

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER  
**29 March 2020**  
**5th 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— L. Battersby A. Aquilina

**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— T. Scopelliti J. Morley

**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 - M. Boyd  
 9.30am - M. Quirk  
 5.30pm -

**Altar Preparation** R. Larven

**Cleaners** C. Norton

**Counters**

22 Mar— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone  
 29 Mar— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 23 March 2020**

Reader— M. Breaden

EMoHC—

**Wednesday 25 March 2020**

Reader— M. McMahon

EMoHC— A. Moloney

**Friday 27 March 2020**

Reader— D. Bowles

EMoHC— F. Crew

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 28 March 2020**

Reader— Peter

EMoHC— Frank

**Sunday 29 March 2020**

**Readers**

8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdom S. Lundy

**Altar Server** D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— M. Nixon

**Data Projector** A. Drew

**Altar Preparation** P. McCallum

**Cleaners** L. Pullin

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*Fourth Sunday of Lent — Year A 22 March 2020*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they have anointed David king of Israel.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PS 22**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14**

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41**

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed then I could see, and I believed in God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**

Most of us cannot imagine blindness. We've always been able to see. Spiritual blindness, however, is more common. For example, we look back in history and can't imagine how people could own slaves and still consider themselves good Christians. Blindness still exists and we need to hear the this reading often. The Pharisee's blindness is called out by Jesus. What about our own? Do we judge others and not see our sinfulness? What about our prejudices? Do we hide behind language such as "hate the sin but love the sinner"? We need to be careful of our attitudes. Lets start today with our blindness. Where do we not see our evil? Do we have the courage to ask another to help us see?

The Diocese of Parramatta has published a summary of these guidelines is as follows:

From the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020), Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) For parishes that will still hold Masses, the following is to be noted: Parishes where 100 people or less attend Mass: they may continue to hold Masses in the church building Parishes where Mass attracts more than 100 people: if a parish chooses to hold the Mass, it must be held outdoors. This should be celebrated without music, people should endeavour to maintain social distance and the Mass should where possible not exceed 40 minutes Parishes are asked to assess their own local situation and make appropriate judgement as to whether they should continue with the Sunday celebrations Parish offices: should be kept open as much as feasible The full guidelines can be found here: [parracatholic.org/covid19](http://parracatholic.org/covid19)

**The Parish of Richmond will continue to celebrate all masses at this weekend in the precincts of St. Monica's Primary school, St. John of God and St. Gregory's. However this decision will be reviewed early next week and will be published on our parish website/Facebook.**

- **The sick, the elderly and the vulnerable are advised to remain at home. You may watch the mass on the television on Channel 10 at 6 am or explore other social media like Youtube.**
- **The second Rite of Reconciliation on 6 March stands cancelled. Individual confessions are still available.**
- **The church at St. Monica's will be open for private visit and prayer during the day.**
- **Baptisms of infants should proceed with only the parents and Godparents.**
- **Marriages, if they proceed, as a suggestion should be attended by the bridal party and immediate family.**
- **In the case of funerals, it is suggested that only immediate family members should attend.**
- **First Friday evening devotions stands cancelled and so are large non essential church gatherings.**
- **Details regarding weekend services are available on our parish website/facebook.**

**I hope and pray that all are safe during these uncertain times. God bless you all. Fr. Clifford**

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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 CANCELLED

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. 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. 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 Five: Long Life Milk Week Six: Pasta or Spaghetti Thank you for your support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Lucy Xiberras  
Fr Daniel Afonso MSFS  
Mary McMillan  
Pearl Bradbury  
Maria Regis  
Fay Harris  
Anne Adams  
Beverly Yates

... and those we remember at this time.

Ronald, Mary (Josie) Horan,  
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

We welcome the newly Baptised...



Levi Fredericks  
Sophia Meduri  
Owen Speelman  
Leyton Vella  
James Vella

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



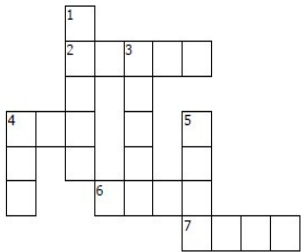
WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
- 4. An adult male human being
- 6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
- 7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

- 1. Unable to see
- 3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
- 4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
- 5. To clean something using water

LIGHT WASH	BLIND EYES	GLORY MAN	MUD HEAL
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HYPA-R News...

HYPA-R Easter Raffle . Prize is a \$50 Westfield voucher accompanied by a beautiful indoor pot plant & some delicious Cadbury Easter eggs. Tickets will go on sale this weekend before and after the masses. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Raffle will be drawn after our next HYPA-R Youth mass on Saturday 18 April 2020. Thank you for your support

Explore your Faith evening...CANCELLED

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  
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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.