

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**5 July 2020**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**Year A**  
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**St Monica's**

**Readers**  
6.00pm— P. Buckley M. Breden  
7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Fenech  
9.30am— C. Thompson F. Yates  
5.30pm— J. Morley T. Scopelliti  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
6.00pm— 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**  
6.00pm— W. Bennett  
7.30am— C. Azzopardi  
9.30am— M. Crew  
5.30pm— D. Murphy

**Junior Ministers**  
6.00pm—  
7.30am— L. Attard  
9.30am— C. S & O. Saliba  
5.30pm— S. Murphy M. Sultana

**Data Projector**  
6.00pm— T. Buckley  
7.30am— C. Thompson  
9.30am— L. Culican  
5.30pm— T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -  
9.30am -

**Choir**

6.00pm - M. Boyd  
9.30am -  
5.30pm -

**Altar Preparation** C. Thompson

**Cleaners** C. Syzc

**Counters**

28 June— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos  
05 July— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 29 June 2020**

**Reader** — R. Crane

**EMoHC**— F. Crew

**Wednesday 1 July 2020**

**Reader** — M. Breden

**EMoHC**— M. McMahon

**Friday 3 July 2020**

**Reader** — M. Pirovic

**EMoHC**— A. Moloney

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 4 July 2020**

**Reader**— Jackie

**EMoHC**— Cathy

**Sunday 24 January 2020**

**Readers**

8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdrom S. Lundy

**Altar Server** D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— P. Waterford

**Data Projector** M. Beggs

**Altar Preparation** P. McCallum

**Cleaners** L. Pullin

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 28 June 2020

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:8-11, 14-16**

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 88:2-3, 16-19**

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11**

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:37-42**

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**

There is something of a descending order in this passage. Jesus begins with the summons of placing our love and commitment to him over and above that of our family and ourself. By the end of the passage the simplest gesture of kindness, giving a cup of cold water, retains our reward. Note that the more difficult challenges lead to receiving Jesus himself, whereas the more general practices yield a reward.. Welcoming a prophet, a righteous person, or offering cold water can be done by any conscientious person; being a follower of Jesus demands more than being a good person. It requires total allegiance to Christ.

## Gospel Reflection...

The Apostolic Sermon closes with a double message. Being involved in any apostolate will put demands on our time and personal relationships: but, in God's time, it will bring a great reward.

Beware of cheap religion which bypasses the cost of discipleship. It is no surprise that a society bred on self-gratification is short of candidates to priesthood and religious life. The following of the cross is out of favour. But it is the cross which makes sense of voluntary sacrifice. Celibacy is a difficult choice but is offers a powerful witness to the serious reality of God. *Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.*

A reward is promised to those who welcome the holy man, i.e. the bearer of God's word. (cf first reading) Encourage people to prepare a welcome for the word. Instead of criticising the poor preacher why not pray for him? Thirst for the word with the humility of knowing our need for God's light. Cherish the word which reveals God's presence in the story of the past, enabling us to see how God is present in the story of today. Mary of Bethany sat at the feet of the Lord and chose the better part.

From Sunday Seeds by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

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Dear fellow parishioners,

As you may already be aware, this weekend Fr Clifford will celebrate his final Mass with us as Administrator of The Parish of Richmond. After 5 years as leader of our faith community, our Bishop has called Fr Clifford to assist with ministry at the “Cathedral Parish” in Parramatta. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and our parish, I want to thank Fr Clifford for his service, ministry and support over the past five years. In serving our community he has managed bringing the message of Jesus to us through the complexity of working across three worship centres, a parish primary school, a diocesan high school, a hospital, university, numerous aged care facilities and the rich and diverse history of our district. As you would understand this is not an easy task. Through the good times and the difficult times his faith has never wavered, nor has his repertoire of seemingly limitless jokes diminished. An enthusiastic supporter of cricket, understated musician and overall humble human being, his calling as a missionary priest has brought him far from his home in India in service of the God he loves and to spend time with our community.

Thank you so very much Father Clifford for all that you have given our parish. We wish you all God’s blessings for the journey ahead.

Gift / Collection

A small 'token' gift will be purchased as well as a monetary gift which will be given to thank Fr Clifford and support his transition back to ministry with his order in India. To help raise the funds for this, there will be a collection box at both St Monica's and St Gregory's this weekend. It will then be possible for parishioners to give to the collection via the parish office during the week.

Announcements

**Distribution of Holy Communion:** As restrictions ease we are still required to adhere to the directives of the Bishops and the Health Authorities to prevent the spread of virus Covid-19, e.g. social distancing and hygiene.  
**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 and with respect to the whole community.

**A Sincere Thank you** to Dianne Kelleher for her 15 years of dedication and service as the Catechist Co-Ordinator to our Primary State Schools. Sylvia Dimech will now take up the role of Co-Ordinator.

**New Planned Giving Envelopes** are available today please pick up from the church foyer.  
**Please note:** Some parishioner’s planned giving envelope numbers have changed. Due to the current circumstances your envelopes may be at a different Mass centre. Please notify the parish office and we will send to the appropriate centre.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 29 June **Saints Peter and Paul.**
- Friday 3 July **Saint Thomas.**
- Monday 6 July **Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. All welcome.

**Fr Gayan Thamel**, I was born in June 1974 in Sri Lanka and moved to Western Australia in 2000 to complete his priestly formation at St Charles' Seminary Guildford, WA. He was ordained a priest at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Bunbury WA in 2002 and remained at the Cathedral parish for three years as an Assistant Priest. Since then he has been in four other rural parishes as the parish priest and enjoyed immensely his rural ministry and community involvement. He was residing at Pinjarra Catholic parish in WA as the parish priest before moving to Windsor in 2018. Fr Gayan became a Specialist Reserve Chaplain in the Air Force in 2015 and was serving at RAAF Base Pearce WA. He will continue his Reserve Chaplaincy Ministry at RAAF Base Richmond on Thursdays. He enjoys his time walking and motor bike riding.

**My dear Parishioners,** It is with gratitude that I depart the Parish of Richmond to take on the assignment to assist St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. I thank the Parish team, the various ministry teams and you dear parishioners for the pleasant time I had during my tenure. The greetings, handshakes, friendly conversations, morning tea, lunches and dinners will be deeply cherished and remembered. I admire your faith and spirituality as you go about building your lives and growing in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was nice knowing you and as they say that our world is round and small and our paths will cross. Most welcome to St. Pat’s, Parramatta. God bless! Fr. Clifford.

Cards

A large Farewell Card and pen will be placed at both St Monica's and St Gregory's over the weekend for parishioners to write farewell and thank you messages for Fr Clifford. These cards will then be kept at the parish office during the week if people want to come in and add a message (especially if they were not able to get to mass on the weekend).

Morning / Afternoon Tea

The council felt that the short time frame and COVID-19 restrictions make it too problematic to host a function to farewell Fr Clifford at this time. I understand, from Fr Clifford, that he would be open to returning to the parish once restrictions have sufficiently eased to share a celebration with us. At this stage we do not know when that may be.

Scott Buchan  
Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.  
(On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council).

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

Maureen Hobbs  
Moira Cassidy  
Colin Dare  
Carmen Sultana  
William Yott  
Max Doyle  
Isaac Aquilina  
Carmen Teuma


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

Janice & Bob Anderson,  
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Joseph Vella, Cristiano Bagnara,  
Italo Bagnara, Michael Dwyer,  
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**The Divine Retreat Centre** in Somersby, NSW is holding an evening to celebrate the Divine Mercy on Friday 3 July, 6pm to 8.30pm. The evening will include Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Mass. Please call 0468 486 782 or email [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com) to confirm, visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) for more information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To all those celebrating this week



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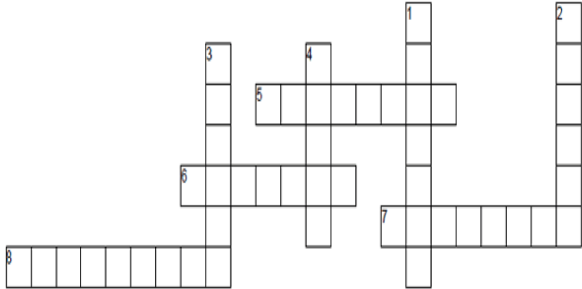
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### The Rewards of Service

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

5. A person who speaks for God

6. Recognition of someone's good behavior

7. To gladly receive someone into your own house

8. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

1. Small; not large

2. A fact that has been proven

3. An odorless, colorless, tasteless liquid; H2O

4. The opposite of hot; having a very low temperature

WELCOME	LITTLE	DISCIPLE	WATER
TRUTH	REWARD	PROPHET	COLD

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PARISH MASS TIMES During COVID-19 Restrictions as at 1<sup>st</sup> June

**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 5pm & 6pm *(Must Book Online)*  
Sunday: 7.30am, 8.30am, 9.30am, 4.30pm & 5.30pm *(Must Book Online)*  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am *(No booking needed)*  
**St Gregory's**  
Saturday: 9am *(Must Book Online)*  
Sunday: 8am, 9am, 10am *(Must Book Online)*  
**St John of God**  
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 4.30pm - 5pm.  
St Gregory's:  
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday 31 July 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.  
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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.

**Circle of Friends**  
Parish Meeting Room:  
1st Monday of the  
month 9.30am

**Children's Liturgy**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2020 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes  
available on  
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