

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
16 August 2020
20th Sunday in Ordinary

Time
Year A
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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— HYP A-R
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. McMahon
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm— L. Battersby C. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm— R. Larven V. Muscat
 7.30am— M. Fenech A. Edwards
 9.30am— Z. Culican M. McGuinness
 5.30pm— A. Aquilina T. Scopelliti

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.00pm— M. Crew
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— A. Brailey
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm— J. Azzopardi
 7.30am—
 9.30am— W. Attard G. Attard
 5.30pm— A. Kuriakose M. Sultana

Data Projector

6.00pm— HYP A-R
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— L. Culican
 5.30pm—

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Choir

6.00pm -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners N. Godsell M. Azzopardi

Counters

09 Aug— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone
 16 Aug— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 10 August 2020

Reader— R. Crane
 EMoHC— F. Crew

Wednesday 12 August 2020

Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 14 August 2020

Reader— M. Pirovic
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

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St Gregory's

Saturday 15 August 2020

Reader— Frank
 EMoHC— Margaret

Sunday 16 August 2020

Readers

8.00am— P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg

Altar Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— M. Nixon


Data Projector A. Drew

Altar Preparation

Cleaners J. Bondfield

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 9 August 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 84:9-14
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33
Command me to come to you over the water.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...
 Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.



Gospel Reflection...

The story of the boat in the storm anticipates the time of the church. Jesus had gone up the mountain to pray ...anticipating the time after his ascension. Peter skips the boat. The storms today are obvious. But 'God is watching us', even if it is 'from a distance'. The response to the psalm is appropriate. *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

When you walk through a storm hold your head up high ... as long as Peter looked toward the Lord he could walk on water. But when he focused on the heaving sea he began to sink. 'Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.' (Heb 12:2) Focus on the bad news and the heaving storms and then you will go under. Focus on the Lord and you will walk on water.

From Sunday Seeds by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

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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.

Announcements

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.

Face Masks: On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese highly recommends all worshippers at Masses to wear a mask to, during & from Mass. We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners & the wider community is our highest concern. We thank you for your understanding & for playing your part in keeping our community safe. Priests & readers who cannot wear a mask to conduct their duties at Mass, must observe appropriate social distancing at all times.

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. Please observe the 1.5metre apart health regulation. 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 being on the list. Please sanitize your hands & sign in as you enter the Church. We ask that you take a wipe & wipe the area where you sit.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 10 August Saint Lawrence.
- Tuesday 11 August Saint Clare.
- Friday 14 August Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe.
- Saturday 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Circle of Friends meetings are suspended for the time being, stay safe everyone.

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. No morning tea afterwards due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Happy Feast Day!

We wish the Poor Clare Sisters a Happy Feast day this Tuesday 11 August, the Feast of St. Clare.
May God bless you and the work you undertake for glory of His Name.

PARISH MASS TIMES
St Monica's
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
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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

Phyllis Cini
Christopher Coombes
Paul Xiberras
Errol Badenoch
Peter Rosa
Beryl Neale
Maureen Hobbs
Moira Cassidy

... and those we remember at this time.

Donald Molineux,
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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

 We welcome the newly Baptised...
Pyper & Phoenix Ivcevic
...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



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

A Psalm of David

Even in darkness I cannot hide from you. Psalm 139:12
Based on Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)



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Please keep in your prayers the children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the week, and the children who are now preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Please remember in your prayers Cardinal Clancy on the 6th anniversary of his death.

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

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.

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

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Circle of Friends
Parish Meeting Room:
1st Monday of the month
9.30am

HYPAR-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 HYPAR Mass.