NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

6 September 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm- F. Crew M. Breaden

7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech

9.30am - C. Thompson M. Manea

5.30pm - J. Morley P. Delahay

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman

7.30am - L. Attard

9.30am - J. Van Der Burg

5.30pm - T. Scopelliti

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.00pm — A. Moloney

7.30am - C. Azzopardi 9.30am - M. Crew

5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

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 C. Thompson

Cleaners C. Sycz C. Norton

Counters

30 Aug- R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot

M. McMahon

06 Sept— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 31 August 2020

Reader - R. Crane

EMoHC- F. Crew

Wednesday 2 September 2020

Reader - M. Breader EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 4 September 2020

Reader - M. Pirovic EMoHC - A. Moloney



St Gregory's Saturday 5 September 2020

Reader - Jackie

EMoHC— Cathy

Sunday 6 September 2020

8.00am - M. Ryan T. Misdom S. Lundy

Altar Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Rvan

Data Projector M. Beggs

Altar Preparation P. McCallum

Cleaners L. Pullin

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Parish of Richmond

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30 August 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 62:2-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. **SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2**

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

You can win an argument but lose a friend. Through competition & promotion I may advance in my profession, but in terms of relationships I am impoverished. My energies are so focused on efficiency & success that I haven't time to grow emotionally & to



develop my capacity for relationships. In the drive to attain power, a person may sacrifice friendship & loyalty, so much so they end up alone. Lord, let me never forget your haunting words: 'What good will it do to gain the whole world & lose your soul?'

Prayer for the Feast days

God our Father, you have placed our community under the protection of St. Monica and St. Gregory, through their lives may we be inspired to be people of faith, hope and love. Bless our families may they like St. Monica never abandon their children to the ways of the world but surround with them with love and hold them in prayer, assuring them at all times of Your great love and mercy. May we, like St Gregory, be faithful to the teachings of the Church, listen attentively to the Scriptures and follow Your will in all things.

St. Monica pray for us. St Gregory pray for us.

Celebrating Our Patronal Feasts - Thank you

As we celebrate our Patronal Feast days, we pray in thanksgiving for your ongoing support of the life of the Parish. These days of the pandemic are trying and testing and we gratefully ask God's blessing on all our parishioners, especially those who are walking the extra mile, those who are struggling, those in the Nursing Homes and those isolated in their homes. Please continue to pray for the mission of the Parish here in the Hawkesbury.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Gregory's Kurrajong this Thursday September 3, which marks St. Gregory's feast day, at 9am. Bookings are required.

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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.

















CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST

Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory's Kurrajong Thursday September 3, which marks St Gregory's feast day, at 9am. Bookings will be required for Kurrajong.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated in the Parish over three weekends in September commencing September 12. Families have been limited in numbers attending but this will also necessitate a reduction of numbers for Parishioners attending Mass on these weekends. We ask for your patience & understanding as we welcome our young people to the table of the Lord.

Face Masks: On consideration of the 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 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 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.

PARISH DIARY DATES

• Thursday 3 September Saint Gregory the Great.

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 & leave your details if you would like a home visit from Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas.

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's

Saturday: 6pm (Must book online) Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm (Must book Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm.

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: 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 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 16 September 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

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

... and those we remember at this time.

MaryAnn & Anthony Xiberras, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, Warren Bettridge, Johnna Weston, Carmello Vella, Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan, Madelena Bajada, Leila Bajada, Jean Spice, Bill McMahon, Joseph Baldacchino, Sr Mary Carmel OSC, Mary Galea, Sr Carmel Martin OSC



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

...to our Christian family.

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



Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself

and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

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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 McGuiness.

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 SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER **Body of Christ Prayer Group**

Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

NOTICE

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

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.