

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
30 August 2020
22nd 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— J. Morley T. Scopelliti

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— P. Delahay S. Mulford

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— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy
6.00pm -
9.30am -

Choir
6.00pm -
9.30am -
5.30pm -

Altar Preparation R. Larven
Cleaners K. Murphy
Counters
23 Aug— M. Ryan D. Bowles
30 Aug— R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot
M. McMahon


WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 24 August 2020
Reader— F. Crew
EMoHC— R. Larven
Wednesday 26 August 2020
Reader— A. Moloney
EMoHC— M. McMahon
Friday 28 August 2020
Reader— D. Bowles
EMoHC— M. Ryan

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St Gregory's

Saturday 29 August 2020
Reader— Jackie
EMoHC— Cathy
Sunday 30 August 2020
Readers
8.00am— P. Hunphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg
Altar Server F. Kelleher
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
8.00am— A. Drew
Data Projector M. Beggs
Altar Preparation P. McCallum
Cleaners N. Fienberg

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 23 August 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 137:1-3, 6, 8
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

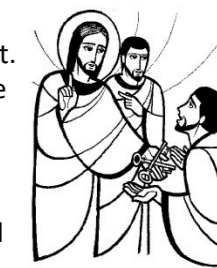
SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36
From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20
You are Peter; to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...
Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all. All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We must learn to forgive ourselves momentary weaknesses and failures. We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms. We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time. Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults, but he saw that, in spite of everything, his heart was sound. Which meant he had the ability to love. And in the long run love is what counts.



Gospel Reflection ...

Jesus's question to the disciples is a question all Christians need to answer, often many times, in their faith journey. Just as Peter's relationship grows during the three years he travels with Jesus, our relationship with Jesus grows continuously. Each opportunity that deepens our relationship with Jesus brings new insights into his true identity. Jesus blesses Peter and makes him a model for all Christians of what it means to trust in God completely. Jesus is so convinced of Peter's authentic faith that he says, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church" (16:18). For one critical moment, Peter opens himself to the truth and is forever changed.

Jesus asks us the same question: "Who do you say that I am?" (16:15). How will you respond? Do you recognize Jesus as the Son of the living God, or do you share the speculations of others? Are you willing to take the risk of professing your belief in Jesus? Do you dare to speak the truth? In truth, we are changed. Jesus seeks those who are willing to take risks and who honestly profess their belief in him. They are the rock on which Jesus continues to build his Church

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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

CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEASTS

Mass will be celebrated in St Monica's on her feast day, Thursday August 27 at 9am and at St Gregory's Kurrajong Thursday September 3, which marks St Gregory's feast day, at 9am. Let us come together pray in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received and ask these great Saints of the Church to continue to watch over us, inspire and guide us. Bookings will be required for Kurrajong.

Thank you to all who helped with the preparations for Fr. Gayan's installation, liturgy, power point cleaning, gardening and many other unseen tasks behind the scenes. Thank you for your participation on the day helping to make it a memorable occasion. God bless you all.

Social distancing is essential & applies both inside and 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.**

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Monday 24 August Saint Bartholomew.*
- *Thursday 27 August Saint Monica.*
- *Friday 28 August Saint Augustine.*
- *Saturday 29 August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist.*

Please note: After discussions at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting it has been decided that the Saturday evening Mass will remain at 6pm.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PREISTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic & its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your name & address details.

The CSF Committee thanks you for your support of the Clergy Support Foundation over the last 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in all our lives.

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. 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

Stephen Dawson
Carmen Grima
Phyllis Cini
Christopher Coombes
Paul Xiberras
Errol Badenoch
Peter Rosa
Beryl Neale

... and those we remember at this time.

Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan,
Madelena Bajada, Leila Bajada,
Jean Spice, Bill McMahon, Joseph Baldacchino, Sr Mary Carmel OSC,
Mary Galea, Sr Carmel Martin OSC,
Annie Collinson, Margaret & John Muscat, Carmelo Grima, Donald Molineux, Grezztu D' Salvina Camilleri, Chris Duncan

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

We welcome the newly Baptised...

Lena Galea

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Paul Cottell,
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

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Gardens around St Monica's: Sincere thanks to those who cared for the gardens during the drought, fires, floods & now COVID. Now that spring is almost here, the gardens need additional attention. Come join a **working-bee** on **Saturday 12th September, 9am to 1pm.** To register your time please email **Martin Crew** & indicate your preferred time of attending or leave your details on the sign up sheet in the church foyer. We need to keep the gardens simple: have low maintenance, drought resistant plants. **If anyone has suitable plants & cuttings at home to donate to the gardens, please let us know.** If you are interested in adopting a garden to nurture, please contact Mary McGuinness.

<p>PARISH MASS TIMES</p> <p>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)</p> <p>St Gregory's Saturday: 9.00am (Must book online) Sunday: 8am & 9am (Must book online)</p> <p>St John of God No masses at this stage</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS</p> <p>Reconciliation St Monica's: Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm. St Gregory's: Saturday after 9.00am Mass.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick Cancelled until further notice at St Monica's. Or by arrangement with the priests.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Marriage Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">16 September 2020 at 7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.</i></p>
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<p>REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Rosary St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.</p>	<p>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</p> <p>Body of Christ Prayer Group Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.</p>	<p>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</p> <p>Circle of Friends Parish Meeting Room: 1st Monday of the month 9.30am</p>	<p>HYPAR-Benediction & Mass Meet every 1st Friday of the month 7 - 8pm. All welcome.</p> <p>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</p> <p>Youth Group Social Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.00pm HYPAR Mass.</p>
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