

https://parishofrichmond.org.au/ ST MONICA'S CHURCH Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts 177 Grose Vale Road RICHMOND NSW ST GREGORY'S CHURCH 5 Old Bells Line of Rd KURRAJONG NSW Ph: 4570 3700 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help: O Lord, do not delav. FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-3 Hasten and eat RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 144:8-9, 15-18 The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs. SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:35, 37-39 No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ. **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia! GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21 They all ate and were satisfied.

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Paul's reading is powerful. Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ. How was the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ? How might I make his love visible? Give them something to eat yourselves. Where I walk or work, where I play or pray, in the little acre of God that I tend, is there anybody less hungry because I am here?

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING... The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time. Like the miracle of Jesus, the miracle too is brought about by the power of God. And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the



bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry. In some countries today the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat all. Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us. The food is there. What is not always there is the will to share it.

Gospel Reflection...

'Why spend your wages on what fails to satisfy?' (First reading) A little satisfies necessity but nothing satisfies sensuality. Today we spend more but enjoy less. We multiply our possessions but reduce our values. Consumerism enslaves people by generating wants which soon become needs. Can children be taught to think for themselves and to resist advertising? Is it more important to have the fashion of the month or to have the independence of free choice?

From Sunday Seeds by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

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.

Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Assumption Mass Times - Saturday 15 August:



St Monica's 9am & St Gregory's 9am. Bookings will be required for both centres.

Social distancing is essential & applies both inside & outside of the Church. Unfortunately, this means that we cannot gather in groups outside the Church before or after Mass. Heavy fines are in place. Please observe the 1.5metre apart health regulation. There are signs on the seats & floor to mark the distance - please assist us & follow the rules. When approaching to receive Holy Communion PLEASE do so in one line. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only. Please continue to book in for Saturday & Sunday Masses at St Gregory's & weekend Masses at St Monica's on Parish Website or Facebook. Numbers have been reduced to 100 at St Monica's & remain at 20 at St Gregory's. Lists are printed on Friday so this may account for some names not l n n l being on the list. It is important that we all sanitize our hands & sign in as we enter the Church. We ask that you take a wipe & wipe the area where you sit. **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.

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

 Monday 3 August Circle of Friends will meet following morning Mass in the Meeting Room.

- Monday 3 August Saint Dominic.
- Tuesday 4 August Saint John Vianney.
- Thursday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord.
- Saturday 8 August Saint Mary of the Cross.

Please keep Fr Clifford in your prayers, his father passed away yesterday and he is unable to attend the funeral in India

Children's Liturgy - Saturday evening/Sunday 9:30am

After discussions with Fr Gayan, we have decided to hold off the recommencement of Children's Liturgy for the time being. Meanwhile, we are in desperate need of more people to lead this special time for our children from Kinder to Year 6. If you would like to consider leading one liturgy per month, training will be provided and the teaching notes will be forwarded to you the week leading up to your time with the children. A Working with Children Check needs to be current, and the worksheets for the children are provided. If you feel you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact details and these will be forwarded to either Emma Mizzi or myself. If we cannot find more people to lead the children, we will not be able to offer this opportunity each week. Thank you, Leanne Ryan - Children's Liturgy Co-Ordinator.

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 Benediction & Mass:

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

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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 Cancelled until further notice at St Monica's. 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 of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19 August 2020 at 7pm. Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.

RECONCILIATION TIMES: Saturdays at 9.30am at St. Gregory's and 5.30pm at St. Monica's. 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 have been implemented to keep you, and our community safe. Additional Cleaning - We have implemented additional cleaning measures to ensure a high level of cleaning and sanitizing. We are doing this to ensure the safety of you and our community. **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. Please keep a safe distance between each other. We have provided guidance on the seats and floor for your safety. 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 worship together as a parish family.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Paul Xiberras Errol Badenoch Peter Rosa Bervl Neale Maureen Hobbs Moira Cassidy Colin Dare Carmen Sultana

... and those we remember at this time.

Chris Duncan, Suresh Joshua, 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

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, Fr will pray the rosary, provide a short reflection and give a 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 with the link for joining the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shaun Bugeja



WE PRAYERFULLY **REMEMBER THE SICK**

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

Home visits:

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

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.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosarv 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.

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

9.30am



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Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)	
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ACROSS	DOWN
2. An animal without legs that lives in water	1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
 The number equal to one plus one A basic food made from flour, 	 What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
water, and yeast mixed together and baked	3. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well
 Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating 	again 4. The number that comes after four and before six
FIVE BREAD FISH L OAVES	EAT TWO FOOD HEAL
FISH LOAVES	FOOD HEAL

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

HYPA-R 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.