NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 2 August 2020

18th Sunday of Lent

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— P. Buckley M. Breaden 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

9.30am 5.30pm

Altar Preparation

<u>Cleaners</u>

Counters

26 July- R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot

M McMahon

02 Aug- C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 July 2020

Reader - M. Breaden EMoHC-

Wednesday 29 July 2020 Reader - M. McMahon

EMoHC - A. Molonev

Friday 31 July 2020

Reader - D. Bowles EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 1 August 2020

Reader— Jackie

EMoHC— Cathy

Sunday 2 August 2020

8.00am - M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury

Altar Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector S. Buchan

Altar Preparation P. McCallum

Cleaners L. Pullin

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Parish of Richmond

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 26 July 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his

RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

Lord, I love your commands.

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great price. In the parable the merchant sells everything for the one pearl. Clearly the Lord is talking about our dedication to the Kingdom; it is worth everything we have. There is one more thing about pearls, though. They become more radiant, more full of lustre, more beautiful, the more they are worn. It's not enough to recognize the Kingdom and see ourselves in possession of it. No, we must share it. The Reign of God is best when it shines in our lives every day.

Gospel Reflection...

The hidden treasure is the presence of God within. The kingdom of God is very close. It begins within us, in our awakening to the reality of God's personal relationship with us. For some it comes in an unexpected moment of grace (the treasure unexpectedly unearthed): for others it is the result of diligent searching for years (the pearl seeker). Solomon regarded discernment as the greatest gift. Discernment id the ability to see God's presence and operation in any happening or process.

The dragnet describes a church that is catholic, a mixum-gatherum of all sorts, races, languages and characters: of sinners who could yet be saints and saints who know they might yet be sinners. There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it scarcely behoves any of us to speak ill of the rest of us. 'Every saint has a past and every sinner a future.' (Oscar Wilde)

The true disciple draws from what is old and what is new. We do not have an option to be either progressive or conservative. True progress must conserve what is of lasing value. And true conversation is to sprout into new life from roots in the past. Whoever stays the same is not growing.

From Sunday Seeds by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

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PRINCIPAL—ST MONICA'S SCHOOL Melissa Beggs StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au The NSW Government announced from July 1, the new rules keeping the state COVID-Safe mean: The number of people allowed inside indoor venues will be determined by the 'one person per 4 square metre rule, with no upper limit. Due to the one person per 4 square metre rule there will be no change at St Gregory's (20 people only) and Mass times are as follows at

St Gregory's: Saturday 9am. Sunday 8am & 9am.

From Friday 24th July, St Monica's Richmond are under strict guidelines set out by the NSW Government will be able to welcome 100 people at each mass. Mass times are as follows at St Monica's: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm.

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm. To attend mass at St Monica's Richmond for weekday's no booking is needed. To participate at WEEKEND MASSES, online registration will still be required, this can be done through our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ParishofRichmondNSW/ or via the parish website https://parishofrichmond.org.au/. Please click on the REGISTRATION FOR MASSES link, then click on the date of the Mass that you wish to register for & fill in the details on the Google form, remember to click the Submit button. Please note, one registration for one individual only. eg. A family of eight fills in eight registration forms Once the quota at each mass has been reached Google forms will not accept more bookings. In that case you may try another mass time or venue. A register of attendees for contact tracing will be at the entrance. Please sign against your name and provide your contact details. This is a legal requirement. Enjoy Mass. Remember, Communion in the hand only, not on the tongue. Let us pray for one another & our world.



Anointing of the Sick: Due to the Covid-19 restrictions there will be **NO** Anointing of the Sick at Mass this month. Should anyone be in need of the Sacrament of Anointing please contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation: Please keep in your prayers the young people in our community who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the week starting Monday 10 August to Friday 14 August.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 29 July Saint Martha.
- Friday 31 July Saint Ignatius of Loyola.
- Saturday 1 August Saint Alphonsus Liguori.
- Monday 3 August Circle of Friends will meet following morning Mass in the Meeting Room.

Restoration of the lead light window in the old church You may have noticed that the large leadlight window in the old church on the Bourke Street side has been removed! The window is undergoing a full restoration, this will enable it to be admired for many years to come. The window had 2 broken panels and the leadlight was beginning to deteriorate badly. This restoration was made possible by a \$10,000 State Government Grant under the Heritage Near Me Grants scheme, the balance of the cost, approx. \$3,000 is being paid for by the Parish. The restoration is being carried out by Edwards Leadlights at Bexley. Also in the old church, the toilet block on the Bourke street side is having the 3 window windows restored. The new glass is being generously donated by Edwards Leadlight and new timber frames are being made by the Parish maintenance team.

A special Thank you to Clare Norton for her valuable time and effort in making this project a success.

Bishop Vincent will be attending St Monica's on Sunday 16 August 2020 at 9.30am Mass to install Fr Gayan Thamel as the new parish priest.

HYPA-R Holy Hour Benediction & Mass:

Meet every 1st Friday of the month, commencing Friday 7th August. Time: 7pm-8pm. All welcome

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's

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Saturday: 6pm (Must book online) Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm (Must book online) Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am (No booking needed)

St Gregory's

Saturday: 9.00am (Must book online) Sunday: 8am & 9am (Must book online)

St John of God

No masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation St Monica's:

Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm. St Gregory's:

Saturday after 9.00am Mass. **Anointing of the Sick**

Friday 31 July 2020, 9.00am at St Monica's. Cancelled until further of 6 months notice is required.

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 All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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.

Body of Christ Prayer Group Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Children's Liturgy

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

St Monica's:

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV) Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)



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Home visits:

Please call the parish office and leave your details if you would like a home visit from Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas.

RECONCILIATION TIMES: Saturdays at 9.30am at St. Gregory's and 5.30pm at St. Monica's.

... and those we

remember at this time.

Reg Eves,

Mary Ann & Anthony Xiberras,

Phyllis Deguara, Philip Vassallo,

Frank Cauchi, Cecily Paddy,

Theresa Harvey, Joseph

Baldacchino, Janice & Bob

Anderson, Joseph Teuma, Marta

Schembri, George Schembri, Gino

Vassallo, Paul Vassallo

WE PRAYERFULLY

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Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella,

David Thatcher, 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

have been implemented to keep you, and our community safe.

Fr Gayan will be conducting Zoom Prayer Services for each of

the aged care facilities in our Parish and to aged parishioners

in their homes. These meetings will occur every two weeks at

11am, starting on 3 August. This ministry, which Fr provided at

Fitzgerald Nursing Home before coming to Richmond, was very

well received by the residents. During the half hour meeting,

blessing to the meeting participants. If you or any person you

know would like to be included in this meeting please contact

Mary McGuiness asap so that you and they can be provided

Fr will pray the rosary, provide a short reflection and give a

worship together as a parish family.

Grant Eternal Rest to the

recently deceased

Errol Badenoch

Peter Rosa

Beryl Neale

Maureen Hobbs

Moira Cassidy

Colin Dare

Carmen Sultana

William Yott

with the link for joining the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

William Xiberras

We are doing this to ensure the safety of you and our community.

During this time Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further

notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181.) While most things will look normal, there are some additional measures that

Additional Cleaning - We have implemented additional cleaning measures to ensure a high level of cleaning and sanitizing.

Social Distancing - Social distancing is now a big part of all our lives and it is important that we all take this seriously. We are

promoting and enforcing social distancing through all areas of the church in line with the government recommendations.

Stop the spread of germs - Remember to practice good hygiene, sanitize your hands before entering the church and wipe

your area with the wipes provided. In addition. We ask that parishioners not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell. Once

again thank you for your patience and understanding. Keep well and stay safe. Looking forward to seeing you all as we

Please keep a safe distance between each other. We have provided guidance on the seats and floor for your safety.

Dispensation from Sunday obligation continues. If you are unable to book a space at any Sunday Masses you may like to consider attending a weekday Mass.

Circle of Friends Parish Meeting Room:

1st Monday of the month 9.30am

HYPA-R Holy Hour Benediction & Mass Meet every 1st Friday of the month

7 - 8pm. All welcome

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **Youth Group Social**

Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.00pm HYPA Mass.