

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**22 March 2020**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**  
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**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





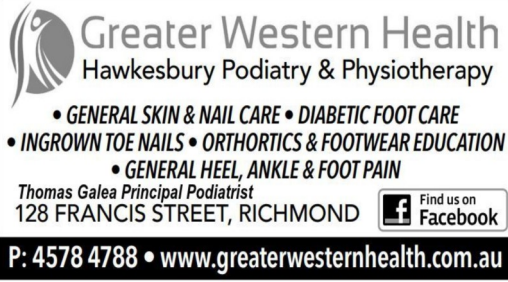




**Acolytes / Senior Server**  
 6.30pm— W. Bennett  
 7.30am — A. Moloney  
 9.30am — M. Crew  
 5.30pm — D. Murphy


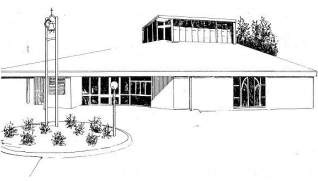

**Junior Ministers**  
 6.30pm—  
 7.30am —  
 9.30am — A. Portelli A. Portelli  
 5.30pm — P. Murphy A. Kuriakose  
**Data Projector**  
 6.30pm— M. Breden  
 7.30am — M. McMahon  
 9.30am — M. Saliba  
 5.30pm— A. Papallo  
**Children's Liturgy**  
 6.30pm - N. Ginige  
 9.30am - C. Saliba

**Choir**  
 6.30pm - N. D'Mello  
 9.30am - M. Quirk  
 5.30pm -  
**Altar Preparation** C. Murphy R. Azzopardi  
**Cleaners** K. Murphy M. Bingley  
**Counters**  
 15 Mar— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos  
 22 Mar— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**  
**Monday 16 March 2020**  
 Reader— R. Crane  
 EMoHC— F. Crew  
**Wednesday 18 March 2020**  
 Reader— M. Breden  
 EMoHC— M. McMahon  
**Friday 20 March 2020**  
 Reader— M. Pirovic  
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

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**St Gregory's**  
**Saturday 21 March 2020**  
 Reader— Frank  
 EMoHC— Margaret  
**Sunday 22 March 2020**  
**Readers**  
 8.00am — M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury  
**Altar Server** F. Kelleher  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 8.00am — P. Waterford  
**Data Projector** S. Buchan  
**Altar Preparation**  
**Cleaners** K. Hodgson

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<h2>Third Sunday of Lent — Year A 15 March 2020</h2>			
<p><b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b>  <b>My eyes are always on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.</b></p>		<p><b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b>  <b>For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.</b></p>	
<p><b>FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7</b>  <i>Give us water to drink.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 94:1-2.6-9</b>  <b>If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.</b></p> <p><b>SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2. 5-8</b>  <i>The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>  <b>Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</b></p> <p><b>GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42</b>  <i>The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.</i></p>		<p><b>REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...</b>          The number of rules and conventions Jesus destroys in this Gospel text are almost too numerable to count. Throwing caution to the wind he sits with a Samaritan woman. Students of the Old Testament know what happens between women and men at wells. Now, of course, Jesus isn't going to marry her, but a bond of truthfulness is formed. She grows to know him for who he is. Her self-hatred, doubts, and rigid rules are washed away in the flowing water of love. Do we allow the same thing to happen with us? Today is the first Scrutiny for those preparing to receive the initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The elect are called to discern in their life what needs to be washed away.</p>	
<h3>Gospel Reflection...</h3>			
<p>The first of three stories from John about baptism, preparing us for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter. Baptism is the well where we establish a relationship with Jesus as Friend, Saviour and Priest. He is Friend to a woman who is thirsty, lonely, shattered by broken relationships, misled by religious controversy. He is a Saviour to whom all sins are known, yet he longs to impart forgiveness. He is a Priest who leads us in true worship, in spirit and in truth. He is the Truth and he has released the Spirit. True worship is glorifying the Father, through the Son in the uniting power of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to develop our relationship with the divine Friend, Saviour and Priest.</p> <p>‘Tormented by thirst’ (Exodus). The torment of today is in thirst for meaning, for a reason to live, moral direction, stability, an answer to suffering, etc.. The woman at the well found the answer to her thirst for understanding, her need for forgiveness, her desire for stability in relationship, her instruction in true worship. If we only appreciated all that God offers us in Jesus! And in the gift of the Spirit there is an inner fountain with eternal answers. The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. (Second reading).</p> <p>Study The Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2560. ‘The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts his asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us ... Prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts for us that we may thirst for him.’ Prayer is meeting with Jesus who wants us to sit down beside him. All he asks for is an empty bucket ... empty time and a bit of space in our thoughts. Then he will do the rest. If we only knew what God is offering!</p>			
<p>From Sunday Seeds by Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap</p>			
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EASTER 2020 SCHEDULE:

THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 9 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper Richmond 7.30pm  
Blessed Sacrament exposed at the Altar of Repose till 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 10 April

Stations of the Cross Richmond 10am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion Richmond 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 11 April

Easter Vigil Richmond 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 12 April

Mass Richmond: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  
Kurrajong: 8.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Tuesday after Mass St John of God 4pm  
Friday after Mass Richmond 9am

RECONCILIATION

SECOND (COMMUNAL) RITE

Monday 6 April Richmond 7.00pm

FIRST (INDIVIDUAL) RITE

Monday & Wednesday after Mass Richmond (Holy Week only)

Good Friday following Stations of the Cross Richmond 9.30am

Good Friday following The Passion of the Lord Richmond 3pm

\* Please note: NO Easter Vigil at St John of God.



Caritas Australia

Third Sunday of Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes & 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. 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 Four: Tinned Tomatoes/ Red Kidney Beans & chickpeas  
Week Five: Long Life Milk  
Week Six: Pasta or Spaghetti  
Thank you for your support.

Announcements

**DISTRBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Please note in accordance with the directive from the Bishops of Australia Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only. We have a duty of care to act responsibly & with respect to the whole community. Please help deter the spread of the virus Covid-19.

**Palms** for the making of crosses for Palm Sunday will be available next weekend.

**Solemnity of St Joseph Mass** will be celebrated at St Monica's on Thursday 19 March at 9am.

**HYPA Richmond Youth**

Rehearsal dates at St Monica's for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play are as follows:  
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.

**St Monica's Catholic School** is Enrolling now for 2020 All Grades & Kindergarten for 2021.  
**Open day:** Friday 27 March from 9:30am to 10:30am.

**Big Morning Tea:** Come & join us for a big Morning Tea on 24 March at 10.30am at St John's Parish Hall, Riverstone, please enter from McCulloch St, Gate. All money raised goes to "Pink Finns", the Hawkesbury based charity for all types of woman's cancer. Please join for us for a cuppa & a chat. Further details contact Pauline 0405 246 553

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 17 March St Patrick.
- Thursday 19 March St Joseph Mass at St Monica's 9am.
- Weekend 21/22 March Catholic Foundation Appeal.
- Tuesday 7 April Confirmation Parent Night 7pm at St Monica's.

**Please help! Volunteers needed!**

A working bee has been organised for March 28 to spruce up the churches and surrounds in time for Easter. There are plenty of jobs that need to be done, including: weeding and tidying gardens, mowing, hedge trimming, blowing of hard stand areas, clearing gutters; cleaning inside both churches and much more.

The Parish has everything needed but only a limited amount, so if you do have your own mower, blower or hand tools etc. that aren't too difficult to bring along then that would be of great help to all. The more hands and equipment we have, the quicker we get things done.

We'll aim to begin at 9am and continue on until we get the jobs done. All ages and abilities are welcome; we'll find a suitable job for everyone. So if you can spare any time at all it would be greatly appreciated, and the more hands we have the lighter the workload for all. Let's aim to make the Parish sparkle and a place in which we can all take pride.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch, so come along and as well as helping to revitalise our Parish, enjoy the chance for some fellowship with others  
Thank you from Fr Clifford and all of the Parish team.

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

Mary McMillan  
Pearl Bradbury  
Maria Regis  
Fay Harris  
Anne Adams  
Beverly Yates  
Joan Sterelny  
Colleen Davis

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

John & Tona Camilleri, 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...*

**Cooper Downey  
Billy Grech  
Annabelle Sheehy  
Jaxon Simmons**

*...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 Thirst Quencher**

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



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**HYPA-R News...**

- Weekend 14/15 March Easter Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the end of all weekend Masses. Please support our HYPA-R.
- 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.

**Easter Ceremonies:** Would you like to participate in the Easter Ceremonies? Sheets will be in the foyer next weekend please add your name. If you are not sure where to place your name simply write it on the bottom of the sheet.

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

**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.