5.30pm — T. Scopelliti J. Morley

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.30pm— A. Moloney
 7.30am — C. Azzopardi
 9.30am — D. Ryan
 5.30pm — P. Delahay

Junior Ministers
 6.30pm—
 7.30am — P. Azzoardi J. Azzopardi
 9.30am — S. Murphy M. Hoffman
 5.30pm — A. Kuriakose

Data Projector
 6.30pm— M. Breden
 7.30am — M. McMahon
 9.30am — T. Jerome
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella
Children's Liturgy
 6.30pm -
 9.30am - K A Kemble B. McKinley

Choir
 6.30pm - M. Quirk
 9.30am - M. Boyd
 5.30pm -
Altar Preparation J. Shanahan
Cleaners A. Campbell
Counters
 01 Mar— M. Ryan M. Hoffman D. Bowles
 08 Mar— R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot
 M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 2 March 2020
 Reader — M. Breden
EMoHC—
Wednesday 4 March 2020
 Reader — M. McMahon
EMoHC— A. Moloney
Friday 6 March 2020
 Reader — D. Bowles
EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 7 March 2020
 Reader— Jackie
EMoHC— Cathy
Sunday 8 March 2020
Readers
 8.00am— B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst
Altar Server J. Wall
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 8.00am — A. Drew
Data Projector H. Gilles
Altar Preparation D. Grima
Cleaners N. Fienberg

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First Sunday of Lent — Year A 1 March 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9. 3:1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin.
RESPONSORIAL PS: 50:3-6. 12-14. 17
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty day and nights.

Gospel Reflection...

The story of the forbidden fruit is the prototype of all temptation. The devil is the father of lies, the master of the half-truth and deception. First he plants a question in the mind, the seed of doubt. Then he shows the attractiveness of the fruit, *good to eat and pleasing to the eye*. The senses are attracted to the bait. Then the deception, *you will be like gods, knowing good and evil*, having the moral autonomy to make up their own commandments. They fell for it. Their eyes were indeed opened, not only to good, but now also to evil.

Does it match our experience of temptation?

The Spirit enrolled Jesus in the school called wilderness to prepare him for ministry. The teachers there were solitude and emptiness, vastness and space, necessity and frugality. The subject to be studied was the human heart in its temptations and supports. The three temptations link Jesus with the past history of the Israelites in the weaknesses shown and supports given by God during the Exodus journey. Lent calls us to get in touch with our inner weaknesses and sources of strength.

Obedient to God's law features in all 3 readings. The original temptation was to usurp God's authority by claiming moral autonomy: *You will be like gods, knowing good and evil*. Adam's disobedience brought about the fall but Christ's obedience brought redemption. Lent is a time for giving up and taking on. Why not give up all our compromises and ways of disobeying God's will: *You must worship the Lord, your God, and serve him alone*.

From Sunday Seed by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

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Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 Two: Tuna

Week Three: Cooking Oil

Week Four: Tinned Tomatoes/ Red Kidney Beans & chickpeas

Week Five: Long Life Milk

Week Six: Pasta or Spaghetti

Thank you for your support.

Announcements

Attention all HYPA Richmond Youth members (aged 10 years +). This coming Easter the HYPA-R Youth Group will be organising the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play on Friday 10 April at 10am. We need actors & readers. If you are interested in participating please write your name down on the sign up sheet in the church foyer. There will be 4 rehearsals on Sunday after 9:30am mass. Rehearsals start on Sunday 15 March 2020.

Liturgy Note: The season of the Lent calls us to fast and helps us to come to celebrate THE FEAST with full joy. There are many ways of fasting, during Lent there is NO Gloria - NO Alleluias during the Mass and we here in the Parish of Richmond have also taken out the Recessional Hymn and replaced it with the Plenary Council Prayer.

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.

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.**

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 2 March Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass in the parish meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 8 March Welcome Morning Tea** for Fr Thomas Bui following 8am Mass at St Gregory's. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.
- Weekend 21/22 March Catholic Foundation Appeal.**

Congratulations & our heartfelt thanks to Mary Pirovic who recently marked 10 years of service and Hazel Clasquin who recently marked 5 years of service as Catechist's. May God bless you as you continue to bring Good News to the children in our State Schools.

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. Educating for the Future...

Quality Catholic Education, equipping each child for the future through caring and innovative teaching. Enrolment package may be collected from: 32 Francis St, Richmond.

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.

Paul Agius, Jane Agius, Kim Adams, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, 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



We welcome the newly Baptised...

Charlie Micallef

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



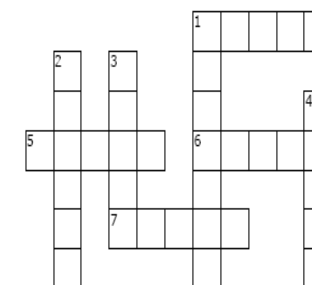
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The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
- A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
- A small rock
- The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

- To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
- To feel a need or desire for food
- A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
- To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world

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HYPA-R News...

- Friday 6 March, at 7pm there will be adoration followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.
- Saturday 7 March after 6:30pm Mass. Lent 2020! What's New? How can I make Lent 2020 different to the previous Lenten Seasons? Our guest speaker, Fr John Paul, walks us through this question. We will be starting with the rosary (so don't forget your rosary beads) and ending with a light supper. 16 yrs and up are welcome. Follow us on Facebook - HYPA-Richmond Young Adults Youth Group.

Explore your Faith evening...

Join us on Monday, 2 March 2020 for an evening with Bishop Robert Baron. This will be presented by DVD & followed by a group discussion over a cup of tea/coffee. Time: [6:30pm— 8pm](#) in the Old Church. All welcome.

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
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.