

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**15 March 2020**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 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— W. 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 - T. Huhges-Everard  
 9.30am - N. D'Mello  
 5.30pm - Coupes for Christ  
**Altar Preparation**  
**Cleaners** N. Godsell M. Azzopardi  
**Counters**  
 08 Mar— R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot  
 M. McMahon  
 15 Mar— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**  
**Monday 9 March 2020**  
 Reader— F. Crew  
 EMoHC— R. Larven  
**Wednesday 11 March 2020**  
 Reader— A. Moloney  
 EMoHC— M. McMahon  
**Friday 13 March 2020**  
 Reader— D. Bowles  
 EMoHC— M. Ryan

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**St Gregory's**  
**Saturday 14 March 2020**  
 Reader— Margaret  
 EMoHC— Jackie  
**Sunday 15 March 2020**  
**Readers**  
 8.00am— P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg  
**Altar Server** F. Kelleher  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 8.00am— M. Ryan  
**Data Projector** A. Drew  
**Altar Preparation**  
**Cleaners** J. Bondfield

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**Second Sunday of Lent — Year A 8 March 2020**

<p><b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>  <b>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>  <b>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</b></p>
<p><b>FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4</b>  <i>The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 32:4-5, 18-20, 22</b>  <b>Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust In you.</b></p> <p><b>SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10</b>  <i>God has saved us, and called us to be holy.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5</b>  <b>Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</b></p> <p><b>GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9</b>  <i>His face shown like the sun.</i></p>	<p><b>REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...</b>          The glimpse of glory the disciples received at the Transfiguration provided a moment of clarity. At times, we also see some of God's majesty. These times might be while witnessing a birth, when feeling at peace, or while immersed in music. Such glimpses may be rare gifts but can give us the respite to go on. Are we open to these moments or do we rationalize them away? Can we accept the movement of the Spirit blowing in our world?</p>

Dear brothers and sisters,  
**Re: COVID-19 Update**  
 You will be aware through the media and other sources of emerging concerns over the spread of COVID-19 (earlier referred to corona virus.) Several weeks ago, I issued on behalf of Bishop Vincent some directions around certain liturgical practices which have been accepted by the clergy and people of the Diocese, and it has provided a measure of protection and comfort for many of our people who are rightly concerned about this health issue.  
 A new set of directions were sent to the clergy today which adheres to advice that we have received from public health authorities about the risks of transmission associated with the virus. One of these risks concerns the administration of Holy Communion. In the Latin Church, Holy Communion can be received in two ways, either on the tongue or in the hand. From today, Holy Communion can only be received in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. I understand that for those of you who normally received Holy Communion on the tongue that this is a matter of pious practice and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and that you may have been doing so your entire life. In the current circumstances, I ask that you adjust to the practice of Holy Communion in the hand for the sake of your fellow parishioners. I further ask that you respect those administering Holy Communion, both ordinary and extraordinary ministers, who have received a directive that they cannot administer Holy Communion on the tongue.  
 As soon as this health risk is mitigated, and advice comes from the public health officials we will revert to the usual liturgical practices that applied before the appearance of COVID-19.

Every blessing in this season of Lent,  
 Very Rev Peter G. Williams  
 Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

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Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://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 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.

# Announcements

## HYPA Richmond Youth

Rehearsal dates at St Monica's for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play are as follows:  
Saturday 14 March 2020 after 6:30pm mass  
Sunday 22 March 2020 after 9:30am mass  
Sunday 29 March 2020 after 9:30am mass  
Sunday 5 April 2020 after 9:30am mass  
The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is Friday 10 April at 10am.

**Catholic Outlook Magazine March Edition:** Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

## Institute for Mission Reflective Ministry Program:

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on 9296 6369.

**Used Stamps** If you can support the Missions with your used postage stamps it would be greatly appreciated.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- 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.**
- Tuesday 7 April Confirmation Parent Night** 7pm at St Monica's.



**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.

**Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent at St Monica's after 9am Mass, Each 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...*  
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*Enrolment package may be collected from:*  
*32 Francis St, Richmond.*

**Open day:** Friday 27 March from 9:30am to 10:30am.

## Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Anne Adams  
Beverly Yates  
Joan Sterelny  
Colleen Davis  
Frank Buttigieg  
Matthew John Napier  
Patricia Matejus  
Pauline Refalo

## ... and those we remember at this time.

James Cassidy,  
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



We welcome the newly Baptised...

**Harrison Best  
Leo Denton**

...to our Christian family.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



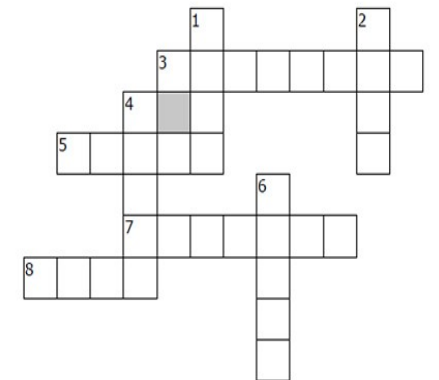
## WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

## The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



## ACROSS

- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

## DOWN

- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- The color of snow or milk

HIGH VOICE	CLOUD GOOD	WHITE LOVE	MOUNTAIN CLOTHES
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## HYPA-R News...

- Saturday 14 March will be the HYPA-R Youth Mass at 6:30pm. After mass we will be having the first rehearsal for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play as well as supper. If you are 10 years old + and would like to participate in the Good Friday play please come along.
- Saturday 28 March the Young Adults Group will be assisting in the working bee around the parish. If you would like to join them please come along on Saturday 28 March.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.